

UPSC Preparation

Difference between Marxism and Communism

Difference between Marxism and Communism is explained here in detail. Marxism is a social, political, and economic theory originated from Karl Marx, focusing on the struggles between capitalists and the working class. Communism is based upon the ideas of common ownership and the absence of social classes, money and the state. The difference between Marxism vs Communism given here can help the UPSC Civil Service exam aspirants to understand the basics better and know their comparisons thoroughly.



The major differences between Marxism and Communism are:

Marxism	Communism
A political ideology based on Karl	A political system based on Marxist ideology is known as

Marx's ideas is known as Marxism.	Communism.
Marxism can be considered as the theory.	Practical Implementation of Marxism could be considered as Communism.
The framework on which a state is developed is known as Marxism	A stateless society where all the people are considered equal and treated equally is known a s Communism.
Marxism is a way to view the world, a system of analysis.	A form of Government, condition of a society, a political movement can be considered as Communism.
The transformation of society into Socialism, and ultimately to Communism is the philosophy of Marxism.	Communism also believes in the same transformation, but the differentiating factor between the two is the path that needs to be taken for the transformation to take place. Communism believes in the transformation through revolutions.
One may not say that the birth of Marxism was dependent on Communism.	The very existence/birth of Communism depended on Marxism.