

Survey Questions

Different countries have tried to apply Karl Marx's ideas. These questions inquire about trauma experienced in a Marxism-inspired milieu that is believed to have originated from the ideology of Marxism. Trauma is understood here as emotional, physical, or psychological wounds or upsets. The survey is part of a research project for a book *Who Had a Marxist Experience?* by Erickson and Klein (tmerickson.com).

What inspired the questions?

- 1) As examples, well known leaders like Lenin, Stalin, Mao, and Nyerere, did not possess the *consciousness* Marx admired for industrial, capital creation, activities and, thus, were not qualified to govern States using Marx's ideas.
- 2) Even Mao acknowledged that not everyone believed in collectivizing labor.
- 3) Marx created conceptual chaos about capital and believed capital evolved and that 'money' was the perfected form of capital. Capital is not solely money and Stalin is an example of a leader who demonstrated he inherited this conceptual error of Marx's.

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#	Question	Yes	No
1	Did you experience trauma because government leaders were not qualified to govern?		
2	Did you experience trauma due to how your labor was manipulated?		
3	Did you experience trauma because government leaders did not understand <i>capital</i> ?		
4	Did you experience trauma as a child?		
5	Did you see trauma in others?		
6	Did you see trauma caused by the culture?		
7	Did Marx's ideas cause trauma to your colleagues?		

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You are welcome to elaborate about the trauma here, illustrate its believed origin(s) by citing text(s) Marx himself wrote., and indicate in what country it was experienced.

The trauma:

Marx's texts:

The country:

Thank you for participating!

No identities will be published or disclosed. Survey receipt will be acknowledged and the survey needs to be signed, notarized (or witness signed) and both pages returned as .pdf by February 14, 2026, to:

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