

Fact sheet on socialism

Definition:

Socialism is a political and economic theory advocating collective or governmental ownership and administration of the means of production and distribution of goods.

Key Features:

- Public ownership of major industries
- Strong social safety nets (e.g. healthcare, education)
- Wealth redistribution via taxes
- Economic planning over free-market competition

Pros:

- Reduces inequality
- Access to basic services for all
- Prevents monopolies



Cons:

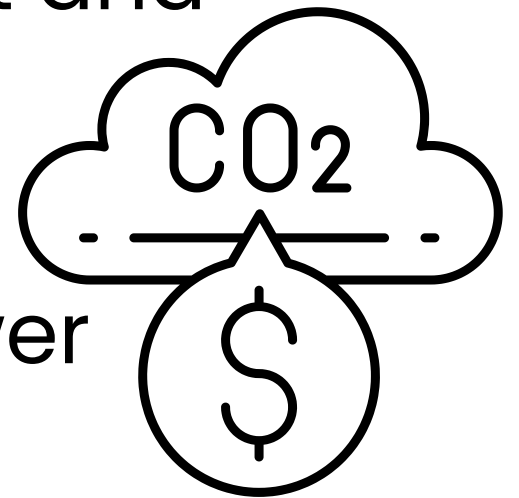
- Reduced economic incentives
- Government inefficiency
- Limited personal choice in some sectors

Fact sheet on climate taxes

Definition:

Climate taxes (or carbon taxes) are government-imposed fees on greenhouse gas emissions, designed to encourage polluters to reduce carbon output and promote cleaner alternatives.

Pros:



- Encourages companies to lower emissions
- Drives innovation in green technologies
- Can generate funds for climate action

Cons:

- May increase costs for consumers (e.g. energy, goods)
- Can disproportionately affect low-income households
- Risk of businesses relocating to countries without such taxes

Fact sheet on animal testing

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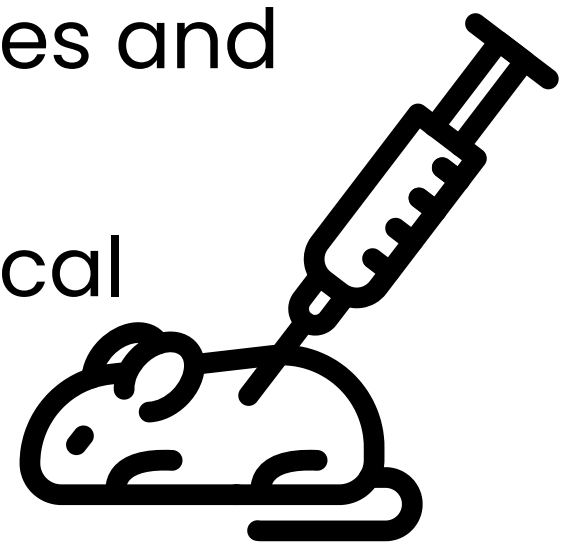
Animal testing refers to the use of non-human animals in experiments to test products, medicines, or chemicals for safety and effectiveness before human use.

Key Features:

- Used in medical research, cosmetics, chemicals, and education
- Aims to predict human reactions and prevent harm

Pros:

- Helps ensure safety of medicines and products
- Has contributed to major medical advances



Cons:

- Ethical concerns about animal suffering
- Results don't always translate reliably to humans
- Growing availability of alternative testing methods in some sectors

Debate Phrase List **(Useful Expressions)**

Agreeing:

- I fully support the point made by...
- That's a valid argument because...

Disagreeing:

- I must respectfully disagree...
- That argument overlooks the fact that...

Interrupting (Points of Info):

- On a point of information...
- May I respond to that?

Introducing Points:

- Let me begin by stating...
- My first point is...

Summarizing:

- To sum up...
- In conclusion, we believe that...



Debate Rules Handout (Simplified).

- 2 teams: Proposition (supports socialism) and Opposition (critiques socialism)
- Each team has 3 speakers + 1 summary speaker
- Speaking order: Prop 1 → Opp 1 → Prop 2 → Opp 2 → Prop 3 → Opp 3 → Summary Opp → Summary Prop
- Each main speech: 8 minutes (Points of Information allowed between minute 2–7)
- Summary speech: 4 minutes (No interruptions allowed)
- Time signals:
 - 1 knock = 1 min & 7 min
 - 2 knocks = time is up
- Points of Information: Short
- (max 15 sec), relevant, and polite.

