

Capitalism & Communism in 1941

Understanding the key differences between:

Capitalism in the USA

Multiple political parties
representing different
sectors of society

Governments are chosen
by democratic elections

People are free to set up
private businesses and
make money for
themselves

Individual rights and
freedoms are important

Freedom of speech and
freedom of the press



Communism in the USSR

One-party state

No democratic elections
and no opportunity to
change the government
by election

All businesses and
factories are owned by the
state

Individual rights and
freedoms are less
important than obedience
to the state

Censorship and state
controlled media

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