

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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