

Strasserism and The USSR

So I'm not as familiar with the USSR as I probably should be and my knowledge of Marxism is that I have read/studied the Communist Manifesto, so I may be wrong about some things. But as a Strasserist, there are some things I like about it and some things that I am against. Please correct me if I am wrong about anything. American media and schooling has not served me very well concerning any political theories other than good old liberalism. I'll just say what I think, and you can perhaps expand on/correct things, where necessary?

Strasserism agrees with democratically controlled means of production and in Strasserism the way this is achieved is that private property is abolished and "owned" by the state, then a sort of stock system is implemented. Workers have a 51% share, and the manager has a 49% share, this enables a reward for the manager, but the ability for workers to change things if they have a unanimous vote. Profits are shared, though I do believe the manager gets a little more due to taking on higher responsibility. None of this is set in stone though and numbers could be tweaked, or whatever. The basic idea though is to give some motivation for people to take on responsibility of making sure the industries perform well.

I don't believe that ML-ism has this set-up because I don't think there would be any higher rewards for taking on the role of management because that would create classes. Instead a something like a rotating management might be implemented? Correct me if I'm wrong!

I don't agree with the globalization movement pushed by communists. Not because I don't like socialism, but because I don't like imperialism. Stalin is often a popular figure for Strasserists because of his policies that led to a focus on the empowering the nation rather than imperialist expansion. Interestingly though, Strasser has this to say about Stalin:

How much justification there was for the ingrained prejudice of the German people against the Communists was shown by the Hitler-Stalin pact, which gave outward expression to the internal kinship between the two systems.

This is a pretty strong condemnation coming from Otto, who straight up hated Hitler. My personal opinion, and keep in mind the Strasserism is a sort of middle of the road ideology so while I lean more left, others might lean more right, is that I actually like Lenin (from what little I have read) and I even respect Stalin in some ways, as they achieved some great things in the USSR. While things eventually failed, they tried to achieve something that is far more worthy of attainment than the self-absorbed consumer culture of capitalism. Strasserists don't like capitalism! Where I differ from Marxist-Leninism is that I believe that the end goal of Strasserism is *not* what Marxist-

Leninism seeks, but closer to what Marxist-Leninism actually achieved (not exactly) before capitalism pushed them over the edge economically, true national socialism. I don't think that the state will "wither away", and I'm not convinced that it would be a good thing if it actually did though. I'm studying anarchism a bit right now, so we'll see if my mind is changed in the future, but currently I don't seek the stateless, classless, moneyless, society that is communism.