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socialist

(ˈsəʊʃəlɪst) [Cf. prec. and F. *socialiste* (Reybaud, 1835).]

1. a. One who advocates or believes in the theory of socialism; an adherent or supporter of socialism.

1827 *Co-operative Magazine* Nov. 509 The chief question..between the modern,..Political Economists, and the Communionists or Socialists, is whether it is more beneficial that this capital should be individual or in common. **1833** *Poor Man's Guardian* 24 Aug. 275/2 [Letter signed] A Socialist. **1833** *The Crisis* 31 Aug. 276/1 The Socialist, who preaches of community of goods, abolition of crime, of punishment, of magistrates, and of marriage. **1853** W. JERDAN *Autobiog.* III. xix. 289 He was..a Socialist in the best sense of the term. **1889** SHAW *Fabian Ess. Socialism* 182 The young Socialist is apt to be catastrophic in his views.

b. *Comb.*, as *socialist-controlled*, *socialist-dominated*, *socialist-ridden*.

1929 *Times* 16 Aug. 11/3 Mr. Moore, the Leader of the Opposition, appealed to the people of this Socialist-ridden State on a promise to substitute for Socialism 'private effort and enterprise'. **1976** N. O'SULLIVAN *Conservatism* v. 124 Whenever important bills were opposed by the House of Lords, he suggested, there might be an appeal, in the form of a mass referendum, over the heads of a socialist-dominated House of Commons to the people. **1976** *Southern Even. Echo* (Southampton) 1 Nov. 3/3 There are many Socialist-controlled local authorities on which the dominant group doesn't give the opposition any places on any committees.

2. attrib. or as *adj.* Of or pertaining to socialists; socialistic: **a.** Of persons.

1839 J. MATHER *Socialism Exposed* 23 A socialist lecturer expressed his ideas of God. **1856** GEO. ELIOT *Ess.* (1884) 114 The Socialist party. **1887** *St. James's Gaz.* 8 Feb. (Cassell), The torchlight Socialist procession.

b. Of ideas, theories, etc.

1848 W. E. FORSTER in Reid *Life* (1888) I. vii. 246 The worst of all Socialist plans I have seen is that all have within them..a damning desire to shirk work. **1850** MACAULAY in Trevelyan *Life* (1883) II. 284 The poem is to the last degree Jacobinical, indeed Socialist. **1861** *Illustr. Lond. N.* 17 Aug. 152/1 Working classes..declare their adhesion to the socialist idea.

c. In *Combs.* used *attrib.* or as *adj.*, as *socialist-chauvinist*, *socialist-feminist*, *socialist-rebel*, *socialist-revolutionary*, *socialist-workman*.

1919 A. SIRNIS tr. *Lenin's Collapse of Second International* x. 65 This group, the only one which had performed systematic work amongst the masses..turned Socialist-Chauvinist. **1921** D. H. LAWRENCE *Sea & Sardinia* ii. 76 He immediately put on the socialist-workman indignation. **1952** E. HOBBSAWM in *Granta* 15 Nov. 10/2 The Radical age of the 1820s and 1830s, and the mixed socialist-rebel age which overlapped the first world war. **1976** H. T. WILLETTS tr. *Solzhenitsyn's Lenin in Zurich* 253 The Socialist-Revolutionary Party was born at the end of 1901 out of the merging of the Populist groups. **1976** *Women's Report* Sept./Oct. 17/1 They would like feedback from the last issue, articles from individuals and groups giving a socialist-feminist analysis of activities.