

COLLECTIVISM

Collectivism emphasizes the role of human interdependence in society: the idea that individuals do not live their lives in isolation, but rather depend on one another in many ways.

Collectivism sees human beings as social creatures and emphasizes the idea that companionship and the support and approval of others contributes to our personal happiness.



Impact of Labour Unions

1. Serve as a unifying voice when dealing with management.
2. Ensure work environment is safe.
3. Make certain employees are protected from unreasonable demands.
4. Collect dues and provide strike pay if necessary.



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5. Have made substantial gains for employees in several areas:
 - ◆ Length of work week.
 - ◆ Length of work day.
 - ◆ Increase in pay.
 - ◆ Other benefits such as vacation days, sick pay, extra health, dental & vision care.

By action together, labour unions can be very powerful.

A work stoppage at any major company is very costly in the short term as a great deal of money is usually tied up in raw materials and inventory.

It can hurt a company in the long run if others view them as unreliable.

Finally, certain employees are not allowed to go on strike.



Canada's Tax Rates

15% on the first \$40,725,

22% between \$40,726 and \$81,452

26% between \$81,452 and \$126,264

29% of taxable income over \$126,264.

So, if you made \$100,000

First 40,725	8,960	15%
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Next 40,727	10,588	22%
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Next <u>18,548</u>	<u>5,379</u>	26%
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Crown Corporations (CC)

Crown corporations exist because the gov't believes there is a need for them.

They are responsible to the gov't but operate at arms length.



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Reasons for CC:

1. Provide essential goods or services such as Canada Post.



2. Regulate sensitive industries such as atomic energy Canada.

3. Unity and nation building. The CBC is a CC that is to promote Canada and bring us closer together.



Oscar Olivera: It really hurt the people when the gov't privatized water.

Prices have gone up and you can't even collect rain water.

Water is too important to be bought and sold for profit.



Gail Apps: The gov't asked us to come in a fix the old broken down system.

We invested a lot of money into the new system; we should be able to make a profit.



Economic Expressions of Collectivism Summary:

In response to the poor living and working conditions during the industrial revolution, new ideas about how the economy should run began to develop.

Karl Marx and others put forth the notion of collectivism. That everyone should share evenly in the wealth of a nation.

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Today in Canada we are trying to find a balance between collectivism and individualism. We have private property and crown corporations.

Chapter 3 Summary

The core concept of collectivism is the idea that the group is more important than the individual.

Donating money to charity, giving blood, picking up litter in the hall, and paying taxes are all examples of collectivism.

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Some words that describe collectivism are equality, responsibility, public property and following public norms.

The underlying notion of collectivism is that we are all better off if we work together.