

Capitalism does not and has never had a Monopoly on Progress

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The global economic recovery continues, but at the same time the gap between prosperous countries and countries with developing and emerging markets is widening. This warning was [issued by the International Monetary Fund](#). (Source: [ru.euronews](#))

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Despite the ever-increasing economic gap between countries in the world, as well as between members of one society in capitalist countries, the idea that only Capitalism has a monopoly on progress continues to emerge in the public consciousness.

Most European thinkers, scientists and philosophers **argue** that **Islamic rule will not have any place** in the world today.

They **believe** that **advances in science and technology occurred** when Europe **got rid of the hegemony of the church** and separated **religion from life**. In their opinion, the **church suppressed the development of science and thinking**, since it was allegedly built on **blind faith and superstition**.

This **incorrect approach deliberately ignores** the fact that the **West has borrowed a lot** from previous civilizations, **and especially from the Islamic one**.

So the **modern development of automobiles** was primarily associated with the development of the **internal combustion engine**, in which the burned fuel **acts on the pistons**, causing the movement of other parts and thus driving the car.

These **developments were based** on the work of Al-Jazari, who in the 12th century **invented the crankshaft** and **discovered rotational motion** using **connecting rods and cylinders**. He was the **first to integrate this principle** into a machine.

This example **shows that no civilization can claim** that **science or economical progress originally belong only to it**, on the contrary, **every civilization has only made its contribution** to this **universal area**.

Muslim thinkers, scientists, engineers and experts **have made significant contributions** to science as well as many other disciplines. Much of **this was later used by the West**, which made further contributions to this area.

Before the rise of Islam in the Middle East, the local **population did nothing** for the development of science, but when these same **people converted to Islam**, they **made a contribution** that **subsequent generations** used to **invent new things** that we use in **everyday life**.

Islam was **not an obstacle to science or economical progress**, on the contrary, it was a factor that **contributed to the fact** that Muslims **contributed** to its development.

After **we figured out** that **progress cannot be the monopoly of Capitalism exclusively**, let's talk **at what cost this progress was achieved** in the West?

Some statistics. Despite the **global GDP of \$80 trillion**, **more than half of the world's population** lives on **less than \$2 a day** and **95 percent on less than \$10 a day**. Thus, despite **truly colossal scientific and technological progress**, **poverty has only increased** under **Capitalism**.

The next "success" of Capitalism was the creation of the **greatest divide between the poor and the rich**. While most of the world is **barely surviving on a few dollars**, the United States is home to **most of the world's billionaires**.

The richest **1% of the world owns 40% of the planet's wealth**, and **10% of the world's population owns 85% of the world's assets**.

Capitalism suffered an **obvious failure in the equitable distribution of wealth**, and this, along with a **widespread decline in morality and ethics** due to the **vicious idea of freedom all this led to a demographic crisis** in European countries and, as a result, to the **rise of right-wing sentiments and populism**.

Thus, on the one hand, **Capitalism does not have a monopoly on progress**, and on the other, **against the background of other problems it has generated**, its **economic successes do not look so indisputable**.

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