Marxism is a materialist philosophy which tried to interpret the world based on the concrete, natural world around us and the society we live in. It is opposed to idealist philosophy which conceptualizes a spiritual world elsewhere that influences and controls the material world. In one sense it tried to put people’s thought into reverse gear as it was a total deviation from the philosophies that came before it. Kaye, Harvey J., The British Marxist Historians: an introductory analysis, Cambridge: Polity Press, 1984. External links[edit], Socialist History Society. In Marxist philosophy, the term Left communism identifies a range of the Communist political perspectives that are the left-wing among Communists, Left communism criticizes the political ideas that the Bolshevik Party practiced at certain periods of their history as a revolutionary vanguard party. 5. Trotskyism – Trotskyism is the theory of Marxism as advocated by Leon Trotsky. Trotskyists are critical of Stalinism, as they oppose Stalin’s theory of Socialism in One Country in favor of Trotsky’s theory of Permanent Revolution, Trotskyists also criticize the bureaucracy that developed in the Sovi