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the following is known as the **10 PLANKS OF**
COMMUNISM from the Communist Manifesto, Chapter II:
Proletarians and Communists.

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1. Abolition of property in land and application of all rents of land to public purposes.
2. **A heavy progressive or graduated income tax.**
3. **Abolition of all rights of inheritance.**
4. **Confiscation of the property of all emigrants and rebels.**
5. **Centralization of credit in the hands of the state**, by means of a national bank with **state capital and an exclusive monopoly.**
6. **Centralization of the means of communication and transport in the hands of the State.**
7. Extension of **factories and instruments of production owned by the State**; the bringing into cultivation of waste-lands, and the improvement of the soil generally in accordance with a common plan.
8. **Equal liability of all to work.** Establishment of industrial armies, especially for agriculture.
9. **Combination of agriculture with manufacturing industries**; gradual abolition of all the distinction between town and country by a more equitable distribution of the populace over the country.
10. Free education for **all children in public schools.** Abolition of children's factory labour in its present form. Combination of education with industrial production.

Now, **a century after the Russian revolution** which led to the formation of the Soviet Union, communism is expanding throughout every continent once again. America has long been outspoken against communism, but Americans don't actually understand what communism is. Without the ability to identify an enemy, an enemy cannot be defeated. When the Soviets conquered Russia, they embarked on a quest to purge their land of Christianity and to seize all the lands which belonged to the nation's farmers. The Soviet Union wasn't able to survive under the weight of it's own policy for even 70 years from 1922 to 1991.

Capitalism is now often blamed for the oppression of workers in the United States and around the world, but the population doesn't understand how to define capitalism any more than they are able to identify communism. This creates an obvious division between people who understand what these terms actually mean and people who blindly believe that they understand the pros and cons which the terms are generally associated with. With the education system today, it's extremely rare that children will graduate from public school with any understanding of communism whatsoever despite it's dramatic effects upon the mass populations of the world which have historically crippled the ability for democracy to bring benefit to the masses that it was intended to serve. There's only one way to **identify communism** and weigh it's benefits against it's downfalls. **The key to understanding lies within what is known as the 10 planks of communism.**