

Marxism: a revolutionary alternative to the existing paths or points on spectrum

(Context: failed revolutions of 1848)

- 1. historically inevitable**
- 2. economically based**
- 3. redefinition of society and human nature**
- 4. scientific and realistic**

Specific Ideas

- 1. against exploitation of the "have-nots"**
- 2. based on theories of Dialectical Materialism**
- 3. thesis v. anti-thesis = synthesis (next thesis)**
- 4. specific material conditions ---> ideas**
- 5. capitalism (highest stage of development) contains the seeds of its own destruction**
- 6. problems**
 - a. workers in Europe not really into it**
 - b. national loyalties more impt. than class**
 - c. workers did make some advances**
 - d. proclaims that "the state will wither away"**