COMMUNISM VS FASCISM

Purpose

You've learned a lot about communism and fascism at this point in the course, but the differences and similarities between the two ideologies can be confusing. In this quick activity, you'll solidify your understanding of each ideology, which will help you evaluate modern communist states and recognize fascism in the world today.

Process

In this activity, you'll create a Venn diagram to show the similarities and differences between communism in theory, communism in practice, and fascism.

First, your teacher will assign you to one of three groups: communism, communism in theory, or fascism. Once you're in your group, make a list of 5–10 main attributes of your assigned ideology. Once your group is done, get together with the other group that had the same assignment and combine your lists to come up with a final list of 5–10 attributes that you think are most descriptive of your assigned ideology.

Then, add your list to a whiteboard or a shared document so you can see what the other groups did, and they can see your work. Finish by creating your own Venn diagram, using the Communism vs Fascism worksheet, so that the similarities and differences are visually obvious.

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Directions: Use the lists your class created to help you create a three-circle Venn diagram that shows the similarities and differences between the three political ideologies.

