

## **Nordic Socialism**

No adjective can change that socialism is objectively a failure in theory and fact. That it is supposedly not deadly in small doses, or if voter oversight can be maintained, needs to be carefully vetted by examining the 'Nordic Socialism' example most widely cited to prove its desirability. Among the most important things to be discovered is what aspects can be successfully adjusted through the political process, and what is permanent, for better or worse.

Part of IOPA's messaging challenge is the differentiation of socialism and fascism. Indeed, we have already extensively socialized the production and consumption of key services, such as health care and K-12 education. But, there is no noteworthy pressure for the government to become the owner of the means of production. That being the case, a key IOPA focus will be documenting the effects of increasing government control of private industry, especially entry into industry, which is fascism.

Revisit this page, periodically, to observe our progress in this research area. Hopefully, by your next visit, we can announce proposals and requests for proposals for specific projects. Once we have an analysis completed, we will commission a review from a scholar likely to be a basis for civil, informed disagreement, and create conversation forums for further assessment. To be involved in any aspect of the process, e-mail us at: [IOPACHief@policytalk.org](mailto:IOPACHief@policytalk.org)

[Key Reference: Baumol, Litan, and Schramm. 2009. Good Capitalism, Bad Capitalism.](#)