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2/10 Notes-
“The Communist Manifesto”

Key Passages:

- (N-12-13) The laborer is estranged from: Product, coworkers, and nature
- (N-9) The bourgeoisie will fall under the proletarian revolt
- (N-3) Human history is one of class struggle
- (N-6) Society will become run by machines and over-lookers
- (N-9) Communism can be summed up as an “abolition of private property”
- (N-8) Proletariat is revolutionary while the middle class is trying to turn back wheel of history
- (N-5) Ruling class cant control society
 - Cant control situation they’ve changed
- (N-8) All those mistreated by society will be swept into proletariat movement

Estrangement’s Causes:

- Worker can’t afford the product
- No, or little, social interaction
- Competition amongst workers (for position, wages, survival)

Solution: End Private Property:

- But will the government not now become the bourgeoisie?
 - Re-distribution of property
 - Boundless power (central authority)
- Democracy from a realist viewpoint- the bourgeoisie is present in the ruling upper and middle classes, who put down the lower classes until they get fed up and revolt.