

## Santa: Communist Propaganda Corrupted for Capitalist Profit

## Rudolph the Red-Army General

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Well, it's that time of year again folks. Time to put up the tree, string some lights, stress about getting cheap-ass presents for people that don't really want them and maybe remember how much you can't stand going to Christmas service but get dragged along every year anyways. Ah yes, truly "The Most Wonderful Time of The Year".

When Christmas (or X-mas) rolls around, the jolliest friend in the great red suit and hat undoubtedly comes to mind for most people. But, have you ever stopped to think about good ol' Santa Claus, ol' Daddy Christmas, ol' Saint Nicolas (yes I know they're technically different but colloquially they aren't so just roll with it), and how he comes around on Christmas giving all the children in the world presents for practically nothing in return? How all the toys are made, reindeer cared for, and North Pole operations ran by happy elves who don't get paid in money but are still provided a place to live, food to eat, and all the necessities of life, and work for a good man who treats them fairly and justly? Maybe you've even considered why Santa wears red, of all colors?

If you find yourself asking any of these questions, you may come to realize that Santa, is in fact, Communist. Not only that, but he is a Communist icon. Comrade Claus runs the North Pole as a true Communist utopia, and with the benefit of superabundance thanks to magic, works to spread that joy all around the rest of the world. All of the elves give what they can and get what they need. It's beautiful enough to make Karl Marx himself cry in his grave. But, you may notice that not all parts of Christmas are as Red as the next. For example, this is the time of year for shopping! Every season there is billions of dollars of revenue generated for greedy capitalist corporations selling everything from Snuggies to holiday cards you send to that relative you really don't want to see as a way of warding them off for another year. Shitty holiday albums are churned



out to satiate record labels- and some of those songs are even about shopping and buying things! Comrade Clause isn't even safe- original stories were retconned to include naughty children being given coal, one of the oldest symbols of capitalist greed and exploitation of the proletariat.

How come, for a holiday where a true comrade is the star of the show, there are so many capitalist elements? It can only be because the original story was corrupted and twisted to make it benefit capitalists instead. They knew the holiday was too popular to be eliminated entirely, but they could change it for profit. Holiday traditions regarding generosity were shaped into a feverous obsession with gift-giving and purchasing. Extensively decorating your house became something to strive for, to be proud of. There have even been attempts to rebrand Santa as a clever capitalist running a factory of workers rather than a generous leader, while still maintaining he is the hero.

Despite this, Comrade Claus continues undeterred, so hopefully you've been good this year, and may you be dreaming of a red Christmas.

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