

The political differences

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It is commonly expected that as we are all equal in the human world, men should be treated equally. Equality has a different kind of meaning and explanation. Normally many people perceive that national wealth and income should be equally or equitably distributed among individuals, so that everybody has a minimum standard of life and living. Nobody is extraordinarily poor. If, poverty exists it would be alleviated through income distribution. These are the belief perceived by a section of people who are called left winger or leftist. According to the right winger or rightist, people should be formally equal. Rightist do not believe in informal or substantial or arbitral equality among people. According to the rightist equality of the people have to be logical or scientifically defined. Right wingers believe that everyone should be treated equally under the law and order and by the government. As believed in capitalism equality of people include equal pay for equal work. Every individual will have equal and political rights. As in capitalism or right-wing people, survival of the fittest is the principle. There is no free lunch as a principle of equality. People with relatively more education, training, experience and skills are supposed to be relatively more efficient or more productive. Their per capita contribution to the state is relatively more than the others. So they deserve relatively more remuneration or wage than the others. That is also an equality which is called a formal equality among individuals in the eye of right-wing politician. According to the rightist, human welfare or human comfort in life and living will, therefore, not be the same between individuals. Human comfort will vary in proportion to their productivity, efficiency and their individual contribution.

According to the non-capitalism including socialism or communism, the equality among people should be substantial or informal which may be arbitrary. Non-capitalists argue that every human being is different in his/her characteristics by birth. Individuals are different physically, mentally and in their ability etc. Along with their physical and mental health, individuals are also different in their brain, thought, physical and mental health and strength. In other words, two

individuals are not the same, neither are they similar. As desired by leftists, Government policy should be aimed to create a substantial rather than just formal equality. Examples of left-wing substantial equality include affirmative action and social cultural rights. More visibly the socialist thought "You get your share, regardless of your contribution to the society". According to the communist "You put your share, you will get your share accordingly". To rightists, the formal equality of individuals based on their contribution makes relatively more sense. According to the leftists, people are not the same, neither are similar in their productivity. So to the leftists, formal equality is not substantially equal but unequal. However, substantial equality as perceived by the leftists has no relation with productivity, efficiency and contribution. As leftists say we have to distribute income among people substantially for the well-being and comfort to make the people equal in real sense. According to the leftists, people should be

kinds of factors: Constant and Variable factors. Among the constant factors are luck, unearned income, inherited property, genetical characteristics, individual smartness and intellectuality, family background and family connection and the related others. Secondly, as mentioned before, peoples' earnings are also function of variable factors including the individual's education, training, experience, skills and the working environment. All the above factors of human earnings make a difference in comfort of life and living of individuals. All these mean that individuals are different, nor are the same in their life-earnings. This kind of reality in difference between individuals exist or have to be agreed upon as the reality in life. Once again, we have to believe in reality in life. Therefore, formal difference between individuals will exist according to the right-wing people. Market economy will provide formal equality among individuals in terms of their respective efficiency, productivity and contribution. People will receive their remuneration according to their

bution of income which is not appreciated in the market economy of Capitalism. Leftists do not consider the peoples' earnings and comfort should be in proportion to their contribution to the society. According to rightist view, once again, there is no 'free lunch'. You have to work for what you want in life. You will get which you deserve. In non-market economy the society is forced to make two individuals equal or substantially equal even though they do not deserve it. In market economy, people are logically and formally equal by receiving what they deserve to receive.

Finally, income distribution and poverty alleviation programmes exist both in the market and non-market economy in terms of social security benefit for those people who are less affluent or relatively poor. This is allowed in both left-wing and right-wing politics for the greater interest and benefit of all people in the society on humanitarian ground.

In conclusion, we can say market economy is an environment of higher efficiency, higher productivity, optimum resource allocation, which provide the highest possible level of aggregate production and aggregate consumption of goods and services in the society. Once you have the highest amount of goods and service produced with the magic of invisible hands of market forces in the market economy, you have a plentiful income and income resources to feed yourself and to pay maximum taxes to the Government etc. In capitalism the government would be enriched enough with higher tax-and non-tax revenue to furnish its job of social capital formation and social capital investment. And the Government can take the job of optimum distribution of national income from the surplus tax and non-tax revenue and alleviate the poverty from the society. Finally, the market economy will be much more affluent relative to the non-market and leftist economy of relatively unproductive and less efficient. A clean example is the leftist economy of North Korea with a very low level of per capita income as against market economy of South Korea, where per capita income is almost equal to that of USA. (The writer is Vice-Chancellor, Uttara University)

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made equal by an affirmative action. Who are the left wingers? Working class or employees or service men and women and the people who do not hold any bureaucratic power or the people who cannot be identified or defined as a member of the ruling class are called the left wingers.

Right wingers are normally the ruling class. Right-wing people includes bureaucrats, investors, employers, entrepreneurs and the lucky men and women who are born in the affluent families and who have a lot of un-earned income or inherited property. Once again, normally all kinds of people are right wingers who belong to the rightist group of political ideology.

Human earnings, income, comfort or standard of life and living are function of two

market efficiency, productivity and per-capita production of goods and services. In market economy, resource is efficiently allocated and the people get what they deserve to have. Undeserving benefit is not allowed in the market economy advocated by the rightists. In capitalism people are also equal in the eye of law and order and the Government. The Government cannot discriminate one against the other. People will have equal human rights in the market economy. According to the leftists, people will be substantially equal regardless of their contribution to the society.

According to the above discussion, leftists think or believe in a substantial equality of people. It means income should be distributed equitably regardless of their contribution to the society. This is an informal distri-