

# The World's Largest Socialist Economy

Nobody asked but ...

Who has the largest military system in the history of the human race? And who has the largest corporate welfare system to support the industrial arm of that military? Who has the largest public schooling program in the world? Could it be China, or India? I don't know, but let me know if you are aware of real evidence that it is not the USA. Who has the highest *per capita* incarceration rate? Are you aware of a larger, by total cost, publicly owned and operated infrastructure than the one on America's lands — with a trillion dollar upgrade purported to be in the wings. Who has an espionage wing that is greater than all of those which went before the second world war. Which country has had steady but escalating bureaucratic growth since the beginning of the 20th Century? Which country makes political promises that all uncertainty will be removed from life? Which country seeks to satisfy any whim of its least considerate populace no matter how much printing the treasury has to do?

And yet we have demagogic politicians promising to fight "socialism!" The new McCarthyism. We've been had.

— Kilgore Forelle