



MARXIAN SYSTEM AND ITS MYTHOS

Alexey Burov, Fermi Society of Philosophy

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О свободе и демократии

Может быть Маркс был в чём-то прав?

Алексей Буров. Марксова Система и её Мифос

Dear friends, our *A Different View* publishes a high-quality article of Alexey Burov on Karl Marx, who remains and becomes over and over an object of sympathy for many intellectuals both in Russia and in the West. I do not understand it, but it is a fact. The article, I am warning you, is not an easy read, but it allows one to understand what kind of person the author of the “scientific socialism” is, and what is in fact this “scientific socialism”. Let me remind you that the previous year was the 150th anniversary of “The Capital”, and this one is the 200th anniversary of the birth of its author. The article is associated with the jubilee of the man, who, alas, turned the world upside down.

Andrei Zubov



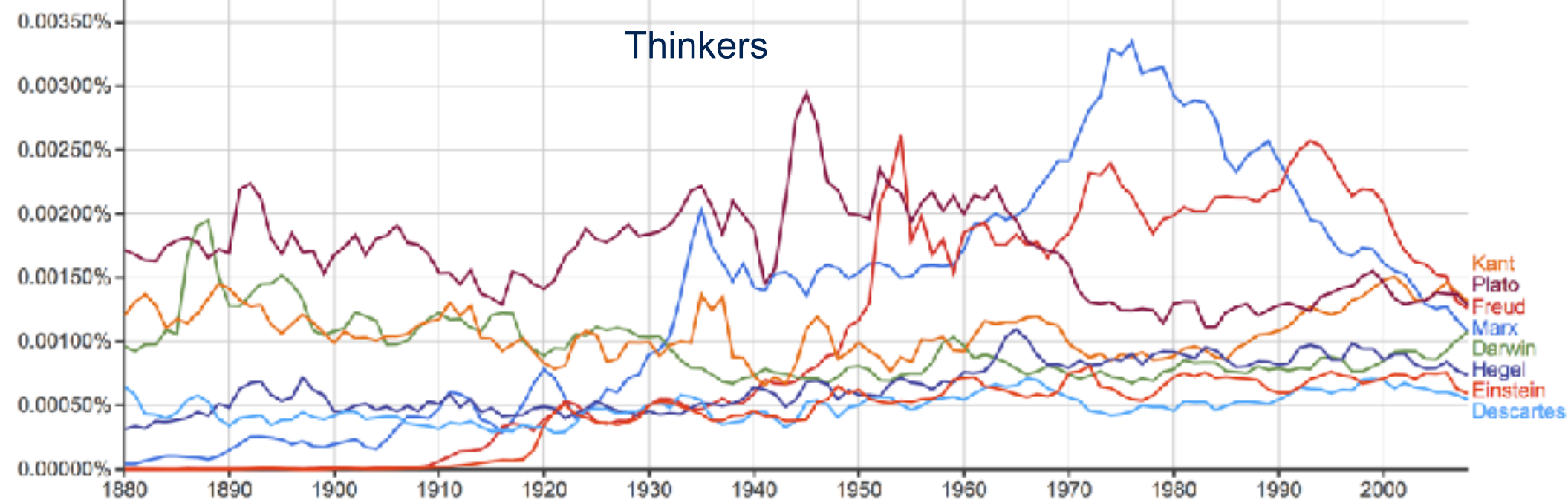
Dear Alesha, my congratulations with this publication, so systematic, convincing, and richly illustrated.

Yours, Misha.

Mikhail Epstein

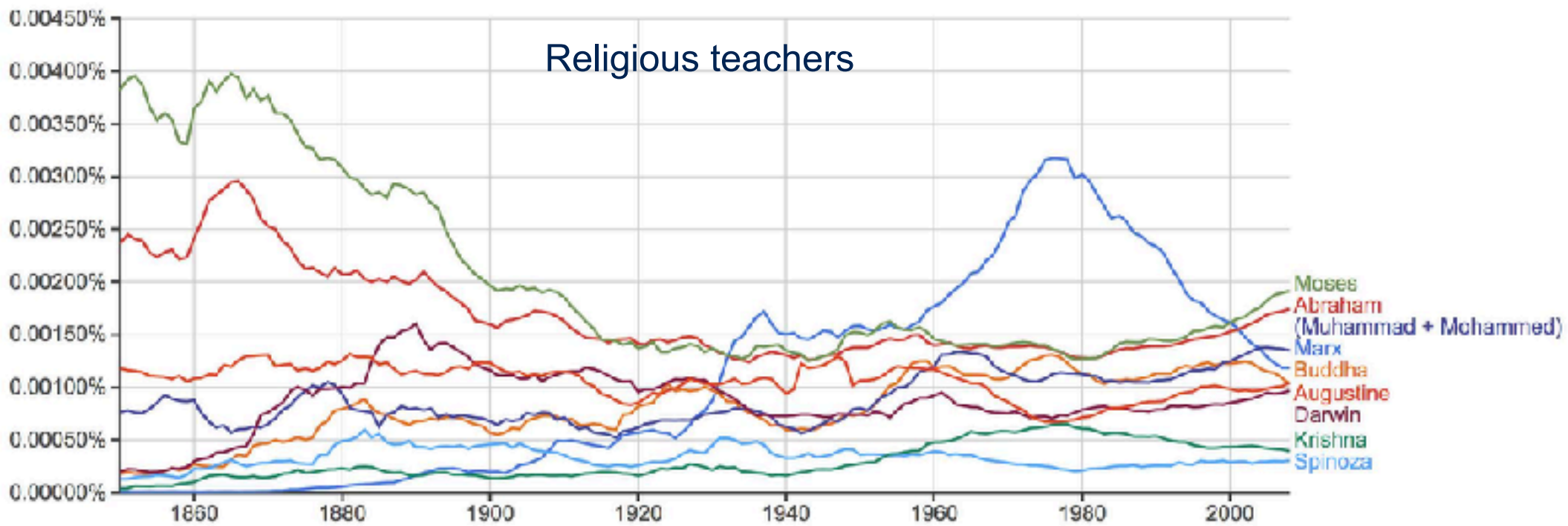


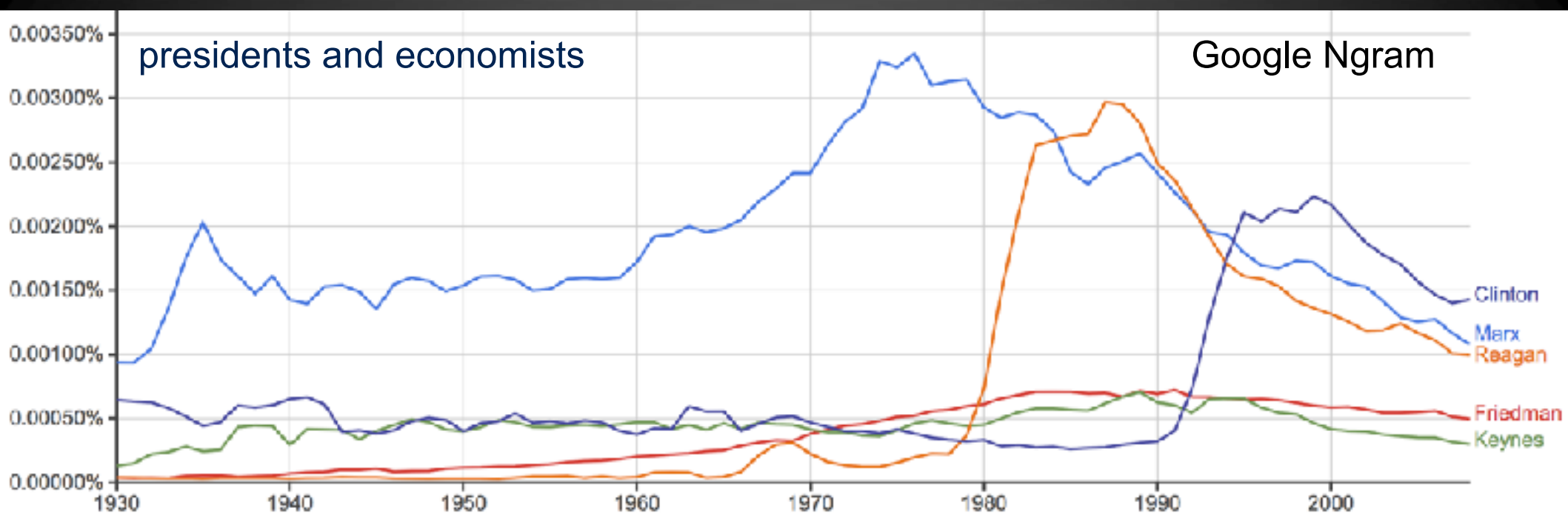
Thinkers



Google Ngram plots

Religious teachers





Nominee	% Accepted votes
1. Marx	27.93%
2. Hume	12.67%
3. Wittgenstein	6.80%
4. Nietzsche	6.49%
5. Plato	5.65%
6. Kant	5.61%
7. Aquinas	4.83%
8. Socrates	4.82%
9. Aristotle	4.52%
10. Popper	4.20%

BBC 2005 poll: "the greatest philosopher of all time", 30K responses

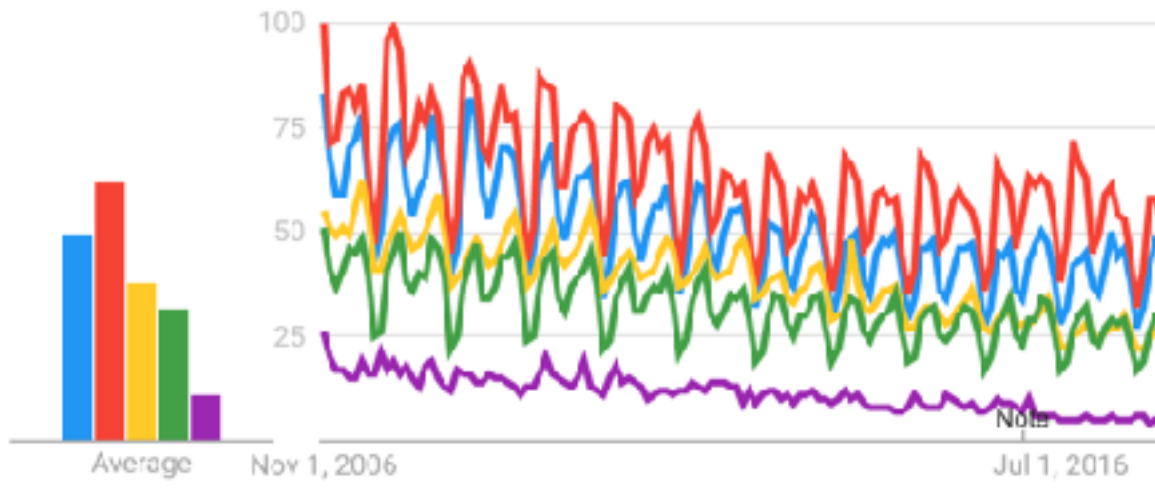
Here are the results from **a 2006 nationally representative survey of American professors**. The survey asked if the professor considered himself "radical," "political activist," or "Marxist." Survey says:

Table 12

	Radical	Activist	Marxist
Phys/bio sciences	6.3	2.6	0.0
Social sciences	24.0	20.6	17.6
Humanities	19.0	26.2	5.0
Comp sci/engineering	2.0	0.6	0.7
Health sciences	0.0	1.2	0.0
Business	5.3	3.2	1.9
Other	7.2	11.1	1.1
Total	11.2	13.5	3.0

● Karl Marx
 ● Plato
 ● Friedrich Nietzsche
 ● Immanuel Kant
 ● Richard Dawkins

Worldwide



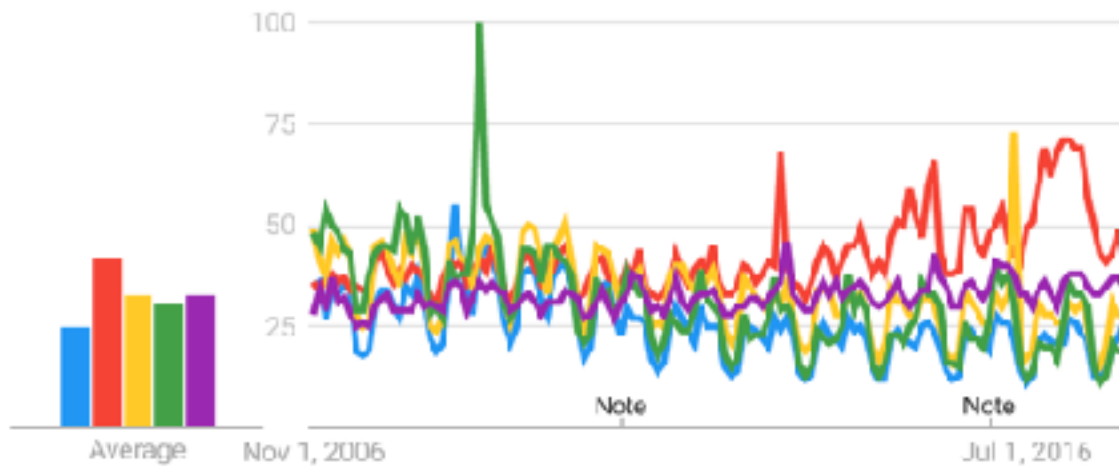
Philosophers
 Religion teachers

Interest over time

Google Trends

● Karl Marx
 ● Moses
 ● Sigmund Freud
 ● Charles Darwin
 ● Paul the Apostle

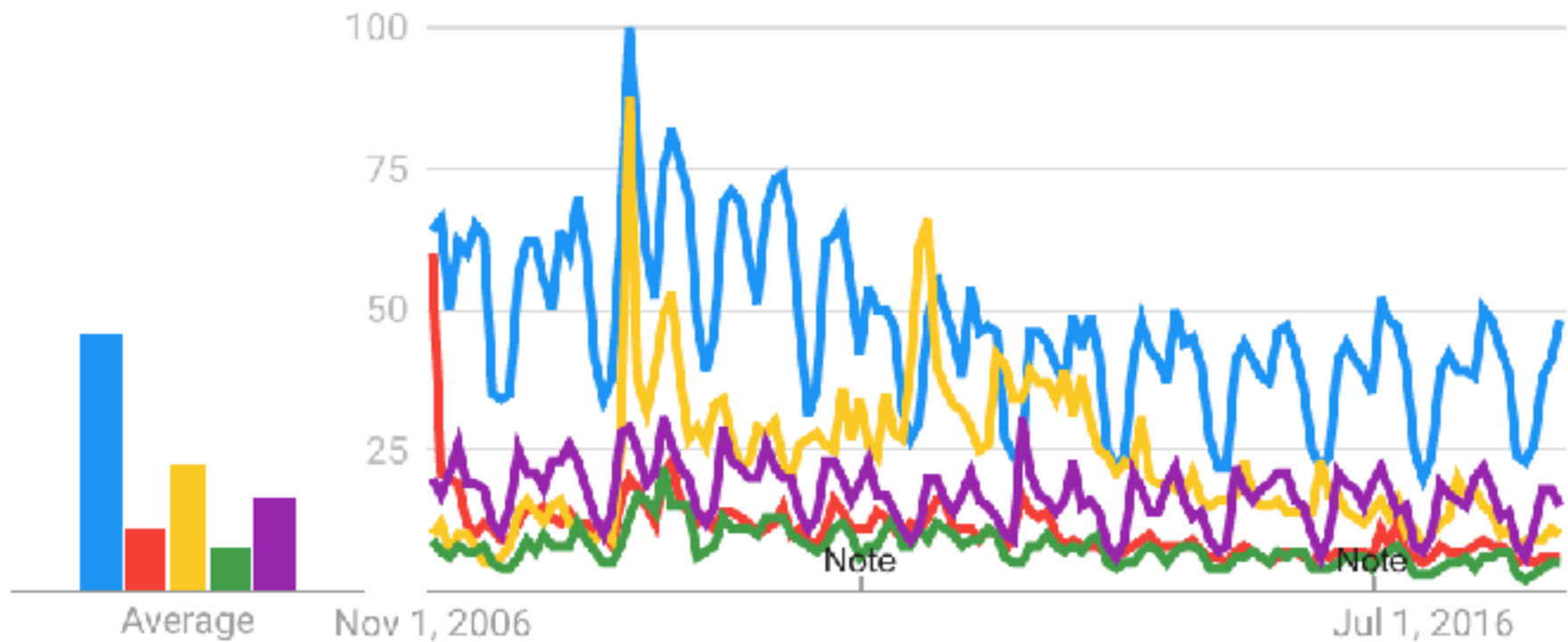
USA



Economists

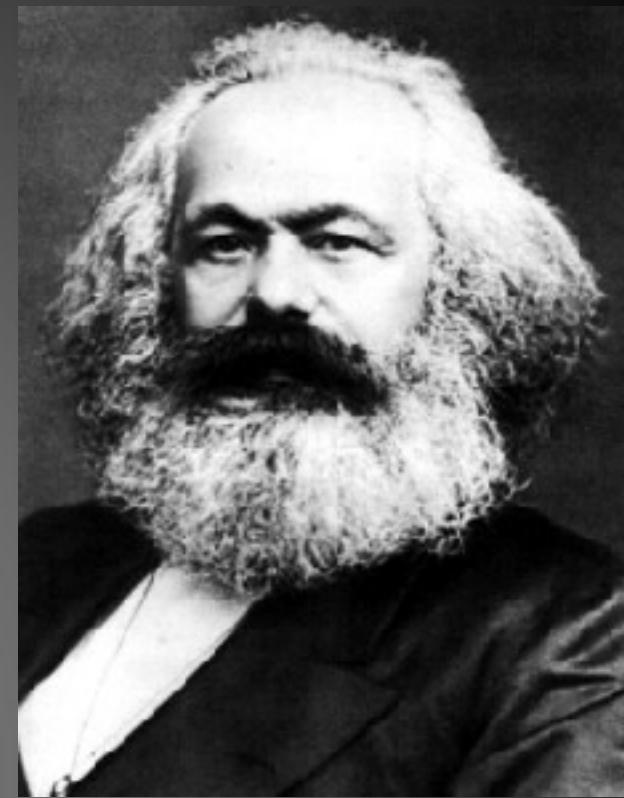
● Karl Marx ● Milton Friedman ● Paul Krugman
● John Maynard Keynes ● Adam Smith

USA



Why was his doctrine that popular among
public and intellectuals and remains to be so?

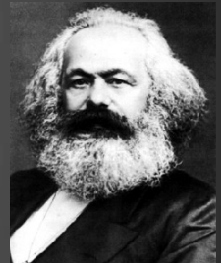
Can Marxism be eternal?

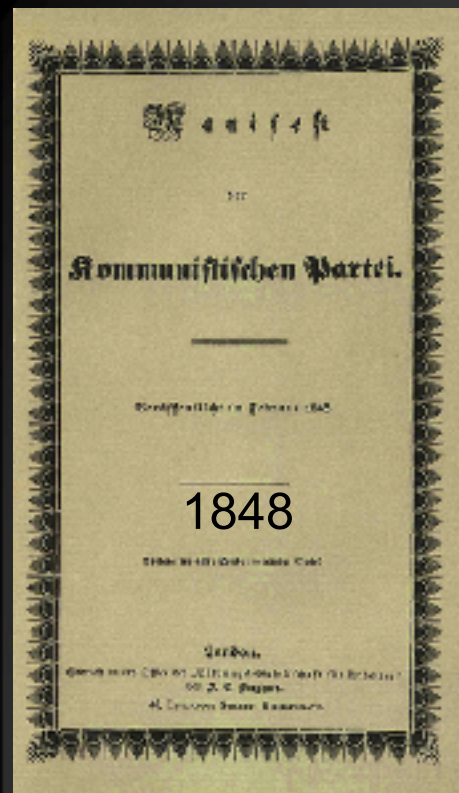


1818–1883



Marxian teaching and Marxist regimes:
To what degree were the latter driven by the former?





1848



The Counter-Revolution of Science

STUDIES ON THE ABUSE OF REASON

1980

F.A. Hayek



THE ROAD TO SERFDOM

FRIEDRICH A. HAYEK

1944

1899-1992



Marxism Unmasked:

From Delusion to Destruction

1952

BY LUDWIG VON MISES



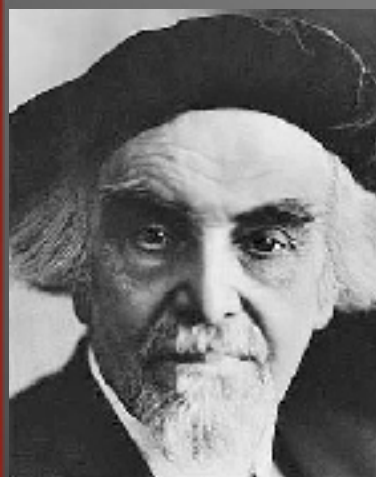
1881-1973



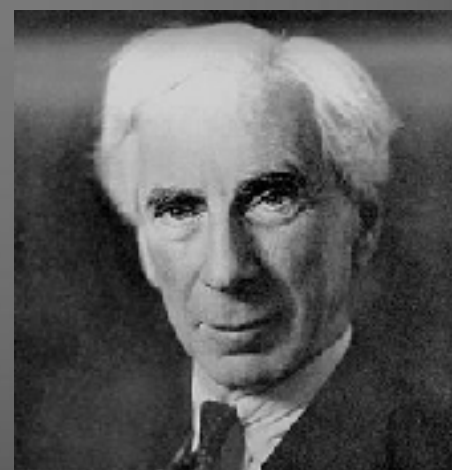
the origin of RUSSIAN communism

1937, 1955

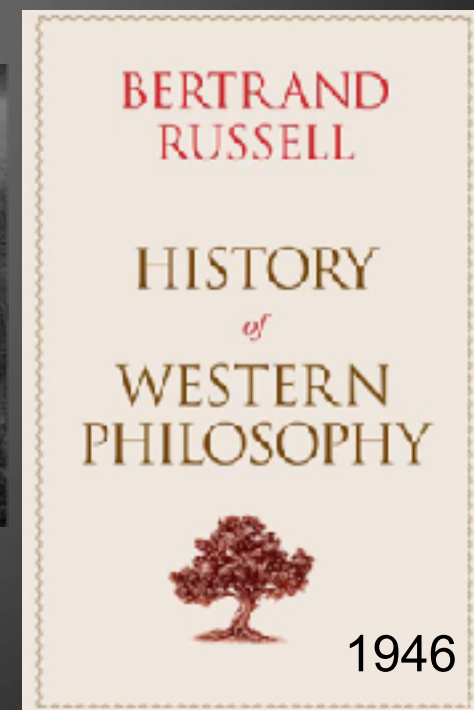
NICOLAS BERDYAEV



1874-1948



1872-1970



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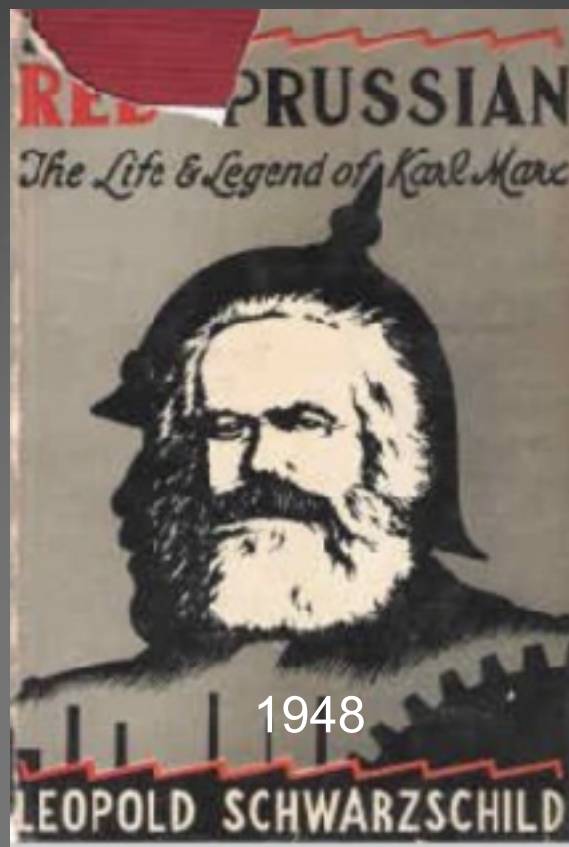
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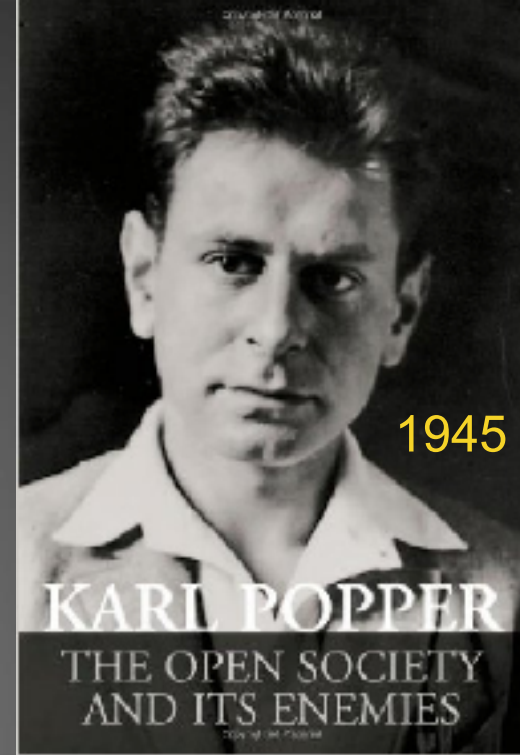
1946



1891-1950



1948



1945

1902-1994

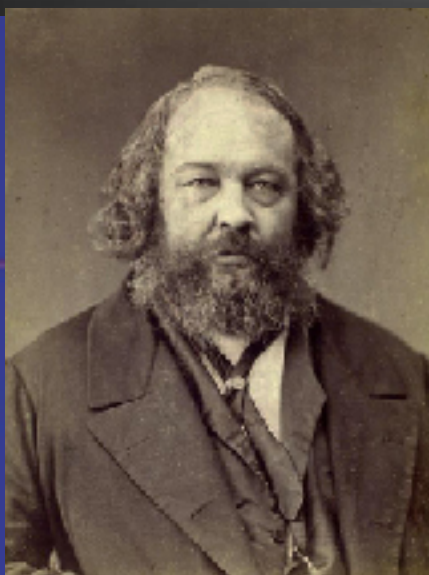
In the first edition of his *The Open Society and Its Enemies* (1945), Karl Popper distinguished between Karl Marx himself and his followers, claiming that they had transformed Marx's works into an unscientific dogma. However Popper added a note to the fifth edition: "Some years after I wrote this...Leopold Schwarzschild's...*The Red Prussian*...became known to me...it contains documentary evidence, especially from the Marx-Engels correspondence, which shows that Marx was less of a humanitarian, and less of a lover of freedom, than he is made to appear in my book. Schwarzschild describes him as a man who saw in 'the proletariat' mainly an instrument of his own personal ambition. Though this may put the matter more harshly than the evidence warrants, it must be admitted that the evidence itself is shattering"

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1873



1814-1876

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1881-1950

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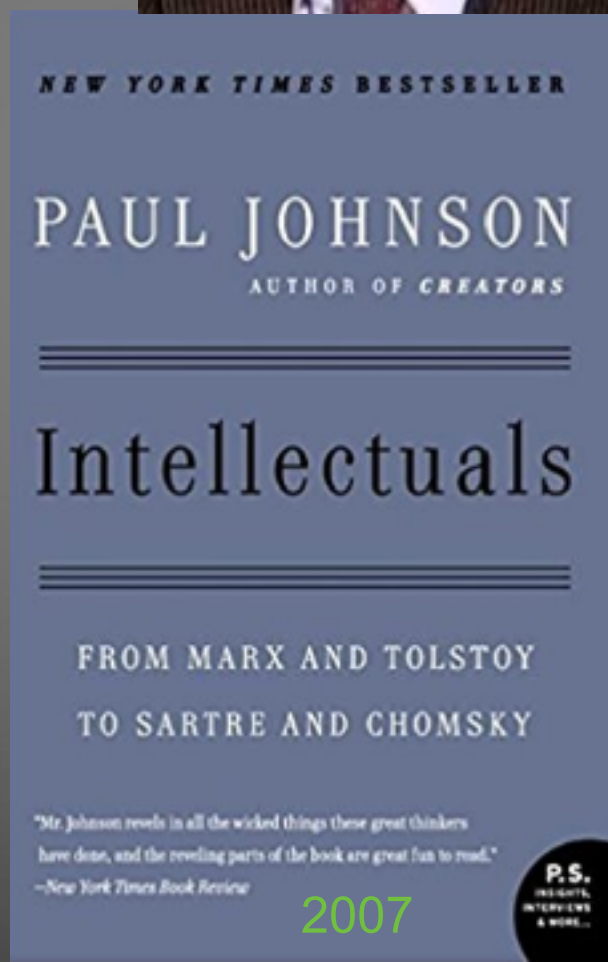
1900-1980



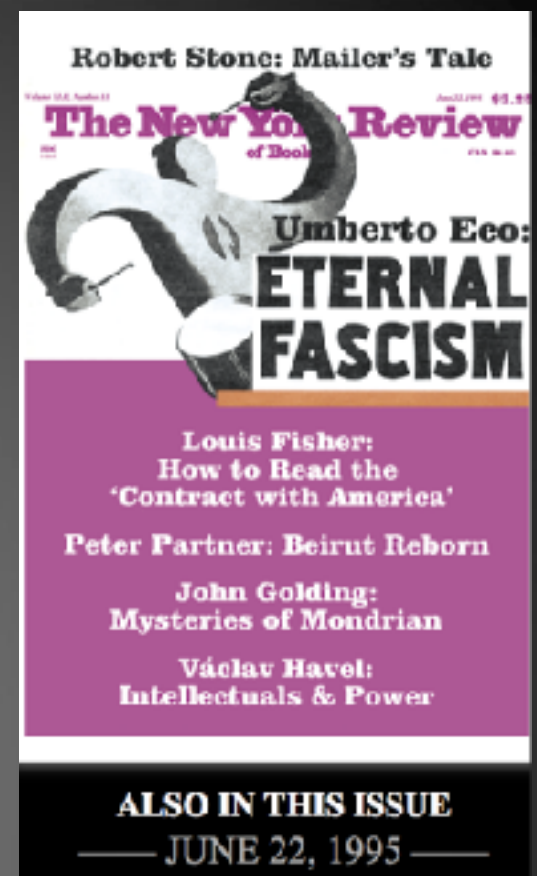
1941



b.1928



2007



1932-2016

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