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| **Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimumof 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.** | This manuscript is essential to the scientific community because it contributes to discussions on socialism and communism within economic theory and globalization. It encourages a more nuanced comprehension of socialist political economy and challenges existing paradigms by revisiting Lenin's distinction and critiquing traditional Marxist perspectives. The integration of cooperative firms into market structures provides a unique perspective, promoting interdisciplinary discourse among economics, political science, and philosophy. Furthermore, Marxist analysis is more closely aligned with conventional scientific approaches as a result of the critique of dialectical reasoning, which enhances methodological rigor. |  |
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| Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here. | **New additions**: Different Contradiction: Provide a concise explanation of the specific contradiction that socialism must resolve in order to maintain a market economy. Lenin's Perspective: Provide a more detailed explanation of how Lenin's argument corroborates the paper's premise, rather than merely citing a text that is rarely cited.  **Refinements and Deletions**: Do not make assumptions: Replace deterministic language such as "must be a centrally planned and, therefore, non-market system" with "is frequently presumed to be." Alternative Paradox: Stress that socialism can operate within a market economy by resolving a unique contradiction. Lenin's Perspective: In the conclusion, clarify the significance of Lenin's lesser-known work. |  |
| **Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here.** | **Introduction**  The manuscript clearly differentiates socialism from communism and challenges traditional Marxist views by proposing market socialism and shifting focus to "knowledge vs. commodity production." However, it requires a stronger justification for rejecting dialectics, a more nuanced analysis of capital-labor tensions, and empirical support for claims on peer production, alongside addressing historical failures of market socialism.  **General Reflections on Dialectics**  The thesis effectively engages with Marxist discourse, advocates for worker-controlled enterprises, and critiques central planning, but lacks clarity on its stance toward dialectics and empirical evidence for worker cooperatives.  **Dialectics as the Analysis of a Totality with Real Oppositions**  Key improvements include clarifying terms like totality and economic determinism for better accessibility, strengthening transitions to connect theorists' ideas, and clearly stating and supporting the core argument.  **The Notion of History in Marx**  Simplify complex sentences for clarity and use transitions to connect ideas smoothly.  **The Fundamental Contradiction of Capitalism According**  **to Orthodox Marxists**  Clearly distinguish key contradictions: capital-labor struggle, socialized production vs. private appropriation, and alienation. Improve structure by ensuring smooth transitions between Engels' views, socialist solutions, and Marx’s "upside-down world," while avoiding repetitive discussions on worker-controlled enterprises.  **Conclusion**  Justify why Lenin’s perspective on socialism takes precedence over Marx’s while clearly distinguishing socialism from communism. Explain the incompatibility of dialectics with orthodox economics and acknowledge arguments supporting market socialism without abandoning dialectical principles. |  |
| **Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.**  **-** | The references are extensive and include both modern and classical economic, socialist, and Marxist ideas. For a more current viewpoint, including more recent books (2015–2024) on cooperative businesses, socialist economics, and post-2008 critiques of capitalism. |  |
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