

Marx's Theory: Evolutionary or Revolutionary?

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The purpose of this article is to investigate from a scientific viewpoint whether Marx's theory is evolutionary or revolutionary by analyzing some main texts of Marx such as *The Capital*, *The German Ideology* and *The Eighteenth Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte*. The idea was first seen by this author in the book of Alvin Gouldner, *The Two Marxisms. Contradictions and Anomalies in the Development of Theory* (Gouldner, 1980). This is a crucial insight which will take into account new developments in both theory and practice. Gouldner confronts Scientific Marxism with its emphasis upon the laws of development against Critical Marxism with its stress upon practice and critiques. The parallel question to be hereby addressed in terms of documentary analysis is: Is socialism to be attained by means of struggle or by means of development? This question has been addressed in some realms of non-Marxian economics as a critique of the scientific research program of Marx and Engels. This is hence a fundamental Marx's topic related to his method and especially to his use of dialectics in his quest for the overcoming of capitalism and ultimately for human emancipation. The assumption is that success in development is related to the fastness of change.