

Immanuel Wallerstein

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Country, People, Government, Practice, Ethnicity, Hands, Racism, States,
Political, Progress*

Uncertainty is wondrous, and.. certainty, were it to be real, would be moral death.

~Immanuel Wallerstein

Historical capitalism is a materialist civilization.

~Immanuel Wallerstein

The language of intrinsic human rights represented a significant advance beyond the previous language of world religions in terms of its universal applicability and its thisworldliness.

~Immanuel Wallerstein

The world system is coming to the structural crisis

~Immanuel Wallerstein

This argument has been codified in the twentieth century as meritocracy, in which those on top in the process of capitalist accumulation have merited their position.

~Immanuel Wallerstein

When systems come to be far from points of equilibrium, they reach bifurcation points, wherein multiple, as opposed to unique, solutions, to instability become possible.

~Immanuel Wallerstein

The primary ideology that operated to create, socialize, and reproduce them was not the ideology of racism. It was that of universalism.

~Immanuel Wallerstein

Capitalism is first and foremost a historical social system.

~Immanuel Wallerstein

People resist exploitation. They resist as actively as they can, as passively as they must.

~Immanuel Wallerstein

That is why we may say that the historical development of capitalism has involved the thrust towards the commodification of everything.

~Immanuel Wallerstein

The real threat to U.S. military power is nuclear proliferation, because if every little country has nuclear weapons it becomes very tricky for the United States to engage in military action.

~Immanuel Wallerstein

I am suggesting that there is, and always has been, a rather high correlation between ethnicity and occupation/economic role throughout the various time-space zones of historical capitalism.

~Immanuel Wallerstein

It is this third consequence that has been elaborated in greatest detail and has formed one of the most significant pillars of historical capitalism, institutional racism.

~Immanuel Wallerstein

The employment rates are in very bad shape. We vastly underestimate the unemployment

~Immanuel Wallerstein

What could be more plausible than a line of reasoning which argues that the explanation of the origin of a system was to achieve an end that has in fact been achieved?

~Immanuel Wallerstein

Finally, states have monopolized, or sought to monopolize, armed force.

~Immanuel Wallerstein

We can tentatively credit capitalist civilization with a positive, if very geographically uneven, record in the struggle against disease.

~Immanuel Wallerstein

The concept that one ought to restrict one's political involvement to one's own state was deeply antithetical to those who were pursuing the accumulation of capital for its own sake.

~Immanuel Wallerstein

I rather wish to rest my case on material considerations, not those of the social future but those of the actual historical period of the capitalist world-economy.

~Immanuel Wallerstein

The very concept of universal formal education is a product (and a relatively late product) of the capitalist world-economy.

~Immanuel Wallerstein

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