

“Social Democratic Capitalism: How to Use Government to Make Lives Better in a Capitalist Economy”

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"Social democratic capitalism" is characterized by mostly private ownership and markets, generous public insurance, employment-oriented public services, and light-to-moderate regulation of product and labor markets. The experience of the world's rich democracies suggests that social democratic capitalism is superior to alternatives at achieving economic security, low poverty, equality of opportunity, and high employment, and it is no worse than alternatives at achieving an array of other outcomes we desire in a good society, from rapid economic growth to good health to happiness. Could the United States adopt this model? Could California?

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