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The word “**socialism**” has returned to the mainstream of American political debate.

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# WHAT IT IS AND WHY WE NEED IT

But there are **widespread misconceptions** about what socialism is—and what it isn’t.

**Republicans** fret that the U.S. is fast becoming a socialist country—with government spending on **bank bailouts** and Barack Obama’s proposed **health care reform**.

But the genuine tradition of “**socialism from below**” means something more than state intervention in the economy.

Socialism is really about **the struggle to oppose discrimination** in all its forms and to put the needs of **working people before corporate profits**.

**Come to this meeting** to discuss the idea of socialism—and socialist strategies for **changing the world**.

**Wednesday, September 2  
7:00pm  
Richard Oakes Room  
Cesar Chavez Student Center**

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