

## America at Crossroads— George or Leftism?

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### IDEAS

Henry George, who was against poverty, lectured in Great Britain in 1880, and you see what happened there last month. It shows what comes of letting strange, visionary impracticable ideas creep into a country.

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The writer seems to imply that Henry George's lectures against poverty had something to do with the result of the recent election in England. It is true that George was in favor of reducing poverty to a minimum, but he knew that it could not be done by planning nor by the unjust promotion of any one class over another. He reduced political economy to a science in that he demonstrated how man-made laws could be made to harmonize with the natural law of the production and distribution of wealth. In other words, he showed how men could destroy poverty without destroying freedom.

All George wanted to do was to destroy privilege. America stands at the crossroads. We can either continue to follow European ideologies or we can adopt the fundamental principle of a great American—a man who was born in the shadow of Independence Hall and whose principles are synonymous with individualism. But the very people who are now deploring the turn to the Left are those who are doing most to promote this trend by reason of their opposition to the simple and fundamental and practical ideas promulgated by Henry George.  
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