

To the Editor:

I have experienced being corrected by certain persons when I claimed that John Dewey followed Henry George in thought. Such people have exclaimed, "Why, John Dewey was a Socialist."

I have tried to explain that I considered him to be the same kind of Socialist that Henry George was, i.e., the first thing to be socialized is the rent of land. Governments—not the complicated and unwieldy state—should then take over and spend the revenue thus collected for those services that are properly public or "social" in that they do not give advantage to some over others. That kind of "socialism" does not require force other than the restriction which would put the shackles on those who would otherwise use force in putting into operation those measures which are today called socialistic, but which are in truth benefits to a few at the expense of the most.

Both Henry George and John Dewey stood for what is basic, and they both stressed the need for education along these lines as the answer to the problems of human society.

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