

## **INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC HUMOR**

**If there are two agents, there is barter, prices, negotiations, bargaining, and property rights. But if there are three agents, there is a market: competition, contestability, coalitions, IOUs, money, institutions, regulations, policies, democracy, elections, and a fight for monopoly, information asymmetry, and market/political power. Just read carefully.**

On a chain of beautiful deserted islands in the middle of nowhere, the following people are stranded:

Two Italian men and one Italian woman  
Two French men and one French woman  
Two German men and one German woman  
Two Greek men and one Greek woman  
Two English men and one English woman  
Two Russian men and one Russian woman  
Two Japanese men and one Japanese woman  
Two Chinese men and one Chinese woman  
Two Irish men and one Irish woman  
Two American men and one American woman

One month later, the following things occurred:

One Italian man killed the other Italian man for the Italian woman.

The two French men and the French woman are living happily together in a ménage a trois.

The two German men have a strict weekly schedule of alternating visits with the German woman.

The two Greek men are sleeping with each other and the Greek woman is cleaning and cooking for them.

The two Englishmen are waiting for someone to introduce them to the English woman.

The two Russians are preparing to sell the woman abroad and accusing each other of stealing future revenues.

The two Japanese sent a bottle mail to Tokyo and are waiting for instructions on what to do with the woman.

The two Chinese men have set up a restaurant and have got the woman pregnant to supply customers for their venture.

The two Irish men divided the island into North and South. However, they're satisfied because the neighbouring English aren't having any fun.

The two American men decided to be gays because the American woman complained relentlessly about her body, sexism, and no cell phone so that she could get her nails done and go shopping.

**OR ANOTHER ONE:**

In Britain, all that is not prohibited is allowed.

In Germany, everything that is not explicitly allowed is prohibited.

In France, even what is prohibited is allowed.

In Russia, even what is allowed is prohibited.

**OR THIS ONE ABOUT WORLD MIRACLES**

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**EIGHT WONDERS OF SOCIALISM**  
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**EIGHT WONDERS OF CAPITALISM**  
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Unlike in capitalism, everyone has a job.	Unlike in socialism, no one has a secure job.
Although everyone has a job, nobody works.	Although not everyone has a job, everyone works.
Although nobody works, the plan is fulfilled at 100%, and all are paid.	Although everyone is working, the full capacity is hardly achieved.
Although the plan is fulfilled 100% and all are paid, there is nothing to buy.	Although the work capacity is incomplete, the shops are packed.
Although there is nothing to buy, everybody has everything they need.	Although the shops are full, everyone still lacks something.
Although everybody has everything they need, everybody is stealing.	Although people still lack something, no one is stealing.
Although everybody is stealing, nothing is ever missing.	Although no one steals, the land is full of exploiters.
Although the communists get 99.78% at elections, nearly everyone hates them.	Although everyone argues about the government, especially during elections, life is quite good there.

Its Czech original (so humorous in the commie totality but lackluster now in capitalism):

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**OSM DIVŮ SOCIALISMU**  
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**OSM DIVŮ KAPITALISMU**  
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Na rozdíl od kapitalismu, všichni mají práci.	Na rozdíl od socialismu, nikdo nemá jistou práci.
I když má každý práci, nikdo nic nedělá.	I když nemá každý práci, všichni pracují.
I když nikdo nic nedělá, plán se plní na 100%.	I když všichni pracují, kapacita nejede naplno.
I když se plán plní na 100%, v obchodech nic není.	I když kapacita nejede naplno, obchody jsou plné.
I když v obchodech nic není, přece má každý to co potřebuje.	I když jsou obchody plné, lidem stále něco chybí.
I když má každý všechno, stejně všichni kradou.	I když lidem stále něco chybí, nikdo nekrade.
I když všichni kradou, nikde nic nechybí.	I když nikdo nekrade, země je plná vykořisťovatelů.
I když ve volbách komunisti získají 99,7% hlasů, všichni na ně nadávají.	Ve volbách se všichni hádají, ale žít se tam dá celkem dobře.