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## **Sanders Misleads Students on Scandinavian Socialism**

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His collegiate followers are receptive to Vermont U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders exhortations that the United States should be more like Sweden and its Scandinavian neighbors. Yet and still, the self-identified socialist should be careful what he asks for: He may not want to get it.

“Although Norway, Sweden, and Denmark have social-welfare states, they outrank the United States on a variety of other economic-freedom indices calculated by the Heritage Foundation and the Cato Institute; they have, for example, less business regulation, lower corporate tax rates, and more trade freedom,” Emily Ekins writes in the May 23, 2016 issue of *National Review*. “Their liberal markets are what enable them to accommodate massive social-welfare spending.”

“If Sanders says that America should be more like Sweden, he should acknowledge what it takes to be more like Sweden: freer markets, not more government control.” Ekins is a research fellow and the director of polling at the Cato Institute.

Indeed, Sen. Sanders may be on a collision course with his youthful acolytes. Ekins notes that one poll, “Reason-Rupe has found that, the label ‘socialism’ aside, Millennials prefer, by a ratio of two to one, a ‘free market-economy’ over a ‘government-managed economy.’”

This last tidbit should not surprise the truly observant: When was the last time you saw a Millennial riding in a cab as opposed to Uber?