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Comparative Essay

**Introduction**

The two historic writings, “The Declaration of Independence” and “The Communist Manifesto” emphasize that the basic human rights of life, liberty, and happiness must be ensured by any government that rules on a group of people. Any government that fails to ensure these rights or deliberately intends to violate these rights has no reason to continue its rule. Both documents suggest that a revolution becomes necessary when the ruling party exploits the common people.

**Body**

The declaration of independence was an outcome of the movement of independence that started as a rebellion in America against the British colonial rule. In 1776, Thomas Jefferson wrote the draft of the Declaration of Independence to represent the American mind of that time (“The Declaration of Independence”). The Communist Manifesto was written in 1848 by Karl Marx and Friedrich Engel. It describes the class struggles in a society and explains how the upper class (the Bourgeoisie) exploits the lower class (Marx).

Both documents are revolutionary; both do not approve injustice and oppression carried out by a government. It emphasized that the Bourgeoisie governments exploited human capital and proved to be oppressive. Therefore, such governments should be overthrown. Both the writings suggested that any governments that violate basic human rights should be substituted by better alternatives.

The Declaration of Independence urges today’s leadership to be just and fair to promote human rights. People who believe in the content of this writing will never approve any government system that makes their lives deprived of life, liberty, and freedom. The Communist Manifesto when implemented in true sense will eradicate the miseries created by class distinction in a society. The leadership has to devise ways that would give due rights and benefits to the lower class (the Proletariats).

**Conclusion**

In spite of being apparently opposite, both ideologies support a single cause. Human rights cannot be compromised at any cost. Even an established government that exploits people should be overthrown. The future success will be for those leaderships that follow the spirit of these two ideologies.

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