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# When did Marx think capitalism would fall?

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From the end of the nineteenth century, Marxists held that the capitalist mode of production would necessarily end in collapse. This was certainly the position of Engels and of the subsequent twentieth century Marxist tradition. But was this Marx's own position? There is no simple answer to this question, since Marx's position changed over time. I shall argue that it is possible to distinguish three distinct phases in Marx's picture of what capital was and how it might end. 1) The period ending with the revolutions of 1848. 2) The period ending around 1859. 3) The period 1864-1869. I shall

examine each of these phases, together with Engels' subsequent editing of the unpublished manuscript of *Capital* in order to explain how the standard assumption arose.

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The discussion will be held in English and will be open to the public

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