
definitions of capitalism Latvian humor

Posted by Abdullah Kauchali - 2010/02/17 06:21

I believe the system that best mimics nature has the best chance of surviving. Nature is very efficient. Which scientific analysis concluded that Capitalism closely mimics Nature? Matt, you're going down a cul-de-sac of reasoning. (Have you read my replies to you above regarding Socrates and the hemlock?)

=====

definitions of capitalism Latvian humor

Posted by Matt Jacobs - 2010/02/17 06:21

I think the prehistoric barbarians lived in a system that was closest to nature. Not for me, thanks. A system where the strong survive will prosper. This doesn't mean you should not care for your weak and feeble, simply that everyone who can produce must produce. And if an enterprise becomes inefficient, it should be terminated and replaced with a better version.

=====

definitions of capitalism Latvian humor

Posted by Rudy Velthuis - 2010/02/17 06:21

I believe the system that best mimics nature has the best chance of surviving. Nature is very efficient. Which scientific analysis concluded that Capitalism closely mimics Nature? The Social Darwinism branch of science. <vbg

=====

definitions of capitalism Latvian humor

Posted by Abdullah Kauchali - 2010/02/17 06:21

The Social Darwinism branch of science. <vbg hey.... that's that picture comparing the ape gesticulations to Bush again! I knew it would take a full swing! In another thread, I heard some US general was brachiating too!

=====

definitions of capitalism Latvian humor

Posted by Abdullah Kauchali - 2010/02/17 06:21

Oxymoron? Military Intelligence.

=====

definitions of capitalism Latvian humor

Posted by Rudy Velthuis - 2010/02/17 06:21

I think the prehistoric barbarians lived in a system that was closest to nature. Not for me, thanks. A system where the strong survive will prosper. Perhaps. I hope for the better system. We managed to escape barbarianism after all.

=====

definitions of capitalism Latvian humor

Posted by Matt Jacobs - 2010/02/17 06:21

I believe the system that best mimics nature has the best chance of surviving. Nature is very efficient. Which scientific analysis concluded that Capitalism closely mimics Nature? Matt, you're going down a cul-de-sac of reasoning.

(Have you read my replies to you above regarding Socrates and the hemlock?) Capitalism is an efficient system, as is nature. In the best case scenario, everyone produces and is compensated based on their productivity, contribution, skill level, etc. This is how nature operates. If an enterprise becomes nonviable, you don't artificially prop it up; you terminate it and start again. Compare such a system to the state-owned industries of the old USSR. Their economy was artificial and therefore could not survive. If you can dispute the above, please do so.

=====

definitions of capitalism Latvian humor

Posted by Rudy Velthuis - 2010/02/17 06:21

Capitalism is an efficient system, as is nature. Glad you like it. I think it is a crutch, which puts far too much value on property and neglects other human values.

=====

definitions of capitalism Latvian humor

Posted by Matt Jacobs - 2010/02/17 06:21

Oxymoron? Military Intelligence. Have much experience with the military?

=====

definitions of capitalism Latvian humor

Posted by Matt Jacobs - 2010/02/17 06:21

Capitalism is an efficient system, as is nature. Glad you like it. I think it is a crutch, which puts far too much value on property and neglects other human values. What would you have replace it?

=====

definitions of capitalism Latvian humor

Posted by Abdullah Kauchali - 2010/02/17 06:21

If you can dispute the above, please do so. With absolute pleasure. :) I can begin by disputing your approach that has led you to that conclusion (viz. your methodology). So, however accurate your conclusion may be (that Capitalism is in fact better than Communism), the lack of profundity in your approach that led you to that conclusion simply reduces your conclusion, at best, to guess work. Here's why: Your examples of showing why Capitalism is better than Communism insist on displaying evidence that can be corroborated by sensory stimulus. As indeed is your suggestion that we simply have a look at Nature to clarify why Capitalism should be a better choice. This approach of yours is called empiricism ie. it is based on the approach that you use empirical evidence to back up your conclusion. Sight, smell, sound etc - the maxim: seeing is believing. For starters, no Social Scientist who studies this subject (Socialism vs Capitalism etc) will use that approach because it is simply inappropriate. This, btw, can be proven empirically! (Aside: Matt, since you have immersed yourself so deeply into this polemic, guess what it makes you? A Social Scientist, of course ... not a Capitalist Scientist! To add insult to injury. <g) The primary reasons for dismissing the empirical approach for our subject are as follows: 1. Studying human social systems and indeed individual human behaviour renders the simple approaches of empiricism inadequate to explain complicated behavioural dynamics. * 2. The fundamentals for both systems (the main thrust) - Capitalism & Communism - appeal to the subjective elements of the human reasoning faculty. The issues of morality, power, justice, fairness, struggle etc are cited as primary, and sometimes, opposing forces in both systems. This conclusion can be proved empirically as well! If you've watched Wall Street - the Michael Douglas Greed-is-a-good-thing Speech is quite contemporary and relevant. If you've read, or tried to read :, Marx's The Communist Manifesto you'll come across his words: The history of all hitherto existing society is the history of class struggle in the very first line of his book. You'll notice that I've taken to argue Marx out of the equation although he alone single-handedly demonstrates why capitalism collapses in the middle due to its own excesses !!!! This is because both Capitalism and Communism are used today, as what should correctly be concluded, as BELIEF systems! So, empiricism can go out the window. That leaves us with quite a few options. One of them is a concept called Rationalism. (I think, therefore I am type of thing) Now that I have shown you that *you* have demonstrated nothing with your evidence like the inappropriate comparison with Nature, I conclude that we may never know the absolute Truth. Another related and important argument when studying human milieus vis-a-vis our subject

of Capitalism or Communism is that of absolute definitions and representative implementations . An absolute definition of Capitalism does not exist. Neither is a relevant one available for Communism as it is generally understood today - besides Marx's The Communist Manifesto . So the definitions are dodgy - to be very academic. :) Add to this, the concept that even though we do stumble across absolute definitions we may never find representative implementations that are 100% true to their definitions. This, btw, is clearly evident even today - corroborated empirically: there are soup kitchens in a Capitalist system; and individual entrepreneurial motives exist within Communist systems too. Does that answer your question?

=====

definitions of capitalism Latvian humor

Posted by Abdullah Kauchali - 2010/02/17 06:21

Have much experience with the military? I have written applications for the South African Defence Force - does that count? :)

=====

definitions of capitalism Latvian humor

Posted by Matt Jacobs - 2010/02/17 06:21

Have much experience with the military? I have written applications for the South African Defence Force - does that count? :) That's not a comforting thought.

=====

definitions of capitalism Latvian humor

Posted by Abdullah Kauchali - 2010/02/17 06:21

That's not a comforting thought. Har har. (please don't tell anyone that I wrote the Friendly Fire Detection System that was sold to some western nations!)

=====

definitions of capitalism Latvian humor

Posted by Matt Jacobs - 2010/02/17 06:21

This, btw, is clearly evident even today - corroborated empirically: there are soup kitchens in a Capitalist system; and individual entrepreneurial motives exist within Communist systems too. Does that answer your question? Unfortunately, in the final analysis your argument fails to be convincing. You spend more time evading the real issue than addressing it. Again, look at the 20th century and tell me which system is successful, and which is not. Tell me which system is experiencing growth and which system is stagnant.

=====

definitions of capitalism Latvian humor

Posted by Matt Jacobs - 2010/02/17 06:21

That's not a comforting thought. Har har. (please don't tell anyone that I wrote the Friendly Fire Detection System that was sold to some western nations!) How are flame throwing BMW sales these days?

=====

definitions of capitalism Latvian humor

Posted by Roger Arnesen - 2010/02/17 06:21

Capitalism is an efficient system, as is nature. In the best case Property is pivotal in capitalism. Property is completely lacking in nature. Roger

=====
definitions of capitalism Latvian humor

Posted by Roger Arnesen - 2010/02/17 06:21

Property is pivotal in capitalism. Property is completely lacking in nature. Tell that to the squirrels burying nuts all over my back yard. They have claimed ownership of your yard? Wow... Tough. So I guess that means you can't have pets or use the yard yourself? Roger

=====
definitions of capitalism Latvian humor

Posted by Matt Jacobs - 2010/02/17 06:21

Matt Jacobs <n...@noyb.com wrote in message Capitalism is an efficient system, as is nature. In the best case Property is pivotal in capitalism. Property is completely lacking in nature. Tell that to the squirrels burying nuts all over my back yard.

=====
definitions of capitalism Latvian humor

Posted by Abdullah Kauchali - 2010/02/17 06:21

How are flame throwing BMW sales these days? Illegal actually. Neither of my two beemers came with any, unfortunately. My new 330i simply would look ugly too and my M3 was assembled at the time when flaming throwing BMW's were banned by our government. It was a novel idea though.

=====
definitions of capitalism Latvian humor

Posted by Abdullah Kauchali - 2010/02/17 06:21

Do you believe in God, oh wise Empiricist?

=====
definitions of capitalism Latvian humor

Posted by Rudy Velthuis - 2010/02/17 06:21

I think it is a crutch, which puts far too much value on property and neglects other human values. What would you have replace it? I didn't say I had something better right now.

=====
definitions of capitalism Latvian humor

Posted by Matt Jacobs - 2010/02/17 06:21

I think it is a crutch, which puts far too much value on property and neglects other human values. What would you have replace it? I didn't say I had something better right now. As I thought.

=====
definitions of capitalism Latvian humor

Posted by Matt Jacobs - 2010/02/17 06:21

How are flame throwing BMW sales these days? Illegal actually. Neither of my two beemers came with any, unfortunately. My new 330i simply would look ugly too and my M3 was assembled at the time when flaming throwing BMW's were banned by our government. It was a novel idea though. What happened to the spring-loaded swords uses to amputate bad guys just below the knee? I liked that idea better.

=====

definitions of capitalism Latvian humor

Posted by Matt Jacobs - 2010/02/17 06:21

Do you believe in God, oh wise Empiricist? My religious beliefs, or lack thereof, are not germane to this discussion.

=====