

Eliot Glassheim Essay Award on Capitalism and the Public Good



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DO THE EVENTS OF 2020 SHOW THAT CAPITALISM DOES MORE HARM THAN GOOD, OR IS IT THE BEST SOLUTION FOR WHAT AILS US?

Entrants must be enrolled as a UND student in 2020-2021. Essays must be original, never published, and between 1500 and 2000 words. Prize money will be dispersed through UND in the form of a scholarship.

The world seems like it's falling apart. Covid-19; violent exchanges between protestors, armed citizens, and the police; a divisive election that threatens to break America apart; wildfires exacerbated by climate change; and so much more. Many people feel that "capitalism" is to blame. Its critics charge that free-market excesses lead to indefensible income inequality, political oppression, and horrendous work conditions that force people into humiliating and dangerous part-time jobs with no benefits.

Defenders of capitalism see it the other way. They see the shutdown and quarantine as the cause of problems. Big government and lazy people are trampling on law-abiding and hard-working citizens, or so they claim. Capitalism is an economic system that promotes freedom, they say, but some people will always lose. That's just the way it is.

Obviously, these positions are two extremes, and it is likely that the truth falls somewhere in between. But what is that truth? This essay is the opportunity for you to have your say.

The essay should be written for a general audience, not for a class or a teacher. Do not think of it as a research paper, but more like a magazine article or long-form blog post. It should be clear, thoughtful, and accessible to an average college student, not super-technical or confusingly abstract. The essay should not have extensive quotes or excessive footnotes, although it should have some quotes, at least. Classroom assignments will not be accepted without significant revision. Prospective authors are encouraged to look at previous years' essays to see some winning examples.

ELIGIBILITY:

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Many more details on how to write the essay are at: <https://wp.me/P8pYQY-1Et>



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