

# COW ECONOMICS

**BUREAUCRACY:** You have two cows. At first the government regulates what you can feed them and when you can milk them. Then it pays you not to milk them. Then it takes both, loses one while moving it to a farm in Puerto Rico, milks the other and pours the milk down the drain. Then it requires you to fill out forms accounting for the missing cows.

**PURE ANARCHY:** There aren't any cows left because everyone is stealing everyone else's cow, shooting each other—and the cows.

**FEUDALISM:** You have two cows. Your lord takes some of the milk.

**DICTATORSHIP:** You have two cows. The government takes both and drafts you.

**TOTALITARIANISM (another word for dictatorship):** You have two cows. The government takes them and denies they ever existed. Milk is banned.

**FASCISM (an extreme form of totalitarianism) :** You have two cows. The government takes one away and presses it into military service. Then they hire you to take care of remaining cow, and sell you the milk.

**PURE COMMUNISM:** You have two cows. Your neighbors help you take care of them, and you all share the milk.

**RUSSIAN COMMUNISM:** You have two cows. You have to take care of them, but the government takes all the fresh milk and gives you back spoiled milk.

**CAMBODIAN COMMUNISM:** You have two cows. The government takes both and shoots you.

**PURE SOCIALISM:** You have two cows. The government takes them and puts them in a barn with everyone else's cows. You have to take care of all the cows. The government allows you to sell milk

**BUREAUCRATIC SOCIALISM:** You have two cows. The government takes them and puts them in a barn with everyone else's cows. They are cared for by ex-chicken farmers. You have to take care of the chickens the government took from the chicken farmers. The government gives you as much milk and eggs the regulations say you should need.

**IDEALIZED CAPITALISM:** You have two cows. You sell one and buy a bull.

**LIBERTARIANISM/PURE-CAPITALISM:** You have two cows. Without government regulations, you are free to feed them dangerous hormones and chemicals. Everyone who drinks the milk dies.

**HONG KONG CAPITALISM:** You have two cows. You sell three of them to your publicly listed company, using letters of credit opened by your brother-in-law at the bank, then execute a debt/equity swap with associated general offer so that you get all four cows back, with a tax deduction for keeping five cows. The breeding rights of six cows are transferred via a Panamanian intermediary to a Cayman Islands company secretly owned by the majority shareholder, who sells the rights to all seven cows' gilts back to the listed company. The annual report says that the company owns eight cows, with an option on one more. Meanwhile, you kill the two cows because the feng shui is bad.

**REAGANOMICS** - You have two cows. You sell one, buy a bull. You take out a huge loan on the cow, and ignore both the cow and the loan from that point on. Then, you try to milk the bull and blame the Japanese for its lack of production.

**PURE DEMOCRACY:** You have two cows. Your neighbors decide who gets the milk.

**REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY:** You have two cows. Your neighbors pick someone to tell you who gets the milk.

**AMERICAN DEMOCRACY:** The government promises to give you two pigs if you vote for them. After the election, the president is impeached for speculating in pork futures. The press dubs the affair "Hog-gate."

**BRITISH DEMOCRACY:** You have two pigs. You feed them sheep brains and they go mad. The government doesn't do anything.

**SINGAPOREAN DEMOCRACY:** You have two pigs. The government fines you for keeping two unlicensed farm animals in an apartment.

**CONSERVATISM** - You have two cows. They pray in school every day.

**LIBERALISM-** You have two cows. You don't worry that they sleep together.

**AMERICAN LIBERALISM:** You have two cows. The government takes almost all the milk they produce and give it to people too lazy to take care of any cows of their own.

**TRICKLE DOWN ECONOMICS:** You have 1 old sick cow. The government takes it from you, gives it to someone who already owns seven cows, and promises that they will know how to produce thousands of cows, and you will get a job cleaning up after them, but if you do a really good job you can send your kids to a trade school and they can get a better job, and...

**SUPPLY-SIDE ECONOMICS:** You have no cows, the government gives you a job building cow pens for people who own lots of cows. Even though these people don't need new cow pens the government charges them for the pens and pays you with the proceeds. The government has to tax everyone to pay for the bureaucracy needed to make it work.

**REDISTRIBUTIONISM** - You have two cows. Everyone should have the same amount of cow. The government takes both cows, cuts them up, and spends more than the cows are worth giving everyone a little piece of cow.

**WELFARE-ISM (REDISTRIBUTIONISM REVISITED)** - You have two cows. The government takes one to give to someone else who doesn't know how to milk it.

**HILLARYISM** - You have two cows. Everyone should have a cow from the government, even if they don't want a cow.

**CLINTONISM** - You have two cows. The president can't decide what he wants to do about it.

**PROTECTIONISM** - You have two cows. You can't buy a bull from another country.

**PEROTISM** - You have two cows. You aren't allowed to sell the milk to Mexicans.

**ENVIRONMENTALISM:** You have two cows. The government bans you from milking or killing them.

**FEMINISM:** You have two cows. You fascist \$#\*&@!^, but I have feed them and clean them. I get paid 70% for doing the same job as you, but YOU get all the cows.

**LESBIANISM:** You have two cows. They get married and adopt a veal calf.

**CATHOLICISM:** You have two cows. They each have six cows. They each have twelve cows . . . .

**BUDDHISM:** You have two cows within. Each of those cows has hidden and opposite meaning and only through inner searching can true dairy knowledge be obtained.

**POLITICAL CORRECTNESS:** You are associated with (the concept of "ownership" is a symbol of the phallic-centric, war-mongering, intolerant past) two differently aged (but no less valuable to society) bovines of non specified gender.

**SOCCER MOM CULTURE:** You have two cows. They are much prettier than anyone else's cows and their milk is so less passé.

**COUNTER CULTURE:** Wow, dude, there's like... these two cows, man. You got to have some of this milk.

**GENERATION X:** You have two retro cows. They sleep during the day and will only milk in cafe ambience or at a prodigy release party.

**THE X FILES:** Just because you haven't seen your two cows it doesn't mean that they don't exist. How much more proof do you need?

**SURREALISM:** You have two giraffes. The government requires you to give them harmonica lessons.

# TYPES OF GOVERNMENTS:

## Monarchy

King/Queen rules for life. May have to answer to people. Rules hereditarily

## Aristocracy

A small group of the richest people rule. Membership is hereditary

## Dictatorship

One person has absolute power, and answers to no one. Hereditary/Revolt

## Confederation

A loose union of equally powerful states. Very democratic, but very inefficient

## Democratic Republic

The people elect representatives from a number of parties and a number of candidates guaranteed rights.

## Capitalism

All the businesses are owned and run by the people

## Mixed

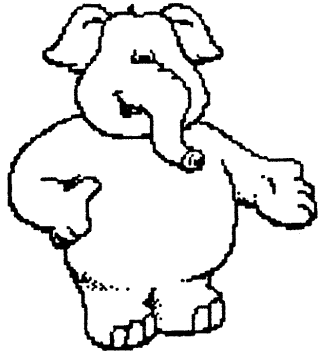
Individuals own some of the businesses, and the gov't owns the rest (usually electricity, mail, transportation, etc.) The gov't sets prices on certain businesses.

## Socialism

The government owns all the businesses, and there is usually only one political party.

# TYPES OF ECONOMIES:

# The Birth of American Party Politics



George Washington  
(no political party)

Alexander Hamilton  
Secretary of Treasury

Thomas Jefferson  
Secretary of State

Hamilton quits the  
Cabinet to form the  
Federalist political party

what?  
only the  
\$1.00  
Bill!



Jefferson quits the  
Cabinet to form the  
Democrat/Republican  
political party

Washington does not run for his third  
term, warns the country about foreign  
alliances, and political parties.

## The Election of 1796

The Federalists nominate  
John Adams to run for the  
Presidency.

He wins a majority of the  
votes, but under the  
Constitution his Vice-  
President is Jefferson.

The  
Democrat/Republican  
party nominates  
Jefferson. This second  
place finish gets him  
the consolation prize-  
the Vice-Presidency.

## The Election of 1800

The Federalists nominate  
Adams again, but the party is  
split on several issues.  
Hamilton (Jefferson's old  
rival) makes Jefferson  
President by breaking the  
House of Representative tie

Democrat/Republican  
party nominates  
Jefferson for President  
and Aaron Burr for VP.  
Jefferson & Burr tie and  
the House of  
Representatives has to  
vote on who wins.  
(It takes 36 votes)