

Which Economic Model is Most Realistic?

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Humanity is currently facing many threats: wars in Ukraine and Israel, potential WWIII, possible nuclear holocaust, an ongoing COVID pandemic, other potential epidemics and pandemics, climate concerns, potential global economic collapse, extraordinarily high levels of animosity and intolerance between polarized groups, and epidemics of depression, anxiety, drug addiction, loneliness, alienation, lack of meaningfulness, and individual and collective loss of direction and spirit.

What are the root causes of these problems, and what is the most effective and realistic way to address them?

A major contention of this website is that many of the above problems are predictable consequences of the social and economic model that currently prevails throughout the world---³namely, the Global Corporate Capitalist Economic Model (GCCCEM) and the “Mean Arrangements of Man”¹ that are created by this model. As is explained extensively in companion articles, the GCCCEM is based on, justified by, depends upon, and promotes:

- a very negative, pessimistic, simplistic, incomplete, and inaccurate understanding of Human Nature;²⁻⁴
- a perverted understanding of “competition;”⁵
- an unhealthy notion of how to motivate people;⁶
- a dangerous “leadership” model that grants leadership and power to people with inclinations and willingness to up-regulate expression of the non-altruistic behavioral capacities of our Human Nature;⁷⁻¹⁰ and
- promotion of narrow labelling of people’s social and political beliefs

As explained in companion articles (and not re-explained here), these unhealthy and inaccurate, but prevailing understandings have predictably led to poor decision-making by those in positions of power, and have contributed mightily to the “Mean Arrangements of Man” and the current associated threats facing humanity.

It is the contention of this website that the safest and most effective way to address these problems is to strongly consider the option of an alternative social and economic model---namely, the Children’s Hospital Public Economy Model (CHPEM).¹²⁻¹⁵ As is explained extensively in companion articles, the CHPEM is based on a set of understandings that is completely different from the set of understandings promoted by the GCCCEM. Specifically, the CHPEM is based on:

- a very positive, more complete, more nuanced, more accurate, and optimistic understanding of Human nature;²⁻⁴
- faith in Human Goodness;
- a healthy, more accurate understanding of competition;⁵
- promotion of “moral incentive,” rather than monetary incentive;⁶
- a leadership model that places people with strong altruistic inclinations (i.e., the kindest among us) in positions of power---a leadership model that is more likely to result in kind, fair, wise decisions;⁷⁻¹⁰ and
- avoidance of a narrow labeling of people’s social and political beliefs.¹¹

It is the contention of this website that application of the CHPEM to general economies, if allowed, could result in a safer, healthier, more peaceful world and could markedly reduce the extent of depression, anxiety, drug addiction, loneliness, alienation, and lack of meaningfulness in people’s lives---particularly if efforts to implement and develop the CHPEM are not deliberately sabotaged by those who are threatened by replacement of the GCCEM with the CHPEM.

A major argument of critics and skeptics of the CHPEM is that the CHPEM is an unrealistic model. They believe the CHPEM is too idealistic, relies too much on altruism and “altruistic natural leaders,”⁷ and over-estimates the goodness of Humanity. They contend that “because of Human Nature” and “because power corrupts and transforms” the CHPEM would be doomed to fail. They point out that attempts to implement economic models other than capitalism “have always failed,” and have failed with “monstrous results.” They contend that capitalism, despite its short comings, is the best and most “realistic” economic model, because it is the only model that accurately takes the “realities of human nature” into account.

The counter-argument offered by this website, as explained in several companion articles, is that children’s hospitals have already proven (decades ago) that the CHPEM can be a highly successful and sustainable social and economic model,¹³ and that there is no good reason why the CHPEM cannot work well in the larger economy, if allowed to do so (i.e., if not sabotaged).¹⁵

It is the contention of this website that **not only is the CHPEM a realistic approach to addressing current threats to Humanity, but also it is unrealistic to expect the GCCEM to be able to successfully address these threats**. If the GCCEM has played a major role in causing these problems, why would we think the GCCEM would be able to solve these problems?

It is totally unrealistic, totally pollyannish to think that the enormous problems currently threatening Humanity can be solved by continuing the very model, the GCCEM, that has been a major root cause of these problems in the first place. The most realistic way to effectively address these problems is to marginalize the GCCEM and implement a far healthier social and

economic model---a model like the CHPEM, which has already proven to be a successful and sustainable model.

AFTERWORD:

Although it is unrealistic to expect resolution of the many serious problems currently facing humanity without changing the prevailing social and economic model (global corporate capitalism) and reversing the Mean Arrangements it has created, it remains to be seen whether citizens in individual nations and citizens of the world will be willing to engage in sufficient study of and dialogue about the option of applying the CHPEM to general economies. If so, current illness afflicting Humanity and the earth itself could be effectively treated and great Social Beauty¹³ could result. The articles on this website are intended to stimulate and facilitate such study and dialogue and infuse both with clarity and inspiration.

RELATED ARTICLES:

The Footnotes refer to the following related essays, which are posted (or will soon be posted) on the **Notes From the Social Clinic** website: www.notesfromthesocialclinic.org These essays are listed, by title, in the Table of Contents (TOC) of the website.

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