



An Introduction to Libertarianism and Basic Economics

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Books to Read:

Economics

- “Economics in one Lesson” -Henry Hazlitt ([free PDF](#))
- “Economics for Real People” -Gene Callahan (Economics explained in simple terms) ([free PDF](#))
- “I Pencil” (Quick and easy read about why economic central planning does not work) ([free PDF](#))
- Walter Williams (A world famous George Mason economist. This link will bring you to his various articles):
<http://www.gmu.edu/departments/economics/wew/articles.html>

Government and Foreign Policy

- “A Foreign Policy of Freedom” -Ron Paul ([link to Amazon](#))
- “The Road to Serfdom” -Friedrich von Hayek (shortened version) ([free PDF](#))
- “Myths of the Great Depression” -Larry Reed (short easy read) ([free PDF](#))

Law

- “The Law” -Frederic Bastiat ([free PDF](#))

Novels

- “Atlas Shrugged” -Ayn Rand
- “The Invisible Heart” -Russ Roberts (easy read)
- “The Price of Everything” -Russ Roberts
- “1984” -George Orwell
- “Animal Farm” -George Orwell
- “The Moon is a Harsh Mistress” -Robert Heinlein
- “It Can’t Happen Here” -Sinclair Lewis
- “Harrison Bergeron” -Kurt Vonnegut ([free PDF](#))

Fictional Movies:

- “Brave New World” <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-3536993421073315692&hl=en>
- “1984” <http://video.google.com/videosearch?q=1984&emb=0&aq=f#q=1984%20movie&emb=0>
- “Fahrenheit 451” <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0060390/>

Educational Videos to Watch:

The Philosophy of Liberty

The Philosophy of Liberty: An excellent and easy to understand video created about self ownership and freedom. Beginners should watch this first: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=muHg86Mys7I>

John Stossel on the Issues

John Stossel is a Libertarian news reporter that presents the libertarian way of thinking in a very simple and easy to understand fashion.

Greed Why capitalism and “greed” isn’t as bad as people make it out to be:

- Pt 1: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FOVHiONkot8>
- Pt 2: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EGkEziYbcJo>
- Pt 3: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PxklFh6-D9s>
- Pt 4: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l-bflQuRLbU>
- Pt 5: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZySCPstmxc>
- Pt 6: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HzvAt9n-08U>

Politically Incorrect Guide to Politics The realities of why government does not work:

- Pt 1: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Phs6CwnutoY>
- Pt 2: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e11-cE63Us>
- Pt 3: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vuL8teeuJD8>
- Pt 4: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Pu6cT6ICQQ>
- Pt 5: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rTI9r4pUYh4>
- Pt 6: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hWVLR8Y18e0>

Sick in America Stossel takes on Michael Moore and “Sicko”:

- Pt 1: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aEXFUbSbg1I>
- Pt 2: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BpsEAVbCkMM>
- Pt 3: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=refrYKq9tZQ>
- Pt 4: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QzhiG0dcwN8>
- Pt 5: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xsp_Jh5EIT0
- Pt 6: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E_KCLm9cekU

Stupid in America About government schools and how they have failed:

<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=9069323583494421392>

Foreign Policy and Government

Why We Fight Documentary on the military industrial complex and our foreign policy:

<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=9219858826421983682&ei=CnNKSfuoO4L8rgLVjOXvCw&q=why+we+fight+video>

Ron Paul on Antitrust Regulation:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8C4gRRk2i-M>

The American Power Structure: A video with Ron Paul discussing power in America.

<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-4245169480003136735>

No End In Sight An inside look at the Iraq invasion: <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=6182969183854471645>

Unconstitutional Documentary about the Patriot Act and the lost civil liberties after it was enacted: <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=3105519703637733227>

The Secret Government Bill Moyers talks about the secrecy of the government and why we must make it smaller and reduce its power: <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=3505348655137118430>

Neo Conned by Ron Paul Speech about modern day neocons (short): <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aewpvexAwTk>

We're the Government, and You're Not Satire about the hypocrisy of government (short): <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pvsADU2OOWM>

The Soviet Story Excellent documentary on the Soviet Union/Communism and how they tend to fail teaching kids about it today. Emphasizes the Ukrainian holocaust that most people do not know about: <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=6488701198639525321&ei=pTlISZXvNJj8qwKy6OzBAQ&q=Soviet+Story>

The Great Global Warming Swindle Documentary on the alternative view of “man made” global warming (BBC special): http://www.garagetv.be/video-galerij/blancostemrecht/The_Great_Global_Warming_Swindle_Documentary_Film.aspx

Downsize the Government: A Cato video about agricultural subsidies (short): <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VBZgyaA9Ryw>

Economics

Commanding Heights: An amazing historical view of the two big economic thinkers in the 20th century

- Pt 1: <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-1466397368167658753>
- Pt 2: <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-3122039563423208507&ei=s5idScu0NI3m-AHf8O3uDw&q=CH+-+2&hl=en>
- Pt 3: <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=112129377629231653&hl=en>

Free to Choose: By Milton Friedman. A wonderful visual presentation about why free market capitalism is compassionate and is the only known system to maximize personal freedom.

Volume 1: http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=2024617864923164175&ei=f5mdSfemG6GG_AG94qjsBg&q=free+to+choose

Volume 2: <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-2253962402015490587&ei=6JmdSebiOqDM-gGZt4G6Bg&q=Milton+Friedman+PBS+Free+to+Choose+1980+>

Volume 3: <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-5329526746115377061&ei=6JmdSebiOqDM-gGZt4G6Bg&q=Milton+Friedman+PBS+Free+to+Choose+1980+>

Volume 4: <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=5374242425247995227&ei=6JmdSebiOqDM-gGZt4G6Bg&q=Milton+Friedman+PBS+Free+to+Choose+1980+>

Volume 5: <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=3050305586516558441&ei=6JmdSebiOqDM-gGZt4G6Bg&q=Milton+Friedman+PBS+Free+to+Choose+1980+>

Volume 6:

- Pt 1: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3OIHlaGNaMs>
- Pt 2: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oMgz2W3taw8>
- Pt 3: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FdUHbs-x5sc>
- Pt 4: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BJtNJ5-Ma2w>
- Pt 5: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EkPfY5MJQZQ>
- Pt 6: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x_U_kKxwWps

Volume 7: <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=3535456672331412636&ei=YJqdSaLiO4S4-QHqm4WqBg&q=Milton+Friedman+PBS+Free+to+Choose+1980+>

Volume 8: <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=5871921977484002896&ei=YJqdSaLiO4S4-QHqm4WqBg&q=Milton+Friedman+PBS+Free+to+Choose+1980+>

Volume 9: <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-5538021588734490153&ei=YJqdSaLiO4S4-QHqm4WqBg&q=Milton+Friedman+PBS+Free+to+Choose+1980+>

Volume 10: <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-7531507980205759677&ei=7ZqdSaWAE4P--gGRycjzBQ&q=Milton+Friedman+PBS+Free+to+Choose+1980+>

Milton Friedman on “I Pencil”: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d6vjrzUpIWU>

Why Keynesian Economics Do Not Work Why central planning fails:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VoxDyC7y7PM>

Why Stimulus Does Not Work Let the markets clear on their own:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2mKE16Exh9k>

What Really Stimulates Economic Growth: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jCaUA5l_bYc

Peter Schiff Used Austrian Analytics to predict the financial crisis with stunning accuracy:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2I0QN-FYkpw>

Peter Schiff Explains why government stimulus does not work:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=118kqCPi6Ow>

Why Inflation is Bad (Ducktails Style):
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t_LWQQrpSc4

Why Globalization is Good Excellent documentary about global capitalism by economist Johan Norberg:
<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=5633239795464137680>

Freedom

What is Freedom? What freedom means to people (short):
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JprlU6jJc7c>

The U.S. Drug War: Compelling documentary about the failed U.S. War on Drugs:
<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-6096846089972956081&hl=en>

Reason.tv: Reason.tv has weekly episodes about current events that have to do w/ the libertarian ideology:
www.reason.tv

How to Avoid Being Arrested: ACLU training video of how to flex your civil liberties during a traffic stop.
<http://www.guba.com/watch/3000017930>

Bigger, Stronger, Faster: A movie about steroid use in America. It shows the hypocrisy in government and the inconsistencies of our political policy makers on the drug war: <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-2670591054851050035&ei=SPN1Sb6aCJHEqQKotrm3BQ&q=Bigger+Stronger+Faster>