

Economic Statements

Task – Select 1 of the 7 Core Thinkers that would most agree with each of the following statements. Explain your selection.

1. Tariffs and import restrictions make most people worse off.
2. A large debt & deficit has an adverse effect on the economy.
3. A tax cut can help lower unemployment when the unemployment rate is high.
4. The distribution of income should be more equal.
5. Inflation is caused by a rapid rate of money creation.
6. Pollution taxes are more effective than pollution limits.
7. The redistribution of income is a legitimate role for the government.
8. The benefits of free trade and NAFTA far outweigh the costs.
9. Market forces, not governments, are the primary driver of gas prices.
10. The stimulus and bailouts lowered the unemployment rate.
11. Living standards can only rise if productivity does.
12. Free trade is more about making multi-national corporations better off rather than people.
13. Free markets are not the best way to organize economic activity.
14. Governments can improve economic outcomes.
15. Economics involves trade-offs, thus economies must specialize their production according to lowest opportunity cost.
16. The invisible hand represents perfect information and perfect competition.
17. The free market will correct itself.
18. Austerity (aggressively reducing spending and thus debt) will bring your economy back from the depths of recession.