

Economic Questions

Task – Select 1 of the 7 Core Thinkers that would most likely ask each of the following questions. Explain your selection.

1. Why does wealth tend to concentrate in market economies even in times of great prosperity?
2. Why (if markets are basically free and competitive) does overproduction persist alongside widespread unmet needs and wants?
3. Why does the great promise of capitalism (*abundance and leisure*) remain unfulfilled for most people?
4. What is behind the proverb, “*It takes money to make money*”?
5. What are the consequences of the fact that most wealth is acquired with wealth?
6. How can more economic opportunity become more broadly distributed?
7. Is there a practical, efficient way to enable all people to acquire wealth, without taking anything from existing owners?
8. Will climate change improve or worsen countries’ food security?
9. How can the need for increased economic growth to benefit poor and working people be harmonized with environmental necessities?
10. Does it matter whether the ownership of wealth is highly concentrated or broadly distributed among people?