

Policy

Money: if MUM is the same for everybody, transfers of money per se is indifferent. Then why seek to sell in the best market and buy in the cheapest? First, this helps to allocate goods efficiently; but note this is quite unimportant so long as arbitragers exist to do the work. Also, some care should be taken to guard against defective or inferior goods; but this does not apply to standard goods. In fact, shopping for bargains is on the whole a waste of time, unless very large amounts are involved and trial is difficult--as in buying house or car. Payment and compensation for services rendered or losses incurred should for small matters be handled by customary ideas of equity--application of the principle of minimum disturbance in trifles. Rules of thumb: market value, "fair" return. Applications: compromise in politics, anti-extremism in law and everyday life.

Consumer protection: standard grading and labeling required of all products; subsidization of Consumer reports; stricter food, drug and cosmetic laws; counter-advertising; requirement of safety features on automobiles, etc. *standard sizes*
 Consumer education: dietetics; compulsory periodic physical examinations

World government: world hegemony of military power; power of taxation on individuals; world judiciary as upper court of appeal; exclusive power to coin money and single world currency; free trade, free migration; world language; unified postal system; world banking system.

Narcotics: medical dissemination and regulation

Anti-Overspecialization: adult education; several part-time jobs; professional meetings.

Unemployment: state aid for depressed areas; relocation and retraining aid; pool of public projects on the shelf; more efficient education; less specialization.

Rentierism: ~~reduction of interest rate toward zero~~; net worth tax
 Taxation: sales tax, net worth tax, more automatic withholding; withdrawal of capital-gains and other loopholes.

Public utilities: marginal social cost pricing; revision of anti-trust laws to encourage bigness with increasing returns.

Censorship: abolish

Dishonesty: public exposure.

Miscegenation: no hindrance to.

Psychiatry: periodic compulsory examinations.

Penology: no capital punishment; no specific jail sentences; amalgamation of prisons and hospitals; indeterminate sentences with maximum allowable contact with the outer world; guarding for criminal insanity, etc.; maximum use of fines rather than sentences; sentencing of crime-prone innocents; maximum use of parole.

Prices: stable; many free goods.

Suicide: assisted, if found reasonable; ditto euthanasia

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Working conditions: less formality; hours adjusted to unpleasantness.

Marriage and divorce: no ceremony; state supervision of child nurture; responsibility for children optional otherwise.

Law: simplification of statutes; abolition of juries; psychiatric training for judges; higher standards of honesty; speedy trials.

Patents: prevention of monopoly practices.

Leisure: education for and in; new kinds of sports, fine arts.

Sex: free, no regulation/

Population: larger generally desired; eugenic policies; planned parenthood.

Advertising: code of honesty for, with exposure of miscreants; public advertising of worthy causes.

Relief: state support of those unable to work.

Disposal of the dead: for medicine, fertilizer, chemicals; no cemeteries.

Large organization: organization and methods research; personnel merit system, testing.

Abortion: allowed in early months and for health; infanticide illegal.

Mental retardation: vocational schools; reservation of simple work for; institutions.

Freedom of speech, assembly, ritual (within limits), research, association.

Education: nurture of genius; methods not facts; individual instruction; physical and ethical education; frequent testing; realization of the whole person; dispelling of superstition.

Crippled: special aid for in economic and social life.

Rootless: non-existent.

Esthetics: subsidization as required

Investment: under general control of central planners.

Political control: voting by PhDs; merger of legislature and judiciary; periodic auditing of executive policies; testing and interrogation of officials.

The Good Society

All humanity is united in a single commonwealth. The population is large--on the order of 100,000,000,000 on the Earth, with a still small but rapidly growing contingent in outer space. The population is growing at about 1% a year. Mortality rates are low--about 3 per 1000 per year. Rarely does one die of illness before the age of 100; the main causes of death are accidents --especially in the advanced contingents of outer space--and the feebleness which accompanies extreme old age. The expectation of life is well over 100, and health and vigor are retained almost to the very end. Improvements in all these statistics are continuing.

Technology and the control of nature have reached advanced stages. The extreme intensity of food cultivation enables the world to be fed from a small portion of the Earth's surface. Almost all cultivation is carried on in the sea. Human habitations cover most of the land area--excluding such frigid or arid regions which could not be economically reclaimed. They extend also over most of the surface of the sea. Full use is made of the third dimension. Weather is fully under control. Temperature, humidity, winds, cloudiness and rainfall are varied cyclically and irregularly in the pattern which has been discovered to be physiologically optimal. Climatic patterns in different regions of the world are however deliberately kept diverse to accommodate the varying preferences of the population.

Power is available in almost unlimited quantities from thermonuclear processes. Transportation between any two points of the Earth is rapid, comfortable and almost accident-free. Within the home, cooking, cleaning and other domestic tasks are fully automated.

A great many commodities are available for nothing, and more are gradually being added to the free list. It is possible to live comfortably with no income whatsoever. Most commodities still retain prices however; the largest items in the cost of living being food and housing. Wages comprise by far the bulk of national income. Incomes per hour for different occupations are unequal, tho not greatly so--a range of 10 to 1 covers almost all occupations.

Control of the economic system rests ultimately with the planning council of the world state. This body decides however only on the broadest fundamental goals and policies to be pursued by the economy. Below the planning council of the world are descending systems of regional, national and local councils, ending in local industrial boards and plant managers. In addition there are coordinating bodies of various kinds. The general managerial principle followed is the least-cost and marginal-social-cost-equals-price rule. Within the confines of this principle much local autonomy is encouraged. The very highest managerial--and indeed governing--positions are ~~now~~ filled by popular election among the eligible candidates. The fundamental criterion of eligibility is the attainment of certain education standards, these varying with the position and rising as the importance of the job increases. Channels of communication are opened as much as possible to suggestions and complaints from below, and procedures for review and auditing of policies are fundamental features of management.

The activities of the economic system include in the first place provision for the basic human needs--food, shelter, ~~clothing~~. Public works for improved transport, power, and more effective control of land, sea and air; research, both pure and applied; explorations into outer space; education and nurture; communication; medicine, bodily and mental; administration; and the arts cover the bulk of the output of goods and services.

Hours of work vary with the requirements of the occupation. Almost all jobs entail a training program which runs concomitantly with the duration of the job, advancement in the one going hand in hand with advancement in the other. Almost all jobs again make provision for cross-training in related fields for certain periods during the year, and for advanced training in the specific field of work. These educational concomitants continue thruoutthe working life of the worker.

Intensively-cultivated foods based on algae are available free. Traditional foods which require extensive cultivation command a price, in some cases a rather high one. A wide variety of flavors and food types are available, and of types of preparations of foods, and new types are being invented and put on the market frequently. Artificial cheap substitutes for traditional foods are available; these are in many cases indistinguishable in taste and texture from the original. Foods are fortified so as to guarantee that everyone receives optimal quantities of nutritional ingredients as determined by the latest results of nutritional research. These ingredients may also be purchased in extract form wherever these have been isolated.

Certain drugs are available which induce unusual emotional or esthetic states. In some cases, where their use would be dangerous or habit-forming, use is restricted or supervision required. Also available are certain special-purpose drugs, such as contraceptive pills, hormonal extracts and self-medicants.

The wearing of clothing is optional in most circumstances, and most people spend a large part of their time in the nude, except for footgear, watch and walkie-talkie, and perhaps a neck-pouch for carrying sundries. The control of weather in settled communities permits this mode of dress all year round, tho in some locations cold spells are deliberately introduced for their invigorating effects, and force pedestrians to don clothing. Modesty with regard to the normal naked human body is of course non-existent, tho people who are badly disfigured as the result of accident or otherwise will generally don clothing out of consideration for others. (This condition is almost never permanent, owing to the advanced development of plastic surgery and prosthesis). Clothing may be essential to some for reasons of health. In many cases occupations require clothing of one sort or another. Authority may be represented by insignia worn on clothing, or pasted on the body as decals. Special clothing is required for participation in certain sports, ceremonials, festivals and esthetic productions.

Clothing, when it is worn, usually consists of a one-piece garment which is extremely light and non-confining, made from a plastic. Heavier and more traditional clothing is also available, and in

fact, there is a very large variety of types, textures, patterns and colors available--almost all made from synthetics. Cycles of fashion exist, especially in women's clothing, superimposed upon the stabler variety of individual tastes.

Decoration of the body and the wearing of ornaments is widely practiced, again especially among the women. Here again there are cycles of fashion. The disposition and arrangement of hair on the head, face and body is a matter of individual taste.

Housing varies in size, degree of privacy, and number and quality of conveniences. The bulk is in the form of large, multi-storied houses partitioned into apartments. Small, simple apartments are available rent-free. Almost all apartments have controls for temperature, humidity and other weather features; vibration and sound-proofing controls; odor and perfuming controls; light-intensity adjustors. The better apartments contain in addition retractable walls and partitions, automatic room cleaners (Which are not needed too often, since the air is free of dust and particles), moving floors, automatic cookers and servers. Garbage is disposed of by pneumatic tube which blows it to the neighborhood waste-processing center. Bathrooms are often equipped with automatic massaging and perfuming units. Commodes are just a few inches off the ground. More elaborate dwellings may include gardens and swimming pools. Apartments are constructed so that a wide variety of individual idiosyncrasies may be indulged in.