

# The Challenge of Liberty

## 2011 Summer Seminars for Students



### High School Student Seminar

*June 20–24*

### College Student Seminar

*August 1–5*

Few students have the opportunity to learn the essential ethical and economic principles of free markets and free societies. Yet understanding these principles is essential for thriving in the world they will soon enter. *The Challenge of Liberty Summer Seminars* help students better understand real-world issues they will encounter throughout life.

This five-day series of lectures, readings, films, multimedia presentations, and small group discussion teach students the interconnection of free-market economics, history and the philosophical foundations of liberty and natural rights. Informative, inspiring, and fun, *The Challenge of Liberty Summer Seminars* are an ideal way to make summer vacation intellectually rewarding.



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# Explore Great Ideas, Make New Friends!

*High School Seminar | June 20–24, 2011*

Conference Fee: \$145\* (\$195 after April 30th)

Hosted at the Independent Institute's Headquarters Conference Center in Oakland, CA, this seminar is designed as an introductory course on the principles of free-market economics and the philosophical foundations of freedom and natural rights. Each day consists of presentations by key local university professors and Independent Institute research fellows, as well as smaller round-table discussions. Lunch will be provided.

*College Seminar | August 1–5, 2011*

Conference Fee: \$145\* (\$195 after April 30th)

Conference Fee plus Room & Board: \$475 (\$575 after April 30th)

This week-long seminar, hosted at a local university in the San Francisco Bay Area, features advanced lectures by university professors and Independent Institute fellows. Addressing topics of particular concern to college-age participants, this seminar will deepen students' knowledge by exploring more rigorous questions regarding freedom and economics. Students staying on campus will have access to the university's amenities including cafeteria, pool, athletic fields, dorm common areas as well as nightly events.

\*Scholarships are available for both seminars. Please contact us for more details.

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## Seminar Schedule

**MONDAY: *What is a Market Economy?*** What is liberty? What are natural rights and natural law? Where do they come from? Which ideas gave birth to freedom and progress?

**TUESDAY: *What Role Should Government Play in the Economy?*** What is the “invisible hand” of the market economy? Why did central planning fail in Soviet bloc countries? How do poor nations become rich?

**WEDNESDAY: *What Role Does Competition Play in Free Societies?*** What is an entrepreneur? Is competition wasteful? What is a monopoly? What causes monopoly?

**THURSDAY: *What Are the Solutions for High Housing Costs, Expensive Health Care, and Crime?*** Are these and other issues like pollution and traffic congestion caused by markets or government failure?

**FRIDAY: *What Causes the Business Cycle of Boom and Bust?*** What is inflation? What's a Bull or Bear Market? What causes recessions? Unemployment?