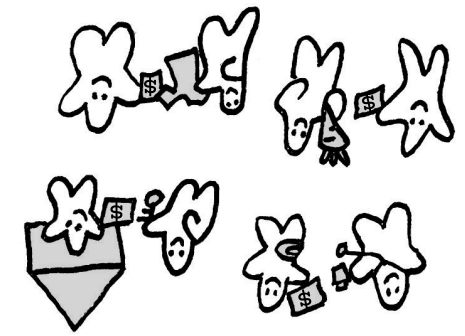


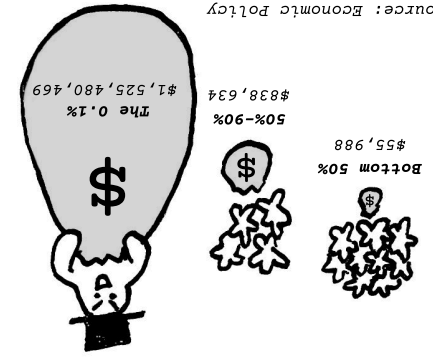
Adam Smith, the "Godfather of Capitalism" believed that such a system would serve the best interests of society.



Capitalism, in theory, is an economic system in which the ownership and production of goods, property, and labor is privatized and supply and demand determine fair prices in a market.

Why has it ended up this way? Is this what the "best interests of society" looks like?

Source: Economic Policy Institute, 2022

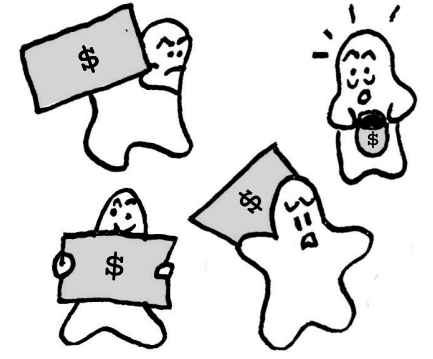


But Capitalism in practice has ended up centering wealth and power on a tiny few, leaving the rest of us with just enough (or not even enough) to survive.

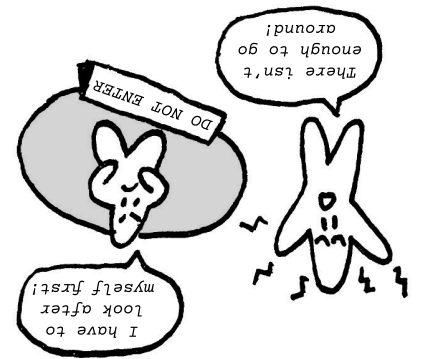


- Want to learn more?**  
Here are some recommended readings
- Freedom is a Constant Struggle**  
by Angela Davis
- Capitalist Realism**  
by Mark Fisher
- How to Be An Anti-Capitalist**  
by Erik Olin Wright
- Mutual Aid 101**  
By Steph & Eug

# CAPITALISM 101



In a society where these ideas are ingrained in us, it becomes acceptable to act in ways that harm others, the environment, or the collective good.



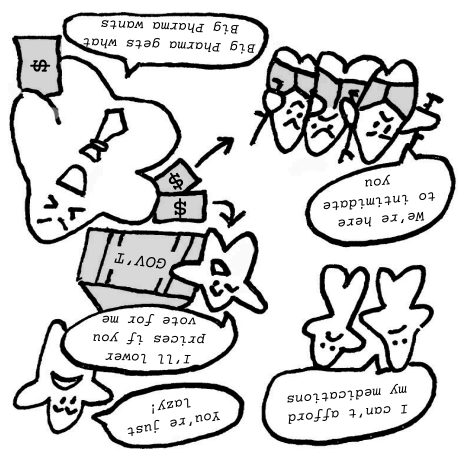
Capitalism relies on and promotes the ideas of scarcity and individualism, which put people in a state of always needing more for themselves in order to feel secure.

But Capitalism is not inevitable, and you are not alone! We can have - and deserve - **a society where all people's needs are met** and the well-being of the collective is more central to our values.



Getting to that better society will be a long process, and it starts with you: participate in alternative structures of care with your neighbors! Help those around you and let them help you in return. We keep us safe!

Read *Mutual Aid 101* for more.



That's how we got to a society where those with a lot of money use it to buy not only goods, property, and labor but also **power, influence, and control**, abusing them to center society on their individual interests over anything else.

This is the era of **Late-Stage Capitalism**, in which every aspect of life becomes privatized to accumulate more \$\$\$ for the wealthy, while the earth burns and the rest of us suffer through it, feeling alone and helpless.

