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Neoliberalism's Effect on Society: An Analysis of the Internalization of Neoliberalism on Freedoms and Democracy

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Purpose of my Research

My paper is a theoretical and qualitative analysis on the phenomenon of Neoliberalism; specifically focusing on how Neoliberalism erodes Democratic norms, conceptions of Freedoms by manipulating our paradigms of thought.

Classical Liberalism

A Political and Philosophical Positioning that should not be conflated with contemporary usages relating to current political parties

- Free Market Economy
- The state is there to protect rights
- Understood Humans as Homo-Economicus focused on exchange



Neoliberalism

The 'new' liberalism, which has become a complex system of governmentality and rationality.

- Free Market Competition
- The States New Role within the Economy
- Understood Humans as Homo-Economicus focused exclusively on Hyper Individualistic Competition

Homo-Economicus

Important Differences

Classical Liberalism

- An 'Economic Man' with tendencies to barter and exchange
- Seek Goods and Services via the Marketplace
- Can make value judgments outside of Economic Thought

Neoliberalism

- An 'Economic Man' in constant competition
- Seeks to acquire all things via the Marketplace
- Economic Paradigm: Human Capital
- 'Cannot/Should Not' make ethical judgments counter to the maximization of self investment

Erosion of Democratic Norms

- States Role in Economy
- Voting Power in Economic Decisions
- Dismantling the Foundation of Freedoms/Rights

Medieval peasant when you explain how we have industrial farming and the internet and are still working twice as many hours as him:



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