

# Market Economy: Explained

 A free market is a self-regulating economic system directed by individuals acting in their own-self interest.



## Private Ownership

- Free market is run by individuals
  - They own the land, labor, and capital
- Works best when there is no government regulations to tell the people what to do.





## Free Market Economic Efficiency

- People are only going to make what they can sell
  - Make what consumers want, when they want it, and at prices people will pay.



## Why do we specialize?



Make this -

Build this -

Grow this-

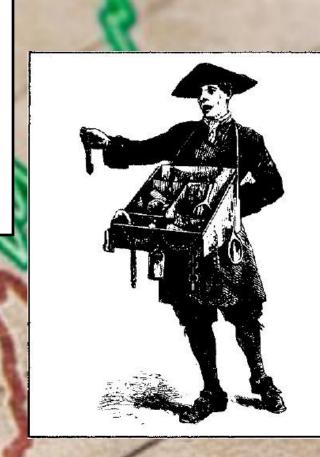






## Importance of Self Interest

- Helps drive Market Economy
  - People produce and sell things out of the need to survive



## Competition



## Importance of Competition

 Forces producers to provide better goods and services and at cheaper prices than their competitors

Spurs innovation



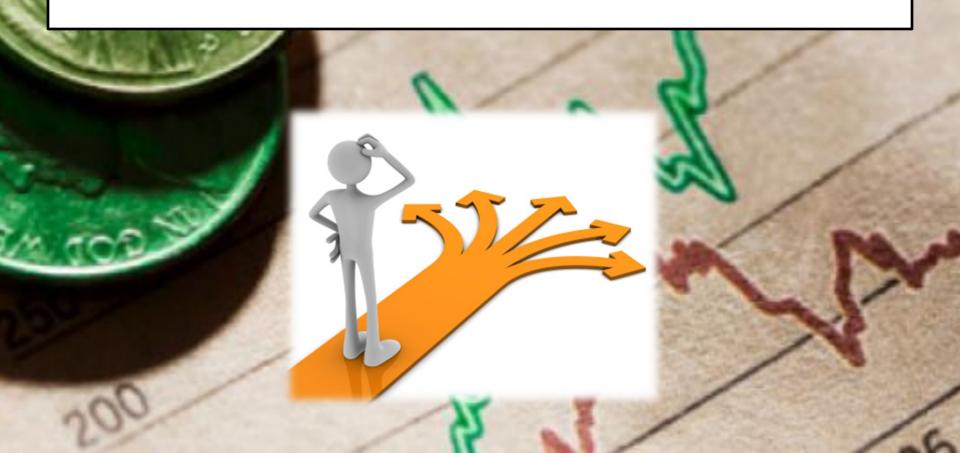
#### Innovation

- People are always trying to find new ways to get money
  - This is how we get better computer games, books, etc.



#### Free Market Economic Freedom

I can choose what to make, what to buy, where to work.





### Problem

There is not a global free market system

