

YouTube Title: “White Nerds Attempting to Rap (Mixed Economy)” <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Un1oV2fbseU>
Video Length: 3:12 minutes

Chapter 18: Theory and Reality, p. 386

Topic: Why Things Don't Always Work, p. 395

Key Terms: Mixed economy, invisible hand, central planning, fiscal policy, monetary policy

Learning Objective 3: The constraints on policy effectiveness.

Summary

A rap featuring two men, Brendan and Drew, each defending a type of policy: Monetary and Fiscal. They are also discussing other aspects of economics, such as mixed economies, central planning (government intervention), and the invisible hand, with slight mention to the GDP.

Economic Application

This video illustrates the on-going debate between “hands-off” and “hands-on policy” perspectives.

Multiple-Choice Question

The two men are arguing, respectively, for _____ and _____, which together, form a mixed economy.

- a) Freedom of speech, freedom of religion
- b) Government intervention, free markets
- c) Fiscal policy, monetary policy
- d) Invisible market, government output

Discussion Question

What are the arguments for a hands-off approach versus a hands-on economic policy approach?