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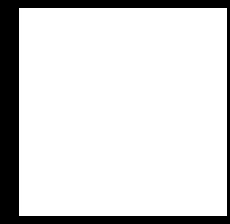
4pm - 8pm, Thu 15 Mar
4pm - 8pm, Fri 16 Mar
Southern Cross Station
Pedestrian Bridge

1-6pm, Sat 17 Mar
1-6pm, Sun 18 Mar
State Library Victoria (Forecourt)
328 Swanston Street
Melbourne

11am - 3pm, Thu 22 Mar
3pm - 6pm, Fri 23 Mar
NAB Forecourt
Cnr Bourke Street & Harbour
Esplanade, Docklands

1pm - 6pm, Sat 24 Mar
1pm - 6pm, Sun 25 Mar
Southbank Promenade
Between Southbank Pedestrian
Bridge & Sandridge Bridge

Steve Lambert
Creator



Capitalism Works for Me! Steve Lambert



This sign is here temporarily to keep score on how capitalism is working for people in this area. When you vote True or False at the podium, the corresponding number goes up on the scoreboard. Ordinarily we aren't able to vote on capitalism.

Today you can vote on capitalism.

What is Capitalism?

Not an easy question to answer – it means different things to different people. However most can agree capitalism is the primary economic system in Australia and based upon private property, competition and profit.

What do you mean “works”?

Only you can answer this. For some capitalism working means they have their basic needs met – food, clothing, shelter. For others, it means they have debt under control, able to save money, are paid fairly at a steady job with healthcare, retirement, time-off, and other benefits. Does capitalism work for you?

What do you mean by “me”?

The sign is asking if capitalism works for you, in *your* life, today. It's not asking if you hope it will work in the future, or if it works for everyone. Just you, lately.

About the Project

In a democracy we have a duty to evaluate the way our nation works and improve it. We can do that for capitalism as well.

Every economic system humanity has tried has problems. *Indeed, this is the challenge:* practicing our ability to imagine something better than flawed systems of the past. We can do better than capitalism. To do so, we must have the courage to evaluate this system – does it work? Does it work for you? Does it work for our neighbors? What are the advantages? What are the disadvantages?

And once we evaluate it - how can we do better than capitalism?