

FUNDAMENTALS OF LIBERTY

a Rampart College home study program
of assisted self-education

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The "Fundamentals of Liberty" course is the culmination of thirteen years of research centered on the nature of man and his interactions with other individuals and organizations. It is filled with the facts and explanations underlying the philosophy of individual freedom. It can provide the increased knowledge and self-confidence you need to handle any daily situation, whether at home, in business, in your social life - anywhere!

The course contains information on a multitude of aspects of human liberty: the nature of the mind and how it operates, the nature of ownership, the nature of both voluntary and coercive means of organizing human energy; an analysis of the human record with special emphasis on such eras as the Industrial Revolution and the American story. It examines the nature of the market and economics, the nature of the state, and ways of dealing with the problems facing all of us today.

Here are some of the 52 lesson topics:

MOTIVATION

Four basic human drives. What prompts men to take action?
What is the concept of self-sacrifice?

RESPONSIBILITY AND OBLIGATION

Does the individual have a responsibility to society? When
is a person obligated to do something against his will?

HOW OWNERSHIP OCCURS

What is ownership? What is the relationship of ownership
and property to human well-being?

THE QUESTION OF MORALITY

Is morality objective? Can morality be enforced? Is
morality practical?

THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF ANTI-CAPITALIST PROPAGANDA

An historical review of the period that led to the development of the machine age, and of the social theories in vogue at the time.

COMPETITION AND MONOPOLY

Does a free market inevitably lead to monopolies? A study of the economic principles in day-to-day activities.

THE ANTITRUST LAWS

Historic and contemporary views of antitrust legislation. The purpose and intent of the laws, and their results to date.

PRICES AND UNEMPLOYMENT

How the pricing system works. The causes of unemployment and high prices.

MONEY AND BANKING

The seemingly complex subject of money and banking, discussed in understandable terms. A complete explanation of the Federal Reserve System.

THE GREAT DEPRESSION

The period from 1929 to 1940. The events leading to the depression of the thirties and the steps taken to cure it.

HISTORY IN CYCLES

A brief look at the development of various cultures.

FROM BABYLON TO STEAM

Economic and social advances. The creative energy of the individual and the societal influences.

THE CIVIL WAR

The view from the north and the view from the south. Economic and political influences of the period 1850 to 1870.

ORIGINS OF SOCIALIST THOUGHT

The meaning of collectivism/socialism and of individualism. A discussion of some of the most prominent contributors in the philosophic confrontation.

THE SOVIET UNION SINCE 1917

Has the Russian experiment worked? What was the economic condition following 1917? What is it now?

THE STRUCTURE - A CORRUPTED SYSTEM

A study of how men organize to get things done. Can individuals form together in groups and maintain their freedom and independence?

COMMUNICATION

Suggestions for developing the power to explain ideas without becoming boring or "preachy." Eighteen steps in communication.

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Progressing through the lessons, students learn

- . why men and women act the way they do
- . how to spot inconsistencies in ideologies
- . how to separate the propaganda, the slanted journalism, from the facts
- . why people fear a free society
- . how opinions are formed - and changed
- . the difference between possession and ownership
- . the relationship between prices, costs, and profits
- . how to evaluate human organization
- . how to analyze current events with clear-headed detachment
- . how to assert opinions without fear of the disapproval of others
- . the facts needed to support one's conclusions
- . the ability to attract others to one's point of view
- . the difference between private capitalism and state capitalism
- . what kind of social organizations inhibit human liberty

People who are really interested in learning, in acquiring knowledge and understanding, rate education far above formal academic credits. Fundamentals of Liberty is for everyone who wants to learn - whatever their social or academic level.

Here are sample comments from graduates of the Fundamentals of Liberty home study course:

- "Fundamentals of Liberty has been the most stimulating intellectual experience of my life thus far. It provided me with a systematic study of libertarian social philosophy, and it has enabled me to improve my exposition of that philosophy. The course has made me explicitly aware of the philanthropic nature of libertarianism, and it has enabled me to take a more dispassionate view of current events."

R. Lawrence Conley
East McKeesport, Pennsylvania

- "I have found this course to be very valuable in organizing ideas and concepts that I had absorbed before taking the course, as well as providing me with much new information and new insights. It helped to clarify my thinking and beliefs and resolve some of the conflicting ideas I had been unable to resolve. I had done extensive but rather willy-nilly reading on the subjects of liberty and the free market, and my convictions were not well formulated nor based on fundamental principles. The logic and well-organized lessons of your course helped me to fit the pieces of the puzzle together and has done much to enable me to put my faith unreservedly in freedom. The questions at the end of each chapter were a great help in helping to retain the information and ideas put forth. I honestly don't know how the course could be improved upon."

Ruth H. Lewis
Bellevue, Washington

- "The most valuable thing I gained from the course was an increased ability to give a justification for my moral standards. I will always be able to live by my moral standards. That is something the government cannot control. Knowledge, once obtained, cannot be taxed away or diluted by inflation. Through the Fundamentals of Liberty course, I have obtained something I can keep for as long as I live."

Jerry Emanuelson
Colorado Springs, Colorado

1. Epistemology
2. Praxeology
3. Motivation
4. Responsibility and Obligation
5. Definition of Freedom
6. Property and Ownership
7. Classification of Property
8. The Nature of Ownership
9. How Ownership Occurs
10. The Question of Morality
11. Value
12. Industrial Revolution - I
13. Industrial Revolution - II
14. Industrial Revolution - III
15. The Industrial Revolution and the Development of Anti-Capitalist Propaganda
16. Introduction to Economics - I
17. Introduction to Economics - II
18. Competition and Monopoly
19. The Antitrust Laws
20. The Robber Barons
21. Prices and Unemployment - I
22. Prices and Unemployment - II
23. Money - I
24. Money - II
25. Wealth

26. Profits and Costs
27. Banking
28. The Federal Reserve System
29. The Great Depression
30. Early Man
31. Emerging Man
32. History in Cycles
33. From Babylon to Steam
34. The American Story - I
35. The American Story - II
36. The Battle of Lexington
37. The Civil War
38. Declaration of Independence - I
39. Declaration of Independence - II
40. Protection - I
41. Protection - II
42. Defense
43. Origin of Socialist Thought
44. History of Socialism
45. Socialist Writers
46. The Soviet Union Since the Revolution
47. The System - I
48. The System - II
49. The Structure - A Corrupted System
50. Power and Structural Variation
51. Withdrawal of Sanction
52. Communication

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Home Study Program

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Students receive fifty-two lessons, which are mailed five at a time. At the end of each set of five lessons, accompanying quizzes are returned to the college for correction and comment. Students may raise all possible questions in connection with the material and will receive answers through correspondence with staff members. A certificate of successful completion will be awarded when it has been earned.

The full price of the course is \$175. There are two ways of paying:

- A. Send \$148.75 with the enrollment form. This provides for a discount of 15% for cash. (You save \$26.25.)
- B. Send \$37.50 now (\$20 deposit plus \$17.50 for the first set of lessons); then \$17.50 for each of nine (9) additional sets of lessons, making a total payment of \$175 plus the \$20 deposit. The deposit will be refunded upon completion of the course.

ENROLLMENT FORM

Mail to: Rampart College
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Santa Ana, CA 92701

I wish to enroll in the Rampart College home study program, FUNDAMENTALS OF LIBERTY. I will pay according to plan (A) _____ (B) _____ and my payment is enclosed.

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