

DIVIDE AND RULE?

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Labor has led us into a depression, so we'd better put the Libs in. It's a simplistic way of thinking, isn't it? Is there any reason to think that the Libs know what to do, either?

It is diverting and gives an illusion of real change, as we vote one of the major parties out and bring the other in. Fundamentally, nothing really changes. That suits those behind the scenes who really run the show from positions of power and privilege. They like to present politics as a fight between labor and capital; just another example of divide and rule. Labor and capital have a commonality of interest in full employment and prosperity.

The media accepts the charade that is party politics.

As the system denies jobs to our children, there is a call for more taxes for training and job creation schemes. But taxes, together with inflated (and then collapsing) land prices, have caused our present plight.

Well, what do we do?

Neither charity, taxes, socialism nor capitalism hold any real answers for the present economic depression.

So, we should listen to the only group to say that economics *is* a science – to the only body to forecast, *in 1984*, a depression in 1992 following the collapse of western property markets at the end of the '80s.

	SOCIALISM (The Left)	GEORGISM (The Centre)	CAPITALISM (The Right)
HALLMARKS	regimentation	liberty/prosperity	privilege & poverty
CONTROL	bureaucracy	free enterprise	private monopoly
FREEDOM/ SECURITY	are in conflict	harmonised	are in conflict
WEALTH	bought by money	created by labor	bought by money
CAPITAL	includes land	excludes land	includes land
PRIVATE PROPERTY	abolished	sustained	confused with land
LAND	nationalised	title held by rentpayer	monopolised by "owners"
ECONOMIC RENT	neglected	used to replace taxes	into private pockets
TAXES	increase; cause "bust"	abolished	increase; cause "bust"
LAND PRICES	nil	nil	increase; cause "bust"
INCOMES	"equalised"	fully to labor	minimum to labor

We should listen to TAX REFORM AUSTRALIA, promoting the ideas popularised by the American social philosopher and economist, Henry George. He said: "Slash all taxes and take land rent for revenue, and you *can't* have unemployment, recessions or depressions – no matter how hard you try!"

A Middle Way?

There is an alternative to the tax system which does away with the polarisations of "divide and rule".

In fact, it is actually the foundation of a new economic model – being

neither capitalist nor socialist – but based on employment opportunities and justice for all people.

Don't believe it? Still trapped in "black and white thinking"? Have a look at the comparisons on this chart.

"Radical", yet 'Middle Road' Politics to end the depression!

By getting our revenue, fairly, from the resources we use instead of fining people for working, we create a new and sustainable economic model: it conserves the planet's resources, and lets people get on with their own thing *without* penalty taxes.