

Economic U\$A

Explore the fundamentals of economic history, theory, and practice, including microeconomics and macroeconomics, through interviews with Nobel Prize-winning economists.

Tuesdays at 12:00 on WPBS-TV

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September 25	24	Reducing Poverty The causes of income inequality and the role of social welfare policy are examined.
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November 6	2	Markets and Prices Developer William J. Levitt's low-cost housing and Reggie Jackson's contract help explain the powerful forces of supply and demand.
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December 4	6	Fiscal Policy This program explores how the government's tax and spending policies are used to reduce the severity of business cycle fluctuations
11	7	Inflation This program examines the economic and social costs of the inflationary spiral of the early 1960s and questions whether the problem of inflation has been solved.
18	8	The Banking System The S&L crisis is reviewed with a discussion of deposit insurance and the accountability of financial institutions. This program was revised in 1992.
25	9	The Federal Reserve The rising power of the Federal Reserve Board and the pros and cons of

		increasing reliance on monetary policy are examined.
January 1	10	Stagflation Demand-pull and cost-push inflation: looking at the economic crises of the 1970's and the economic expansion of the 1990's.
8	11	Productivity The cause of America's great productivity slide is examined, along with possible solutions.
15	12	Federal Deficits This program examines efforts to reduce the deficit, including the Gramm-Rudman Act and a proposed constitutional amendment requiring balanced budgets.
22	13	Monetary Policy Three Federal Reserve Chairmen — Arthur Burns, Paul Volcker, and Alan Greenspan — are examined.
29	14	Stabilization Policy This program covers the debate between monetarists and Keynesians, supply-side economics, and the 1985 Bonn Economic Summit.
February 5	15	The Firm This program looks at the economic factors behind Coke's secret formula change, Studebaker's demise, and The Asbury Park Press
12	16	Supply and Demand The California drought, the Arab oil embargo, and the designer jeans craze reveal the forces of supply and demand.
19	17	Perfect Competition and Inelastic Demand This program presents the inside story of American farming's crises from the 1920s to the present.
26	18	Economic Efficiency Rent control in New York City explains the effect of wage and price controls in a free market economy.
March 4	19	Monopoly The stories of Standard Oil, AT&T, and Microsoft demonstrate the power, importance, and problems of monopolies.
11	20	Oligopolies This look at the rise of oligopolies and the growth of government regulations includes a debate of the effects of airline deregulation.
18	21	Pollution The private and social costs of pollution and the international response to global warming are explored.
25	22	Labor and Management The effects of labor unions are discussed with examples from the ILGWU, the <i>New York Herald Tribune</i> , and the UAW.
April 1	23	Profits and Interest This program explains how banks, big business, and little entrepreneurs act to maximize profit.
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