

CLASSICAL SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

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VIEWING GUIDES

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How much commerce and navigation in particular, how many ship-builders, sailors, sail-makers, rope-makers, must have been employed in order to bring together the different drugs made use of by the dyer, which often come from the remotest corners of the world!
Adam Smith, *The Wealth of Nations*

- Before viewing

What does Adam Smith mean by universal opulence? How can it be achieved?

Do you agree with Smith's argument that self-interest in the long-run will result in common good?

What did Adam Smith mean by the invisible hand of market?

Are you on Rousseau's side of argument regarding the ultimate authority of state to make decision for its subjects, or on Smith's side who favored small state?

- While viewing

When did Jamaica get its independence? After how many years? From who?

What happened in 1944 in Jamaica?

Why, according to the documentary, IMF was established? Who established it? Whom was it supposed to serve?

What did the former secretary mean when he said: "When you ask whose interest, you ask who set it up"?

Why could not the Jamaicans “protect their domestic market” as a principle on which Smith put huge emphasis?

Why and how did Chinese workers end up in Jamaica? How was their payment different from Jamaican workers?

How was the alleged lack of “standard” used to harm domestic production in Jamaica?

How the imposed international policies resulted in monopoly in Jamaica?

How does voting system work at IMF?

How big companies like McDonald and Burger King ended up in Jamaica?

What is “the New World Order”?

- After viewing

Do some research on GATT, NAFTA, and TPP, their history, and impacts on the so-called “less developed” countries?

What do you find to be the most problematic or strongest aspect of Smith’s analysis?

After watching this documentary, What do you think Jamaicans feel about terms like development, the US, Europe, tourism with??

Some people, policies, and media associate black people with crime, Latino/as with “illegal” immigration, and Muslims with terror. After watching this documentary, what do you think native Jamaicans think about white people?

How do you feel about Adam Smith’s notion of sympathy and the invisible hand of God which supposedly would restrict our greed for accumulation of money and possessions?

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