

Common Wealth Basic Income and Common Good Basic Income

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BIKN's Definition of Basic Income

- Articles of Organization
- Article 2 (Purpose) The network aims to contribute to the realization of a basic income that can guarantee freedom and participation of all members of the society **in a real and equitable way**. Basic income refers to the income that is paid in cash to all, unconditionally, individually, and regularly, based on **the rights of all members of the society to the common wealth**.
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- Not only real freedom but also real participation
- Basic income as a property right

Andrew Yang's Basic Incomes

- Freedom Dividend
 - 1,000 dollars per month to all adults
 - Financed by value added tax
- Carbon Dividend
 - Sets an initial carbon tax of \$40/ton, increase in regular intervals
 - Use that tax to fund, after administrative fees:
 - (50%) The Universal Basic Income
 - (50%) Enhancing energy efficiency or renewable resources
- Democracy Dollars
 - \$100 Democracy Dollars for each federal election cycle
 - A voucher that they can use to support candidates of their choosing

Democracy Dollars

- We need to diminish the influence that mega-wealthy individuals and companies have in our elections.
- To do so, we must make it possible for all Americans to contribute to candidates they feel strongly about, in order to drown out the voices of the few who can spend millions of dollars to influence our politicians.
- The easiest way to do this is to provide Americans with publicly funded vouchers they can use to donate to politicians that they support.
- Every American gets \$100 a year to give to candidates, use it or lose it.
- These Democracy Dollars would, by the sheer volume of the US population, drown out the influence of mega-donors.

How to Categorize Democracy Dollars

- It is different from A. B. Atkinson's participation income
 - It is paid in advance.
 - There is no obligation to use it.
 - You cannot use it for yourself, but should give it to others.
- It is different from ordinary basic Income.
 - It is a voucher that can be used only to support candidates.
 - The purpose is to guarantee real and equal participation in representative democracy.
- We need another category of basic income

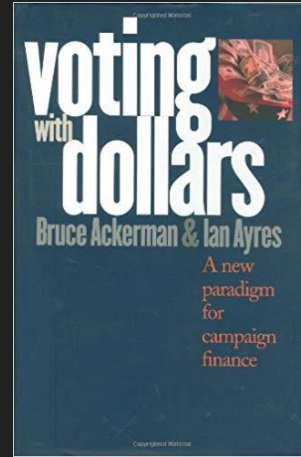
Common Wealth and Common Good Basic Income

- Common wealth basic income
 - Universal, unconditional, individual
 - Money. The amount may vary with age.
 - Purpose: guarantee real freedom for all
 - Rationale: common owners of common wealth
- Common good basic income
 - Universal, unconditional, individual
 - Money to support political agents. The amount must be same.
 - Purpose: guarantee real and equal participation for all in the discussion of common good
 - Rationale: sovereign citizens of political society
 - "Common good" means the purpose of politics, or politics itself.

Political Dividend

- 1 person 1 dollar
 - Give everyone the same amount of money that can be used to support politicians.
- Case of Korea
 - Current political donation tax credit system - If you donate 100,000 won to a politician, you will receive a tax deduction of 100,000 won.
 - This tax credit system is an unequal system that discriminates against women, students, elderly and low income workers, who can not receive income tax credit, as they do not pay any income tax.
 - Change of order ... Give every citizen 100,000 won to support politicians.

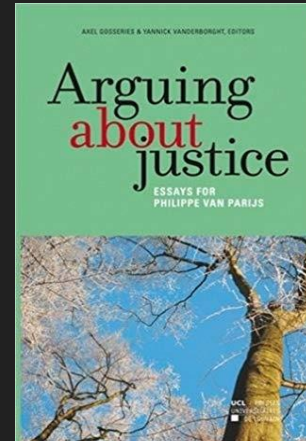
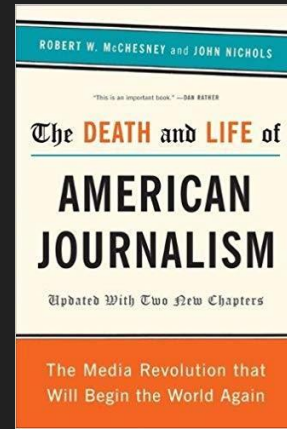
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Media Dividend

- With the recent technology, it has become difficult to finance the media through the subscription model.
- Media capture... rich elite captured the media
 - Media dependence on advertising has increased, but advertising is being concentrated on a handful of portals.
- Case of Korea
 - Distribution of citizens: Left 30, Middle 30, Right 40
 - Distribution of MPs: Left 5, Middle 50, Right 45
 - Distribution of the media: Left 10, Middle 10, Right 80
- 1 person 1 dollar ... Give everyone the same amount of money they can use to support the media.
- We can change the political distribution of the media without violating freedom of the press.

Common Good Basic Income



- Land is one of our common wealth.
- The value of some parts of land will increase without labor.
 - Solar energy ... Photovoltaic power generation needs land, not the sun.
 - Climate crisis ... When the sea level rises, the remaining land becomes precious.
- Case of Korea
 - If we tax at 0.4% on land, we can give 600,000 won per person per year.
 - About 90% of population will become net beneficiaries.

Carbon Dividend

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- 4** Former Chairs of the Federal Reserve (All)
- 27** Nobel Laureate Economists
- 15** Former Chairs of the Council of Economic Advisers

Economists' Statement on Carbon Dividends

Global climate change is a serious problem calling for immediate national action. Guided by sound economic principles, we are united in the following policy recommendations.

I. A carbon tax offers the most cost-effective lever to reduce carbon emissions at the scale and speed that is necessary. By correcting a well-known market failure, a carbon tax will send a powerful price signal that harnesses the invisible hand of the marketplace to steer economic actors towards a low-carbon future.

II. A carbon tax should increase every year until emissions reductions goals are met and be revenue neutral to avoid debates over the size of government. A consistently rising carbon price will encourage technological innovation and large-scale infrastructure development. It will also accelerate the diffusion of carbon-efficient goods and services.

III. A sufficiently robust and gradually rising carbon tax will replace the need

for various carbon regulations that are less efficient. Substituting a price signal for cumbersome regulations will promote economic growth and provide the regulatory certainty companies need for long-term investment in clean-energy alternatives.

IV. To prevent carbon leakage and to protect U.S. competitiveness, a border carbon adjustment system should be established. This system would enhance the competitiveness of American firms that are more energy-efficient than their global competitors. It would also create an incentive for other nations to adopt similar carbon pricing.

V. To maximize the fairness and political viability of a rising carbon tax, all the revenue should be returned directly to U.S. citizens through equal lump-sum rebates. The majority of American families, including the most vulnerable, will benefit financially by receiving more in "carbon dividends" than they pay in increased energy prices.

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Knowledge Dividend

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- Basic income based on income tax
- Sir Tim Berners-Lee
 - Inventor of the Internet(WWW), gave it freely as a gift to humanity.
 - AI is made possible by big data on the Internet.
 - Supporter of BI
- Herbert Simon
 - One of the founding fathers of artificial intelligence.
 - Nobel laureate in economics
 - Knowledge is our common wealth... 90% of all income is based on the knowledge of others.
 - it is desirable to tax at a uniform rate of 70% and to divide the tax revenue into basic income.

