

A NEOLIBERAL ARGUMENT FOR MEDICARE FOR ALL

Why are industries which aren't in health care providing health care programs at all? Why can't we provide health care for everyone so that businesses can focus on their own businesses?

LET THEM EAT (STARBUCKS' COFFEE) CAKE

A couple of older billionaire white dudes have been shooting off their mouths. One of them is partially clued in. The other one apparently lives on a different planet where the sky is a groovy coffee-colored plaid.

BEFORE TRUMP DID NOTHING WHEN MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN WENT AFTER JAMAL KHASHOGGI, HE DID NOTHING WHEN MBS WENT AFTER

ALWALEED BIN TALAL

Jamal Khashoggi is not the first Saudi with strong American ties whom Mohammed bin Salman has targeted. He did so with Alwaleed bin Talal as part of his purge last year. And that time, Trump seemed downright enthusiastic about the treatment.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE CULTURAL ELITES: CHANGES IN THE CONDITIONS OF PRODUCTION

The production of culture is largely under the control of corporations and institutions. Brain workers do not control their own production.

THE NEW BEZZLE

How big is the bezzle? Economists don't want to know.

10 YEARS OUT: WHAT'S WITH THE BEAR IN THE

MIDDLE?

Ten years ago this week Bear Stearns crashed. It was a surprise to see Bear Stearns' name pop up in the middle of recent HPSCI testimony. Ditto seeing Trump linked to Bear Stearns' bond financing before the 2008 crash. Have we learned nothing?

SENATE DEMOCRATS CAVING, MAY ROLL BACK DODD-FRANK REGULATIONS

Didn't Congress learn anything from 2008? Didn't Democrats in particular learn anything from the banking-created crash? Tell them to get a clue and vote NO on S.2155 banking regulation roll-back.

THREE THINGS: THIS MATIN, THINK LATIN

A motley collection of things on my desk, fit only for an open thread – stock and commodities markets this morning, a little playing with language, some cyber. The usual around here.

THREE THINGS: NO, NO, AND HELL TO THE NO ON THE TAX BILL [UPDATED]

I don't have three things. I just have three (or more) layers of pure rage about the so-called tax reform bill now returned to the Senate floor. This is an open thread – vent your rage here.

THE SLOW DEATH OF NEOLIBERALISM: PART 4B

Neoliberal theories are great for elites but they are cruel to the rest of us, and they make us worse people.