



The Ivy League Connection

MACROECONOMICS ESSAY PROMPT

Using the prompt below, write a 500 word essay delineating your opinions and providing a strong argument to back up your position.

In the upper right hand corner of the essay we need:

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The essay must be emailed to dongosney@comcast.net no later than 9:00 PM on Tuesday January 15th, 2013.

The file name should read (using your name replacing the XXX's):

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Immediately above your essay, cut and paste the following:

Economists tell us that “the world is flat” in that the world economy has gone digital, making it easier for businesses to operate with factories and offices all over the world. Some countries artificially prop up some of their businesses to corner the market and improve the economy of that particular country. Sometimes this succeeds to the point where the world economy suffers due to the manipulation of the market. [An example of this is the way the Chinese government subsidized the solar panel market to decimate solar panel manufacturers across the planet.] Many newly unemployed workers claim that the globalization of many businesses moves high paying jobs to countries where the cost for this work is less.

There is even a political theory that suggests that free trade and the interdependency on products from other countries helps to prevent wars between the major powers.

With governments manipulating businesses and world markets in these ways, do the benefits outweigh the costs? Please expound on these benefits and costs.