





MALLFEE AS ANCE

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- In classical economic theory (think Adam Smith) economic self-interest has tended to be presented as a **civilized activity**.
- This suggests that a desire **to seem civilized curtails the potential for fraud** or force to achieve one's self-interest.
- Scholars recognized that **this assumption is not exactly true** and thus not very helpful in understanding economic behavior.

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