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Henry George's ideas on land reform

"Affordable housing" is one of the main problems of social justice. The traditional ideal of liberalism is for everyone to have the freedom to achieve their goals in life. But if the basic necessities are deprived from people then they could be in a situation that is virtually without freedom.

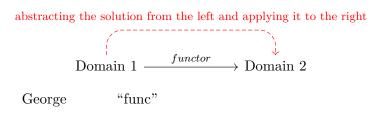
Housing is an acute problem in most developed countries in particular in big cites. In Hong Kong (where I'm from) the real-estate tycoon families were a ruling class established during the British colonial period, as a means of using locals to control the masses. The unfair exploitation of housing became a problem in Hong Kong that persists to this day. In China, Xi Jinping in 2016 proposed the political slogan, "Houses are for living, not for speculation."

But the answer to the housing problem might have been proposed nearly one and a half century ago by the American economist Henry George. His solution is the land tax



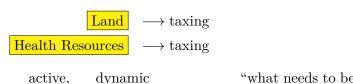
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"functor" "changing what needs to be changed":



George "externality".

Georgism



passive active, dynamic "what needs to be changed"

over-worked and

underpaid.

Looking back at land Georgism, its purpose is not to completely ban real estate as a profitable business, but it does make monopolizing land much harder.

Georgist status quo (principle)