

Thanksgiving conversations

As stated on the first day of class, the goal of EC 203 is to provide students the tools to have healthy and meaningful **conversations** about economic issues during the Thanksgiving break (and beyond).

To get some conversations going, you will see a list of **10 suggested questions** below. They summarize some of the main topics we have discussed over our lectures. The goal here is **not** having you teach your parents/relatives/friends about these topics. Instead, the interest here is **listening** and **screening** how those close to you think about the economy, regardless of their background. You are, for sure, encouraged to help with their opinions, but here we will try to concentrate on how people close to us think about these current economic topics.

1. What are tariffs?
2. Do you think tariffs improve a country's economy?
3. Do you know why the current extraordinary tariffs have been implemented last April?
4. Who pays/is paying for the current tariffs?
5. What is your view on taxes?
6. What is the tax that you have the most negative view on?
7. What is the tax that you have the most positive view on?
8. Where does the money put upfront to fund college education come from?
9. What is your view on the government participating in the economy?
10. Are you worried about the government deficit increasing over the next four years?

Of course, you have better things to do during the Thanksgiving break than talking about the economy. You have until **12/08** (Monday) to bring in the answers **in written form**. I will give some time in class for you to discuss the answers among your groups and we will have an informal "debriefing" in class. It will be a nice way to wrap up our learning over this semester.

Note: There is **no** need to submit anything through Canvas. You must bring answers **in written form** so we can share them in class.