

The following questions are based on the [video](#) we watched together in class. In a recent episode of the "Odd Lots" podcast (Bloomberg), economist Isabella Weber discussed the recent inflationary period in the U.S. and other countries after the COVID-19 pandemic. She has introduced a novel explanation for inflation, coined as "seller's inflation." Based on the video (we have watched about 25 minutes of it in class), reflect on the following questions:

[1] When discussing monetary policy with the purpose of controlling inflation, prof. Weber argues that workers can be "punished twice" from such a policy. Using your own words and with the content presented over the past lectures on this theme, explain how and why workers may suffer this double punishment. (10 points)

[2] Comment on the possibility of "buffer stocks," on commodities such as oil and grains. What would be their purpose? How would they help in preventing cost-push inflation? (10 points)

For all questions, write between 3 to 5 paragraphs. Submit *either* a PDF file with your typed answers *or* use the text entry option through Canvas. The assignment is called "*Seller's inflation reflection*." Points from this assignment will be put into the "Quizzes" grading group.