

# PT 2 IMP

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# Slate Star Codex Writes,

5. Capitalism. Imagine a capitalist in a cutthroat industry. He employs workers in a sweatshop to sew garments, which he sells at minimal profit. Maybe he would like to pay his workers more, or give them nicer working conditions. But he can't, because that would raise the price of his products and he would be outcompeted by his cheaper rivals and go bankrupt

...

From a god's-eye-view, we can contrive a friendly industry where every company pays its workers a living wage. From within the system, there's no way to enact it.

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The implicit question is – if everyone hates the current system, who perpetuates it?

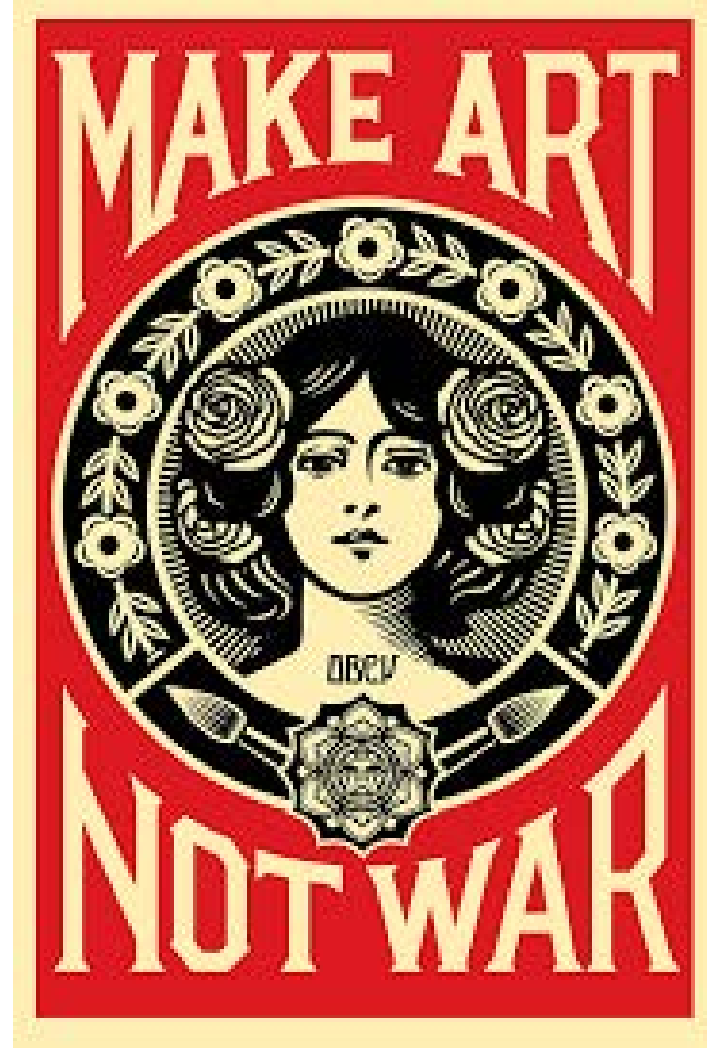
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# Take three cases,

1. War
2. Political Polarization
3. Economic Inequity



Citation: Hartung, William. *Profits of War: Corporate Beneficiaries of the Post-9/11 Pentagon Spending Surge*. 13 Sept. 2021.

*The Attention Economy: Why Do Tech Companies Fight for Our Attention?* 17 Aug. 2017, [https://assets.website-files.com/5f0e1294f002b15080e1f2ff/612f8e3fa20df8374659a774\\_1%20%20The%20Attention%20Economy%20Issue%20Guide.pdf](https://assets.website-files.com/5f0e1294f002b15080e1f2ff/612f8e3fa20df8374659a774_1%20%20The%20Attention%20Economy%20Issue%20Guide.pdf).

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**What is a free market?**

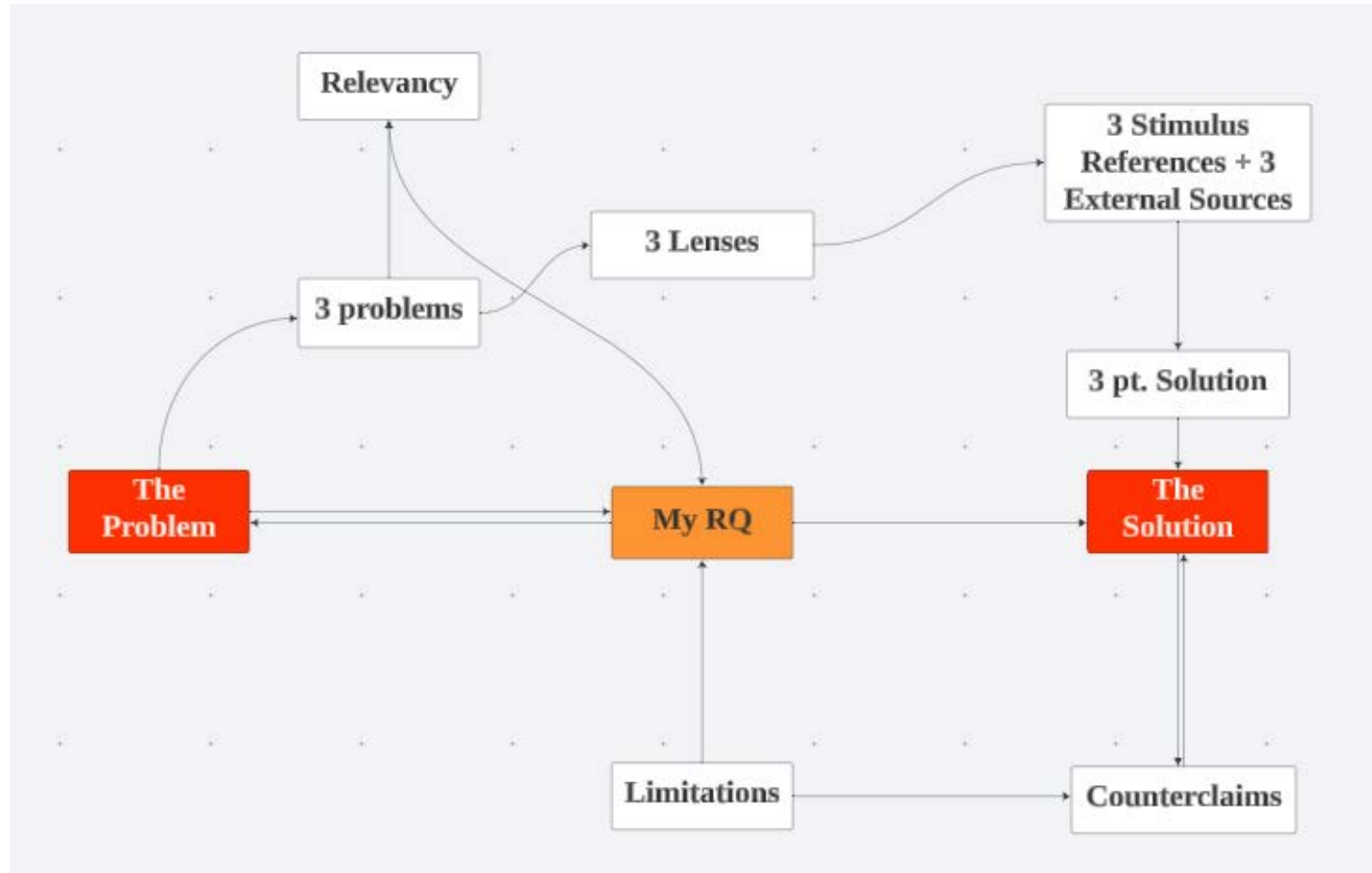


**How can the United States build  
resilience to systematic corruption in  
corporations?**



**Education, Courage, and Ideals**

## My argument:



# Historical / Political Lens

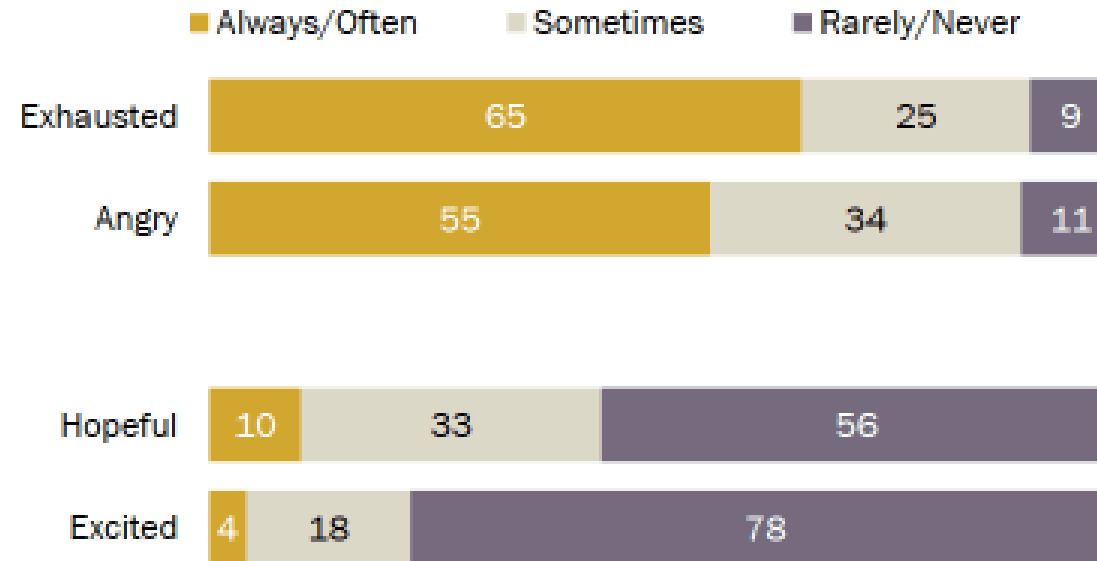
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# Historical/Political Lens

## How Americans feel when they think about politics

% who \_\_\_\_ feel each of the following when thinking about politics these days



Note: No answer responses not shown.

Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted July 10-16, 2023.

"Americans' Dismal Views of the Nation's Politics"

PEW RESEARCH CENTER

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"Americans' Dismal Views of the  
Nation's Politics." *Pew Research Center*  
- *U.S. Politics & Policy*, 19 Sept. 2023,  
[www.pewresearch.org/politics/2023/09/19/americans-dismal-views-of-the-nations-politics/](https://www.pewresearch.org/politics/2023/09/19/americans-dismal-views-of-the-nations-politics/).



# FDR said:

“The only thing we have to fear is fear itself- nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror which paralyzes needed efforts to convert retreat into advance.”

Banksy, *Flower Thrower*



- Courage
- Education
- Ideals

Citation: Roosevelt, Franklin D. “First Inaugural Address of Franklin D. Roosevelt.” *Yale.edu*, Washington, D.C. : U.S. G.P.O. : for sale by the Supt. of Docs., U.S. G.P.O., 1989, 4 Mar. 1933, [avalon.law.yale.edu/20th\\_century/froos1.asp](http://avalon.law.yale.edu/20th_century/froos1.asp).





# Cultural / Social Lens

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### ***From Moral Courage and Intelligent Disobedience,***

“This article will make the case that moral courage, including intelligent disobedience when warranted, should be taught and encouraged to ensure those in the follower role have the disciplined initiative to disobey orders when appropriate and to recommend alternatives that uphold professional military core values.”



- Courage
- Education
- Ideals

Citation: Thomas, Ted, and Ira Chaleff. “Moral Courage and Intelligent Disobedience.” *InterAgency Journal*, vol. 8, no. 1, 2017, pp. 58–66.



# **Artistic / Philosophical Lens**

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## Artistic/Philosophical Lens



- Courage
- Education
- Ideals

Jacob Lawrence,  
*Confrontation on The Bridge*

Citation: Jacob Lawrence.  
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# Counterclaims



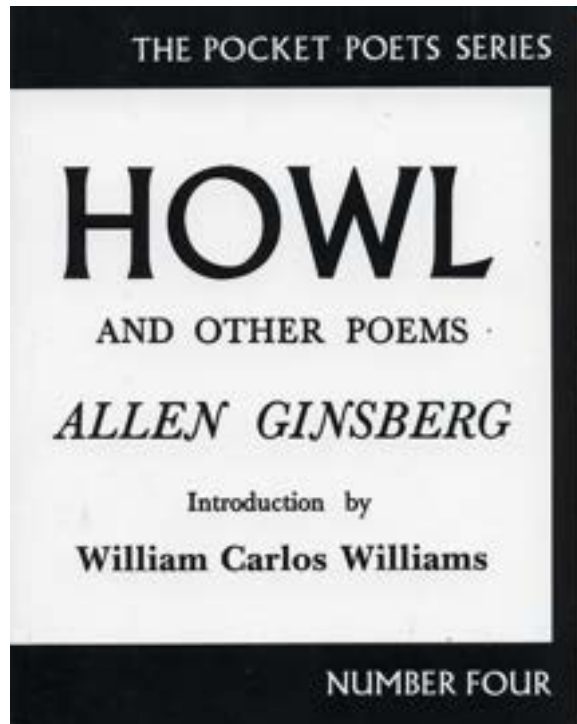
## Two Approaches:

1. The system should not be dealt with
2. The system should be dealt with differently





### Interpretive Sources vs “Reputable” Ones



vs.



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# My Solution:

*Healthily maintaining the framework of a free-market economy- one that's able to resist systematic corruption of corporations- is requiring of courage, education, and a shared ideal.*



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