

Capital Markets & Investments

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Everyone has a favorite something.

- Singer, rapper, movie, TV show, snack, sports team, conspiracy theory, drinks, emojis, animals, meme,...



- Why not a favorite (financial) economist?

John Cochrane

- Markets are generally efficient, and government intervention usually makes things worse.
- We need narrow banks.
- Inflation is fundamentally a fiscal problem – too much government debt without credible repayment plans leads to price instability.



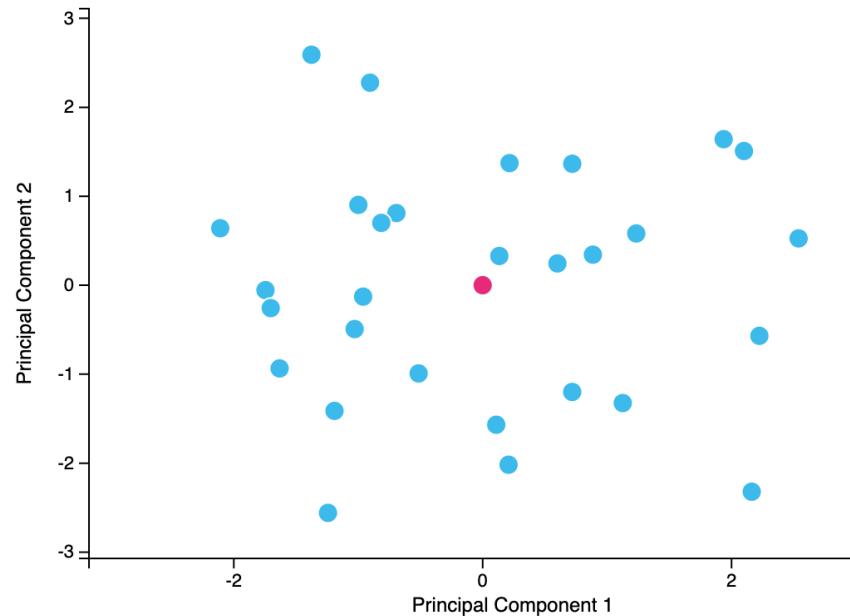
Joseph Stiglitz

- Markets frequently fail due to information asymmetries – people don't have perfect information, so outcomes are not efficient.
- Inequality is not just a side effect; it's a major driver of economic inefficiency and instability.



Which famous economist are you?

- <https://tinyurl.com/famousEcon>



A 2D slice of the space of opinions. In the complete space, the economist
you are closest to is: