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IN THE NEWS

Prices, Poverty, and Inequality: Why Americans Are Better Off Than You Think

AEI book forum, Monday, December 15, 2008



David E. Weinstein (Columbia University), **Douglas J. Besharov** (AEI and University of Maryland), **Henry Olsen** (AEI), and others will discuss how misleading measurements of income and poverty have fueled the idea that the economic well-being of all but the wealthiest Americans has stagnated over the past twenty-five years. [\[Read more\]](#)

David E. Weinstein
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BOOK

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Coming Age of the Über-Athlete: What's So Bad about Gene Enhancement and Doping?

AEI event, December 18, 2008

Jon Entine (AEI), **Edwin Moses** (Laureus World Sports Academy), **Paul Haagen** (Duke University Center for Sports Law and Policy), **Dionne Koller** (University of Baltimore School of Law), **Theodore Friedman** (University of California, San Diego), **Andy Miah** (University of the West of Scotland), and many others will discuss the implications of the coming era of the über-athlete on society and public policy. [[Read more](#)]

The Next Frontier in School Choice: Tuition Tax Credits?

AEI event, December 15, 2008

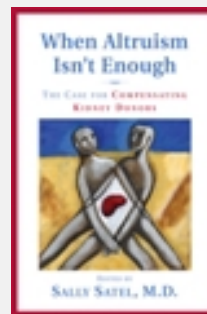
Frederick M. Hess (AEI), **Kevin Welner** (University of Colorado at Boulder), **Adam Schaeffer** (Cato Institute), **Kevin Chavous** (Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP), and **Sheila Simmons** (National Education Association) will discuss a new frontier in school choice: tuition tax credit programs. [[Read more](#)]

WORKING PAPER

A Statement on the Appropriate Role for Research and Development in Climate Policy

By **Robert W. Hahn**, **Lee Lane**, Kenneth J. Arrow, Linda R. Cohen, Paul A. David, Charles D. Kolstad, W. David Montgomery, Richard R. Nelson, Roger G. Noll, and Anne E. Smith
Social Science Research Network, December 2008

Robert W. Hahn (AEI), **Lee Lane** (AEI), **Kenneth J. Arrow** (Stanford University), **Richard R. Nelson** (Columbia University), and others discuss the role of research and development in devising effective policies for addressing the adverse potential consequences of climate change. Climate change is a serious issue that governments need to address, and it is vital that research and development be made a



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In *When Altruism Isn't Enough: The Case for Compensating Kidney Donors* (forthcoming), editor **Sally Satel, M.D.**, explores the key ethical, theoretical, and practical concerns of a government-regulated donor compensation program.

ARTICLES

Getting Out of the Credit Mess

By Harvey Golub
Wall Street Journal, December 9, 2008

Harvey Golub (AEI trustee) argues that the last thing Americans need is policy that encourages or incurs more debt. [[Read more](#)]

What Would Keynes Have Done?

By N. Gregory Mankiw
New York Times, November 30, 2008

N. Gregory Mankiw (AEI and Harvard University) argues that although John Maynard Keynes died more than a half-century ago, his diagnosis of recessions and depressions remains the foundation of modern macroeconomics. [[Read more](#)]

central part of governments' strategies for responding.
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RECENT EVENT

Rethinking Federal Housing Policy: How to Make Housing Plentiful and Affordable

AEI book forum, December 8, 2008

Edward L. Glaeser (Harvard University), **Joseph Gyourko** (Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania), **Alice Rivlin** (Brookings Institution), **John Weicher** (Hudson Institute), and **Henry Olsen** (AEI) discussed how to make housing affordable and plentiful for the middle class and the poor. [[Read more](#)]

Delegating to the Center

By [Lawrence B. Lindsey](#)

New York Times, November 30, 2008

Lawrence B. Lindsey (AEI) argues that Barack Obama faces the most difficult job transition anyone will ever face: moving from campaigning to governing as president of the United States. [[Read more](#)]

Which Is More Important, Your Doctor or a Personal Injury Lawyer?

By [Newt Gingrich](#) and Wayne Oliver

Chicago Tribune, December 7, 2008

Newt Gingrich (AEI) and **Wayne Oliver** (Center for Health Transformation) argue that in order to sustain an intelligent system of health justice, we must insist on a judiciary that upholds the law and refrains from legislating from the bench. [[Read more](#)]

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