

JUSTICE PROPERTY THRIFT

...and How

- The Society aims to provide education and support for individual and community efforts, through literature, local events, and the nurturing of regional and local chapters.
- We will build a populist movement consisting of lay and academic activists dedicated to the development and implementation of distributist economics, while responding to unfolding innovations and challenges.
- The Society will encourage political initiatives to favor family owned and worker-owned businesses, guilds, differential taxation policies, interest free financing, and subsidies for productive property.
- We will advocate and support local trade, food banks, micro-credit lending, Community Supported Agriculture, co-housing, small-scale technology, and local farming, as well as voluntary land associations dedicated to urban and rural homesteading.

JOIN US, AND HELP BUILD A DISTRIBUTIST SOCIETY

We cannot continue to depend on an exhausted government or unbridled market. Families need healthy food, educational alternatives, and communities principally producing for themselves in order to contribute to a materially adequate and spiritually wealthy society.

Distributist economies benefit the community by providing an unmatched competitive advantage over their capitalist and socialist counterparts. Whether through the historical guilds of Europe, the current worldwide success of cooperatives, credit unions, home-based businesses, or micro-credit banking, the distributist model is proven to offer the greatest ownership diversification of any of its contemporaries.

We are neither progressives nor conservatives. Our beliefs stem from a traditional recognition of the family as the central and most basic unit of society and the interdependent role of neighbors and community.

The mission of The Society for Distributism is to promote a humane economic and social policy of scale through the advocacy of Distributism. Our organization welcomes cooperation with like-minded groups and individuals, while remaining firm in our fealty to Catholic Social Doctrine.

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VIRTUS VITA RESTITUO

What We Want...

Distributism is an economic system based on the principles of Catholic Social Doctrine which propose a just and ordered society through:

- Reintegration of justice into the marketplace; harmonizing the relationship between morals and economics
- Narrowing the gulf between ownership and work in order to build stability via worker cooperatives and family-based businesses
- Widespread property ownership as an integral element in achieving independence from unbridled corporate and bureaucratic control, as well as usurious lending.
- Subsidiarity: less centralization and smaller, diverse authoritative bodies at the helm of our local institutions, businesses, and government
- Thrift: engaging families in the Cardinal Virtues by encouraging self-restraint and resourcefulness in consumption
- Solidarity with the worker, the marginalized, the poor, and the family

Economics as if families mattered

Towards an Ownership Society

Distributism is the system of micro-property; a socio-economic model based on the widespread distribution of property ownership, realized through subsidiarity and ownership of the workplace by the workers who produce the goods and services of the community.

Inspired by the principles of the papal encyclical *Rerum Novarum*, a 20th century socio-economic movement called *Distributism*, developed by writers G.K. Chesterton and Hilaire Belloc, opposed the concentration of power in few hands, whether capitalist or socialist. These materialist systems, rooted in the period known as the Enlightenment, created dependency on unjust wages and institutionalized welfare. Indeed, the

“Our society is so abnormal that the normal man never dreams of having the normal occupation of looking after his own property. When he chooses a trade, he chooses one of the ten thousand trades that involve looking after other people's property.”

consequences are ubiquitous. Appetite, waste, planned obsolescence, overproduction, the elimination of private property, and the maximization of profit has steered the course of nations around the world at the expense of our moral compasses, the poor, and the community of families.

Distributists perceive a society of wealth producing families owning the land and the means of production as the remedy for unrestrained trade and bloated government. By looking at the past, we can build upon the political economy bequeathed to us and advance the work of those theorists who stood resiliently to restore an economy of values.

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G.K.

Looking back.
Moving forward.