

Homework for ECO 1326

Read *From Aristocracy to Monarchy to Democracy: A Tale of Moral and Economic Folly and Decay* (2014) by Hans-Hermann Hoppe (available: <https://mises.org/library/aristocracy-monarchy-democracy>) and answer both questions below in an essay.

1) Hoppe believes that a “natural aristocracy” is better than democracy for managing a society’s scarce economic resources.

a. What is this “natural aristocracy” and why does Hoppe believe democracy has failed? Do you agree with Hoppe, why or why not?

b. Hoppe believes that secessionist movements can help address the failure of democracy in the modern western welfare-state? Why is this?

2) Give one example (e.g. Scotland, Catalonia, Texas, French Canada, the Basque Region, Uighurstan in western China, southern Mexico, the Kurds, northeastern Mali, or one of your choosing) of a current secessionist movement and describe the current state of play.

a. Who is in support of independence and who is against this decentralization? What are some of the tactics used by independence movements and anti-independence nationalists to support their causes?

b. What is the economic self-interest involved for those for and against secession in the example you have chosen? This section should use at least one external reference (wiki is acceptable in this case) from where the student gained information on a secessionist movement.

The essay should be between 800 and 1,000 words, use and display a word count and submit the essay in hardcopy by the due-date. The essay should reference at least two specific passages in Hoppe’s monograph in order to frame your argument (reference page numbers). The essay should include both the student’s views as well as material from class discussion and from Hoppe. The student will receive the full 10% of the class grade if all the questions are answered and within the above requirements.