

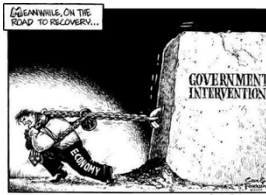
Characteristics of the United States Economy

- ★ *The United States economy is primarily a free market economy; but because there is some government involvement it is characterized as a mixed economy.*
- ★ *Government intervenes in a market economy when the perceived benefits of a government policy outweigh the anticipated costs.*



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- ★ *Markets are generally allowed to operate without undue interference from the government. Prices are determined by supply and demand as buyers and sellers interact in the marketplace.*



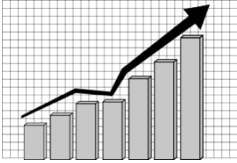
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- ★ **PRIVATE PROPERTY:** *Individuals and businesses have the right to own real and personal property as well as the means of production without undue interference from the government.*



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★ **Profit:** Profit consists of earnings after all expenses have been paid.



A bar chart with six bars of increasing height from left to right. A thick black arrow points upwards and to the right, starting from the top of the first bar and ending above the top of the sixth bar, indicating a positive growth trend.

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★ **Competition:** Rivalry between producers and/or between sellers of a good or service usually results in better quality goods and services at lower prices.




A grid of various brand logos. The logos are arranged in several rows and columns. Brands include Apple, Lenovo, Acer, HP, Dell, Sony, BenQ, MSI, IBM, Fujitsu, Gateway, Acer, LG, Clevo, ASUS, Toshiba, and Veratec. There are also logos for fast-food chains like McDonald's, Burger King, and Dairy Queen, as well as other brands like Starbucks and Sonic.

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★ **Consumer sovereignty:** Consumers determine through purchases what goods and services will be produced.

★ **Government involvement in the economy is limited.** Most decisions regarding the production of goods and services are made in the private sector.



A photograph of a person standing on a stage in front of a large screen. The screen displays the text "consumer is king" in white lowercase letters against a dark background.
