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Oct. 27, 1989

- FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -

The officially-registered FREEDOM PARTY OF ONTARIO is pleased to present Dr. Walter Block, senior economist with the Vancouver-based FRASER INSTITUTE, who will be speaking on ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES this SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm at the Regal Constellation Hotel, near the Toronto airport.

Members of the media are welcome.

Using the building blocks of free market prices, private property rights, and a justice system that protects such rights, Dr. Block will demonstrate how the economics of the market can be used to attain ecologically sound environmental goals efficiently and effectively. Free enterprise is not the cause of environmental problems, but it CAN be part of the solution.

Arguing that there is no intrinsic conflict between the market and the environment, Dr. Block will explore the idea that a reconciliation between economics and ecology is not only possible but desirable as well.

For more details or information
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October 10, 1989

Dear Friends and Supporters,

It seems that everywhere you turn, the environment is on everybody's mind, and for good reason. The consequences of pollution, deforestation, acid rain, and depletion of many of the world's resources and wildlife have become all too visible. According to many leading environmentalists, a global crisis appears unavoidable, economic growth must be slowed, and immediate government action is our only hope to turn the tide.

But is it necessarily so? Is our environmental future that bleak? This is an issue that demands our full understanding; the choices we make today will create the consequences with which we must live tomorrow. Thankfully, there are answers to our environmental concerns that do not involve the pessimistic, bleak futures predicted by so many environmental groups.

For an informative, refreshing, positive and future-oriented view on the environment you are cordially invited to join me for Sunday brunch with Dr. Walter Block, senior economist of Vancouver's FRASER INSTITUTE, on Sunday, October 29, 10:30 am to 2:00 pm at the CONSTELLATION HOTEL near the Toronto airport (brunch served at 11:00 am). Cost: \$40/plate (tax-creditable!) Your net cost can be as little as \$10.00!)

As an independent Canadian economic and social research and educational organization, the FRASER INSTITUTE has become renown for its research into economic matters from a free-market perspective. Dedicated to the task of objectively documenting government intervention in the economy, the FRASER INSTITUTE is possibly best known for advancing the concept of tax-freedom day, that day of the year when the average taxpayer has paid his dues to various levels of governments.

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Now, the FRASER INSTITUTE is focussing its attention on one of the most significant issues of the day, one that is not traditionally viewed from an economic perspective --- the ENVIRONMENT. Make this your opportunity to gain some valuable insight to an issue that we'll be hearing and reading about well into the 21st century.

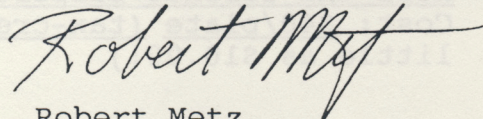
Dr. Block will demonstrate how governments and politicians have been evading economic realities and violating private property rights --- and how such government actions, policies and programs have become a major contributor to the world's environmental crisis. Most importantly, Dr. Block offers an alternative, one that is not steeped in the pessimism and gloom-and-doom talk of most modern-day environmentalists.

After his opening presentation, Dr. Block will welcome your questions or comments --- on any issue. This is your chance to get some of those elusive answers to economic questions you've been searching for.

Act now! --- Time is limited. Reservations will be accepted by mail or phone. Call us at (519) 433-8612; should you receive a recorded message, please leave your name and number; your call will be returned as soon as possible.

I'm looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,
FREEDOM PARTY OF ONTARIO



Robert Metz
Ontario President

P.S. Advance orders for the FRASER INSTITUTE's forthcoming book, Economics and The Environment: A Reconciliation (due to be released in December) will be accepted at our Sunday event.

P.P.S. Remember, all fees and contributions are tax-creditable! Use the handy post-paid envelope and response forms enclosed.

P.P.P.S. Contact us if transportation is a problem or inconvenience; we'll see what we can do to accomodate your needs.

Sunday Brunch
with
Fraser Institute Senior Economist
Dr. Walter Block
speaking on
"Profits, Plunder & The Environment"

"If we exploit the resources of the earth, use them, find replacements for them, *learn* from such exploitation, our technology will continue to develop. If we do not, and are motivated by fear, and have no faith in our ability to meet challenges, we will hoard the resources we have at present, and we will not grow any further. We will be waiting, ostrich-like, for the sun to go out and the world to end, having foregone the advanced technology that only increased population and exploitation of the resources the earth makes possible."

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

10:30 a.m.

(Brunch served @ 11:00 a.m.)

THE CONSTELLATION HOTEL

900 Dixon Rd. (near the LB Pearson International Airport)

REXDALE (TORONTO) Ontario

\$40 per plate (tax-creditable)

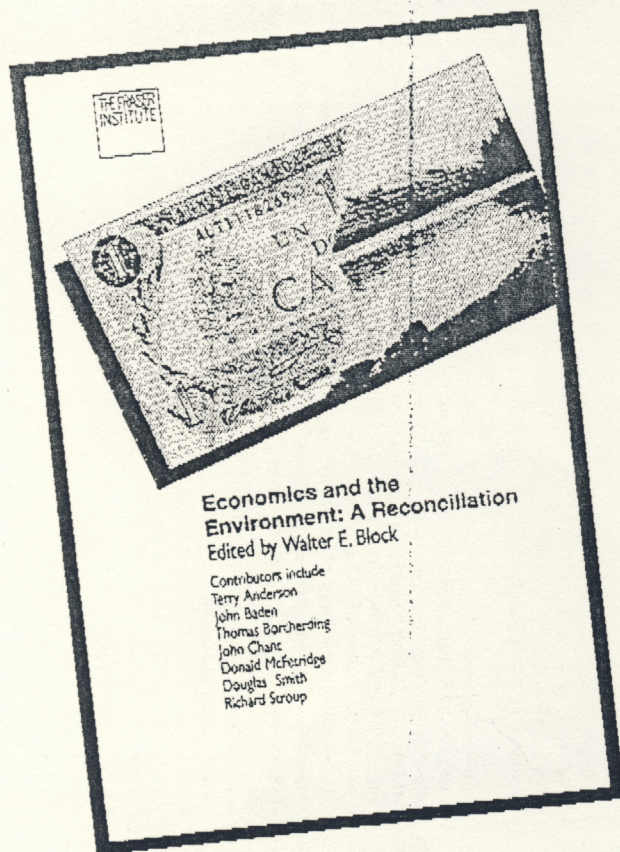
(your net cost as low as \$10!)

Dr. Walter Block...

is Senior Research Fellow at the Fraser Institute in Vancouver, British Columbia, and Director of its Centre for the Study of Economics and Religion. A member of the British Columbia Association of Professional Economists, the Canadian Economic Association, the Canadian Association for Business Economics, and an ex-university professor of economics, he has worked in various research capacities for the National Bureau of Economic Research, the Tax Foundation, and **Business Week**.

Dr. Block has published numerous popular and scholarly articles on economics. He is a regular contributor to **The Financial Post**, and writes a syndicated column for **Sterling** newspapers. An economic commentator on national television and radio, he lectures widely on public policy issues to university students, service, professional and religious organizations. Walter Block is the editor of the Fraser Institute books **Zoning: Its Costs and Relevance** (1980), **Rent Control: Myths and Realities** (1981), **Discrimination, Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity** (1982), **Taxation: An International Perspective** (1984), **Theology, Third World Development, and Economic Justice** (1985), **Morality of the Market: Religious and Economic Perspectives** (1985), **Reaction: The New Combines Investigation Act** (1986), **Religion, Economics and Social Thought** (1986), and is the author of **Defending the Undefendable** (1976), **Amending the Combines Investigation Act** (1982), **Focus on Economics and the Canadian Bishops** (1983), **Focus on Employment Equity: A Critique of the Abella Royal Commission on Equality** (1985), and **The U.S. Bishops and their Critics: An Economic and Ethical Perspective** (1986).





Economics and the Environment

A Reconciliation

Edited by Walter Block

(1990)
352 Pages
\$19.95 Paperback
ISBN 0-88975-067-X

Contributors include: Terry Anderson, John Baden, Walter Block, Thomas Borchering, John Chant, Edwin Dolan, Donald McFetridge, Murraray Rothbard, Douglas Smith, Jane Shaw, and Richard Stroup.

Economics and the environment—implausible bedfellows at the best of times. However, the world runs on well-understood principles, and environmentalists' goals must translate into workable economic solutions. Using the building blocks of free market prices, private property rights, and a justice system that protects such rights, the contributors to this unique volume demonstrate how the economics of the market can be used to attain ecologically sound environmental goals efficiently and effectively. Free enterprise is not the cause of environmental problems, but it can be part of the solution. There is no intrinsic conflict between the market and the environment. *Economics and the Environment* explores the idea that a reconciliation between economics and ecology is not only possible but desirable as well.

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Visa and Mastercard orders are also accepted, please phone (604) 688-0221 or FAX (604) 688-8539.



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September 13, 1989

Dr. Walter Block
c/o THE FRASER INSTITUTE
626 Bute Street,
VANCOUVER, British Columbia
V6E 3M1

Dear Walter,

As per our last telephone conversation, we've booked your room at the CONSTELLATION HOTEL in Toronto (phone: 416-675-1500) for Sunday night, October 29. Your confirmation number is 10154329V; included in your booking is a free breakfast for Monday morning.

I've also enclosed a copy of a letter to the editor of the London Free Press regarding a David Suzuki editorial on the "mindlessness" of economics and economists, in which I mentioned his refusal to debate you. A copy of Suzuki's editorial and his reply to us are also enclosed.

Regards.

Sincerely,
FREEDOM PARTY OF ONTARIO

Robert Metz
Ontario President

Reservation Cancelled: Oct. 19/89
"Joe"
- was not in file -

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THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA



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August 29, 1989

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FREEDOM PARTY
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Mr. Murray Hopper
Manager, Special Projects
Freedom Party of Ontario
P.O. Box 2214, Station A
London, Ontario
N6A 4E3

Dear Mr. Hopper:

Thank you for your letter of August 10.

Dr. Suzuki wishes me to inform you that he will not be able to participate in a debate with Dr. Walter Block at your brunch in Toronto on October 29.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shirley Macaulay".

Shirley Macaulay
Secy. to David Suzuki

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August, 1989

Dr. Walter Block
c/o THE FRASER INSTITUTE
626 Bute Street,
VANCOUVER, British Columbia
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Dear Walter,

Thank you for agreeing to be our guest of honour at our Sunday, October 29 brunch in Toronto.

As per your suggestion, the topic on which we will focus will be the environment, and it would appear that your suggested format (during which you would speak for about an hour and then allow for an hour of questions from the floor) is ideal for a Sunday morning brunch.

However, we did take the long-shot by writing to David Suzuki to see if he would be willing to debate you on this issue (copy of letter enclosed), though I doubt this will change our current plans.

I've enclosed Milton Friedman's comments regarding pollution from his February 1973 interview in Playboy magazine, which was reprinted as the first chapter in his book Bright Promises, Dismal Performance. You may find some of his comments interesting.

I'll be in touch with you by phone regarding developments on the October event as they may occur. Thanks again for being part of our effort.

Sincerely,
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August 10, 1989

Dr. David Suzuki
SOUTHAM SYNDICATE
20 York Mills Road, Suite 401,
WILLOWDALE, Ontario
M2P 2C2

Dear Dr. Suzuki,

On Sunday October 29, 1989, our party is hosting a buffet brunch at the Constellation Hotel in Toronto, with Dr. Walter Block (senior economist of the Fraser Institute) as guest speaker.

As Dr. Block is speaking on environmental problems, he has let us know that he would be agreeable to a debate on the environment, tentatively resolved "that the free market is a better protector of the environment than political action", with Dr. Block assuming the affirmative. We know of your commitment to the environment; it is our earnest hope that you might be agreeable and available to defend the opposite viewpoint.

If you would care to discuss matters with Dr. Block before coming to any decision, he can be reached at: The FRASER INSTITUTE, 626 Bute Street, Vancouver B.C., V6E 3M1; Phone: (604) 688-0221; Fax: (604) 688-8539. Should you require any additional details regarding this event, or FREEDOM PARTY itself, please do not hesitate to contact myself or our party president, Robert Metz, at the number listed above.

Thanks for your consideration; it is our earnest hope that this meeting can take place.

Sincerely,
FREEDOM PARTY OF ONTARIO

Murray Hopper
Manager, Special Projects