

On Capitalism III

Noam Chomsky and other left anarchist types criticize capitalism and wage labor by arguing that workers can't give valid consent because their alternative to working is starvation. Nevermind that employers are not the force creating the prospect of starvation (that's Mother Nature's doing), but doesn't this criticism apply equally to every other arrangement? Can workers in a commune or syndicate give consent if their alternative to working is also starvation? It seems to me that everyone's alternative to either working or leeching is starvation. As such, decrying wage labor because of less than desirable alternatives that exist for everyone is disingenuous at best, dishonest at worst. And before you say that capitalists are just leeching off of workers, do your homework on the roles of capitalists and entrepreneurs in the economy. You might be surprised by what you find. And that's today's two cents.