Liberty High School

Economics

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Minimum Wage Madness

Study Guide, Hw# 6

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1. How do advocates of increasing the minimum wage credit their position as being?
2. What does the author say these advocates fail to understand?
3. What is the simple fundamental economic principle does the author say these advocates overlook?
4. What does the author say regarding countries with minimum wage versus those that do not?
5. What is the unemployment rate in Switzerland?
6. What other historic examples does the author cite of past lower employment rates?
7. Given the fact that a minimum rate tends to increase unemployment, why doesn’t a minimum wage benefit all of society?
8. Why doesn’t the author believe that people living below the “poverty line” do not have such a difficult life?
9. What does the author say regarding the standard of living of these Americans versus the average European?
10. What determines who is considered poor in our country?
11. What does the author say regarding the people in the lower 20% percent income bracket?
12. Why does the author believe that being in the lower income bracket at some point is understandable or non-mysterious?
13. What case does the author make as to why younger people should oppose raising the minimum wages?
14. In the opinion of the author, how has minimum wage affected minorities and what evidence does he cite?