

## On a Basic Income for Artists

Evaluated from Theories of Justice and Efficiency

Procedural aligns w equal protection clause 14<sup>th</sup> amendment

Distributive equality of results which is one definition of socialism

w attendant knowledge problems of central planning

DEI (*like our case NYS study*), ESG are called far left for a reason

Is the administrative state with leadership technocracy, “experts”

Status quo has amassed \$100k / person federal debt and

\$300k per person unfunded liabilities

Intergenerational injustice passing on debt for current

expenditures

USA 120% GDP EU 91% ave Japan 260%

60% EMU 2000 before 15 years of easy money Great

Financial Crisis 2008

Instead of adding another layer of administrative state with special interest redistribution, in this case for *state-registered artists*, **replace** social and corporate welfare with UBI which goes to everyone equally.

No means testing means less discretionary state power

No incentive for fraud or reduction in incentives for self

Improvement

When state pays for the art becomes conservative state-art

UBI realizes both Procedural (everyone treated equally) and Distributive (everyone gets the same) forms of justice

UBI as well capacity-based theories of Justice

Replacing as-is corporate and social welfare with UBI would allow  
BI above poverty level for everyone 21 and over (lower 48)

Theories of Efficiency

Would expect increase in economic growth and wealth-creation

Resources are now distributed with individual economic rationality  
instead of politically and bureaucratically distributed

More entr. incentives, less tragedy of fiscal commons

Rule of law known and knowable as less discretionary state power

Better investment environment

Pay down national debt

Cultural economics, work-preference model, **why supply side incentives needed ?**

Public choice, purpose of public social services is not to solve social problem but perpetuate and increase power of bureaucrats and NFP organizations providing the social service

“churning” admin state

Under UBI May expect to see more decentralized cooperation and mutual aid

Transition traps as special interests try to prevent reforms

May be especially true for arts sector as brings distinction