

CPA: Government
Dopman

Responsibility Paper

Optional Paper (the Last One!)

As we have discussed in both economics and government, American society is complex and complicated. Without a comprehensive understanding of the forces that drive our society – capitalism, representative democracy, materialism and consumerism – an individual is at risk of being exploited, voting against their own self interest, and consuming goods and services to the point of bankruptcy.

Given these ideas...

*WHAT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONSUMER / CITIZEN
IN A CAPITALISTIC / DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY?*

Considering the complexity of the society that we live in, what is the responsibility of an individual in a capitalistic democracy? Without knowledge – about those in power and what they do with their power – what happens? For this section, you will bring together all of your thinking and interview multiple people regarding the importance of knowledge in the marketplace and in the voting booth.

Requirements:

- ✓ Interview at least **two** people who you 1. do not know well and 2. are not related to you regarding the question above. Cite these interviews in your final paper.

Citation Example:

Dopman, James. Personal Interview. May 27, 2010.

- ✓ Research between three and five high quality sources as evidence for your answer.
- ✓ Type up your thinking: final paper should be three to four pages long.

Due Friday, June 11th, 2010

((No exceptions))