

# Rethinking the "Free" Market

We've been taught to believe in a "free" market...

fairly and efficiently sorting out winners and losers

**BUT**

...in reality our market is driven by one rule:

do what brings highest return to existing wealth—so, wealth accrues to wealth until 3 Americans now control as much wealth as 1/2 of us all

Up next:

Roots of the Crisis

**government standards and protections benefit us all:**

Check out *Daring Democracy* by Adam Eichen and Frances Moore Lappé and the *Field Guide to the Democracy Movement* for ways to get involved!

Since the **1970 Clean Air Act** our economy has grown **three-fold** and simultaneously we've seen levels of 6 major air pollutants fall by more than **70%**

By **2020** benefits each year from the **Clean Air Act** will total **\$2T**, exceeding costs by more than **30 to 1**

Key medicines, GPS, radar, microwave, the computer, and internet **all** result from **public investment, catalyzing** ongoing private-sector innovations