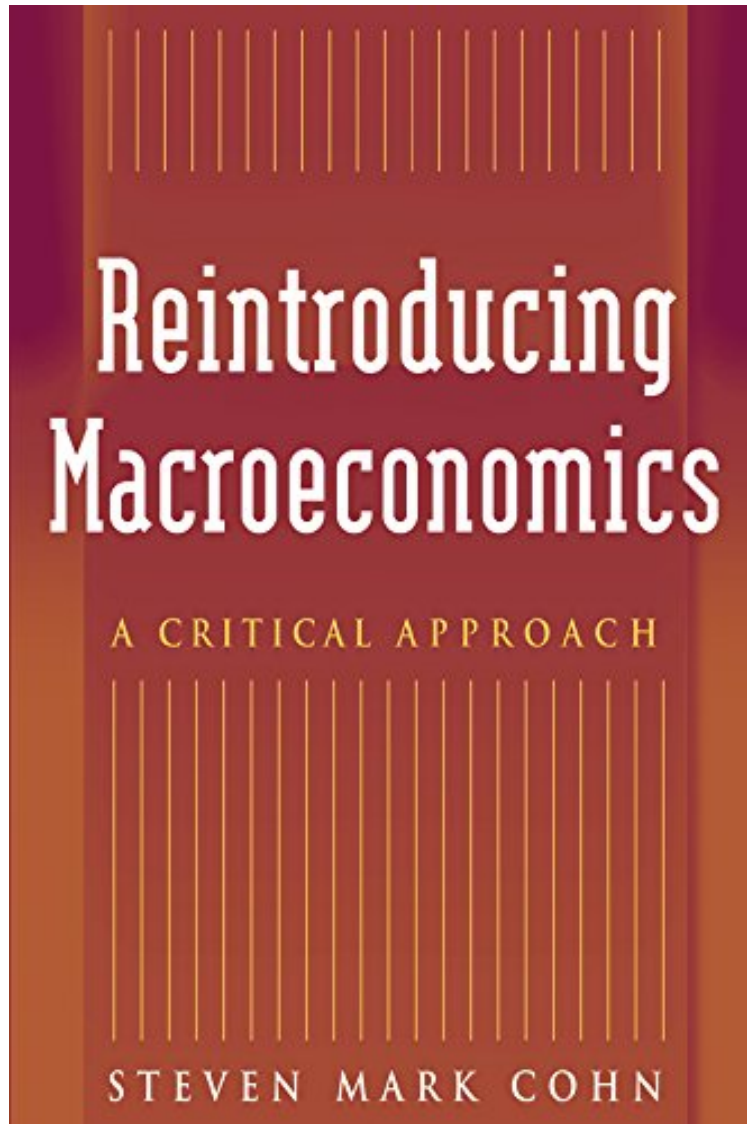


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chapters let you zero in on what you want: Micro to Macro, International Issues, Macro and the Environment, Current Policy Debates, Inequality, and the like. Second (although perhaps this should be first in importance), Cohn makes clear that just about everything in economics is designed to advance somebody's special agenda. Instead of claiming, as most economics books do, that economics is "value free", Cohn neatly illustrates just how value-laden classical economic approaches really are. His first chapter is excellent: Philosophical Debates in Economics, because it sets forth -- in language people can actually understand -- what these central debates in economics are, how they influence the way economic issues are presented and, most importantly, how these value orientations pre-select the kinds of solutions that get generated using classic tools. Ever wonder why (since the economy is supposedly doing so well) most families you know seem to be falling farther behind? Cohn's "genuine progress indicator" shows why, and contrasts that explanation to the classic measure, gross domestic product, which more accurately reflects the lives of Paris Hilton or the oil company executives as they laugh all the way to the bank. The fact is, classic economics is very slanted, and it is slanted toward advantaging business while screwing over (excuse the term) folks who also happen to share the earth, most often by claiming that disadvantages like rising prices or pollution or global warming, or having a large portion of folks living in poverty or without health care, don't need to be counted. Cohn points out how classic economics grabs our attention to look at this, look here, and ignore that, even when the things they're asking us to ignore are really, really, important to us as citizens and as people of the earth. Because Cohn develops another, far fairer approach, and then applies that approach to labor markets, the environment, money, and supply and demand, the reader can intuitively see just how different solutions would be selected. Bringing in the rest of our situation to economic problems, means that economic solutions can be found to help specific aspects of our situation at large, solutions that help people as well as business. I recommend this book both to advanced readers of economics, and to folks just beginning to look at economic issues, and for the same reasons: its clarity, balanced approach, and great organization, which combine to help all of us look at "tired old economics" with an interested, fresh energy. Definitely worth reading, and sharing.

This lively introduction to heterodox economics provides a balanced critique of the standard introductory macroeconomic curriculum. In clear and accessible prose, it explains many of the key principles that underlie a variety of alternative theoretical perspectives (including institutionalist economics, radical economics, Post Keynesian economics, feminist economics, ecological economics, Marxist economics, social economics, and socioeconomics). Because the book's structure parallels the chapters and subject matter presented in a typical introductory macroeconomics textbook, "Reintroducing Macroeconomics" provides readers with a running commentary on the standard approach, while simultaneously introducing them to a broader range of ideas about the causes and appropriate policy responses to a wide range of common economic problems. Although designed primarily as a companion volume for students in introductory economics courses, the book can also be used effectively for more targeted applications that highlight a particular economic issue or approach. It will be of particular interest to students in related disciplines (such as American Studies, anthropology, black studies, environmental studies, gender studies, history, political science, and sociology) who may be required to take introductory economics classes and who are interested in gaining an alternative perspective. By demonstrating the vitality and common ground underlying a broad spectrum of heterodox approaches, "Reintroducing Macroeconomics" brings alternative perspectives into the classroom in an accessible way that empowers students to think about the economy in new and exciting ways. The text includes end-of-chapter study questions, as well as a detailed note to instructors.