

Robert Kuttner

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But of course you can have your cake and eat it, too - if you decide to bake a second cake. And you may well find that baking two cakes does not take twice the work of baking one.

~Robert Kuttner

The economic illusion is the belief that social justice is bad for economic growth.

~Robert Kuttner

As a scholarly discipline, economics has always suffered from physics envy.

~Robert Kuttner

When laissez-faire creates instability, the move to a freer market can be something less than pure gain.

~Robert Kuttner

In a world where technology and capital are highly transferable, there is a real risk that comparative advantage comes to be defined as whose labor force will work for the lowest wage.

~Robert Kuttner

Henry Ford, in a sense, was the first Keynesian. He paid his assembly workers high wages so they could afford to buy his cars.

~Robert Kuttner

If social security depresses savings rates, it is only because it is unfunded.

~Robert Kuttner

Not surprisingly, extensive effort in Britain and America goes into finding tax shelter. the system is "efficient" for the shelter industry, not for the economy.

~Robert Kuttner

It is more than a little ironic that "capital accumulation" once a rather tendentious Marxian view of a supposed capitalist obsession, should have become - of all things - Wall Street's own slogan.

~Robert Kuttner

In practice, a good deal of the outcomes produced by the market reflect nothing more than luck - good or bad.

~Robert Kuttner

What do you call an economist with a prediction? Wrong.

~Robert Kuttner

Technological change is beneficial only when other jobs replace the ones lost.

~Robert Kuttner

If Boeing got a big head start on the 707 from multibillion-dollar military contracts to develop an air force transport, is that a sin against free trade?

~Robert Kuttner

Technological advance often thrives in sheltered and subsidized markets, which defy free trade.

~Robert Kuttner

Donald Rumsfeld should not just be impeached. He should be tried as a war criminal. As for Bush, he can be dispatched by the electorate while we are still a democracy.

~Robert Kuttner

Despite its scientific pretensions, economics still remains more of an art than a science

~Robert Kuttner

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