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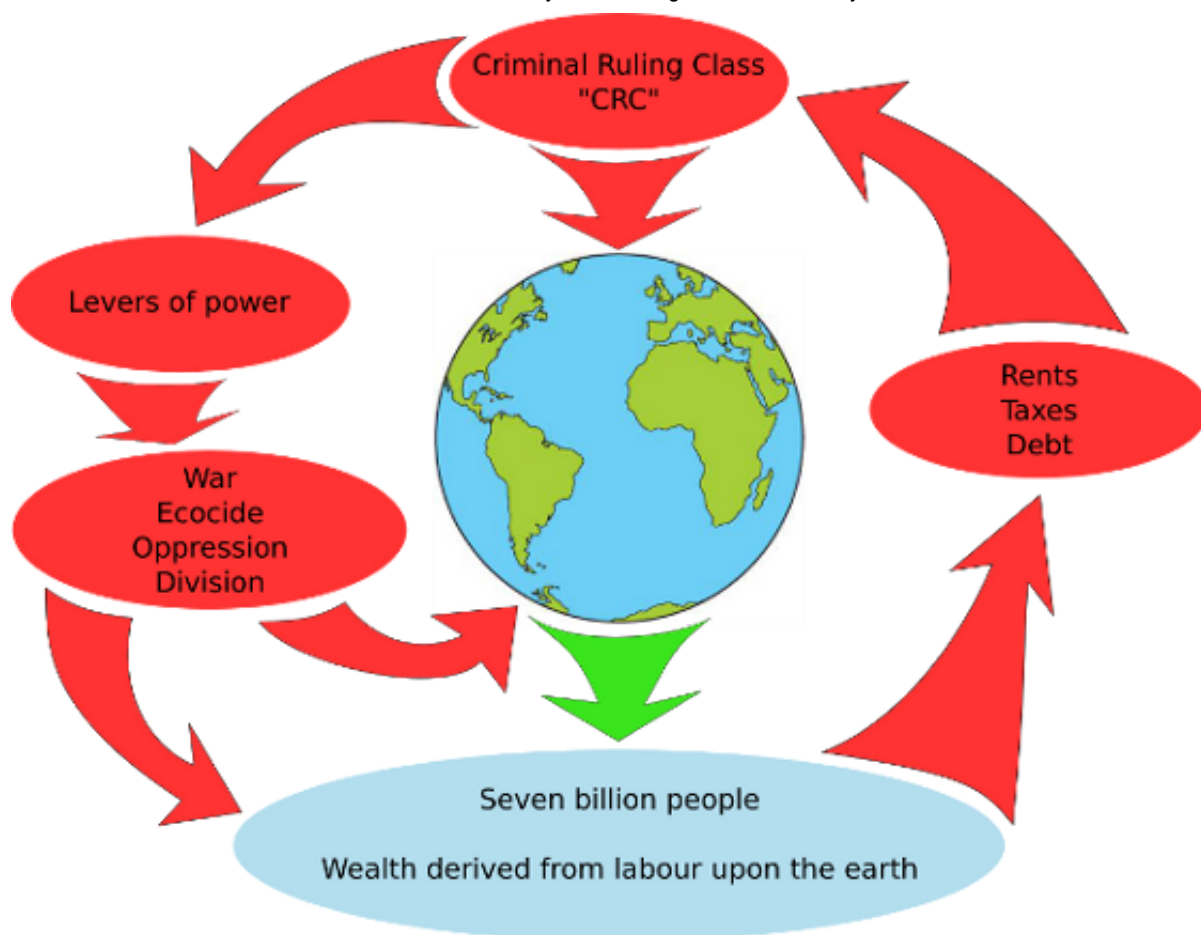


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Hi Peter,



Political economy was the original term used for studying production and trade, and their relations with law, custom, and government, as well as with the distribution of national income and wealth. Political economy originated in moral philosophy. - Wikipedia

Systems thinking offers a method to understand the world and identify levers for change.

The Political Economy is a system comprised of many sub-systems which in turn have composite sub-systems. We don't need to identify and understand the trillions of sub-systems, just the significant, influential components or sub-systems. Any facet of the Political Economy can be interpreted through systems thinking.

The **Criminal Ruling Class (CRC)** are identifiable by the company they keep at meetings such as **Bilderberg** and **Davos** where they ensure media, politics, military and intelligence agencies, corporations, NGOs, think-tanks, public institutions and education serve their interests. Using these *levers of power*, they foment wars, distraction and division by encouraging opposing ideologies in politics, economics, religion and on the basis of race or between the employed and unemployed, immigrants versus indigenous populations.

All the while, more and more people are being oppressed or displaced and exponential wealth extraction is destroying the environment.

We, human beings, are the feedstock of this system; we are harvested. The Political Economy **wouldn't function without our compliance**. We comply because within our own sub-systems, which determine our **world view**, we succumb to all the incentives to succeed within their confines without recognising how, in doing so, we sustain the abusive and destructive system. If we ceased to comply, the system and all its abuses would cease.

Humans create wealth through labour on the land and by sharing knowledge and creativity but much of this wealth is sucked up to the CRC (through rents, taxes and debt-interest) who use it to cement their grip on the levers of power. The system is riddled with positive feedbacks which accelerate the system, making our mouse wheel run ever faster, [driving civilisation to destruction](#).

Many people are willing participants in the system because they've played the system successfully and, in relative terms, enjoy a much higher standard of living than average but they are reducing in number in the developed world, as the squeezed middle suffer a secular decline in living standards through stagnating or falling incomes and rising prices. Meanwhile, the poor are facing increasing hardship. As was pointed out in [Daily Pickings two days ago](#), rising inequality is a growing threat to us all in terms of mortality, health, social stability and environmental destruction.

We need to analyse and understand the significant sub-systems in order to identify levers for change and inform the design of an alternative Political Economy. Politics and economics are the two biggest sub-systems. Systems thinking can also help our understanding of issues such as trade agreements, terrorism, wars, environmental destruction, banking and money, wars of the 21st century and climate change in the context of the overall system.

We can remove all the red items (shown above) to release us from slavery and organise an alternative, sustainable and equitable Political Economy which fosters co-operation within communities, countries, regions and globally.

Some say, there is no alternative to the current system but it is failing a growing proportion of the population and is destined to collapse. We live in a world of perceived scarcity which is a direct result of this "dog eat dog" system.

Co-operation around the common interest to [remove the power of the CRC](#) will free us to create an alternative Political Economy which satisfies all needs.

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