

Some Possible Interview Questions: Saving Capitalism from the Capitalists

- 1) What is the problem with capitalism? Why does it need saving from the capitalists?
- 2) Does the problem that the rich set the rules of the market only to protect their positions exist only in underdeveloped countries? Are there examples in the United States of this?
- 3) So what do you advocate as a solution? How do we make markets accessible to all?
More government?
- 4) How do you get better government? Will the rich decide to do the right thing of their own volition? Or do you believe governments can be made immune from the influence of moneyed interests?
- 5) You say borders should be open. But does that not put workers out of work? Are Chinese workers accepting long hours and wages of 50 cents an hour not unfair competition?
- 6) How do corporate scandals fit into your analysis? Do you think there is a problem with the way capitalism has worked in America over the last few years?
- 7) What explains the boom and the bust in recent years? Does that not show that markets are dangerous?
- 8) Many people tout creative destruction as one of the main drivers of capitalism. What about the people creative destruction leaves behind, i.e. those without jobs and skills?
- 9) Do markets work at all for the rest of us? Can you give some examples of how they have benefited us?
- 10) What do situations like the recent one at American Airlines say to ordinary people?
- 11) Give us your doomsday scenario if these problems go unchecked. Where do you think capitalism will face challenges from next even if we can clean up the system today?
- 12) How can the capitalist system be made more stable?
- 13) Do you think capitalism and democracy are made for each other?
- 14) What challenges does growing militarism pose to capitalism?
- 15) How should the US proceed about bringing democracy to Iraq?

16) You are both from the University of Chicago, the bastion of free market economics, yet you advocate a role for the government in protecting markets. Why? Are you traitors to the cause?

17) Why did you write this book?

18) You are both expatriates. How much does your knowledge of your countries of origin color this book?