


# COGNITIVE DISSONANCE

Knowledge-based economy  
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"Ich habe im Krieg  
nichts anderes getan als  
meine Pflicht erfüllt"

Vor dreißig Jahren, im März 1986, erschütterte die "Affäre Waldheim"  
Österreich und die westliche Welt – Die folgende wütende Debatte  
veränderte Österreichs Verhältnis zur NS-Vergangenheit

**"The only thing I did during the war is my duty"**. Kurt Waldheim. President of Austria (1986).  
Former *Offizier der Wehrmacht*, claiming he had not known what was going on

Cognitive dissonance

Are we all living in the same state in 2017?

The paradigm of our society is making **profit**

“Everything will go well if all strive to make profit. If all make profit, the society reaches Utopia”

Profit is defined as: more **money** coming out than was invested

The economy (money) is a **zero-sum game**! If some make profit, others **must** make a loss!  
(Utopia is not possible)

The society is run by corporations (a.k.a. ‘corporate fascism’). European Round Table of Industrialists (ERT) and other lobbyists **write** the laws and treaties of the European Union<sup>1</sup>

The profit-based entities, such as corporations, need an environment of reliable, predictable profit, or no economic activity will be undertaken, a.k.a. ‘crisis’<sup>2</sup>

The corporations lobby laws that will **guarantee** profit. Why? Because they can!<sup>3</sup>

States are not allowed to make (a lot of) loss. (About max 3% per year)

Ergo: **Citizens make a guaranteed loss!**

(The paradigm of our society creates misery)

1: See for instance the movie Brussels Business

2: Book: “Thinking, fast and slow” of Daniel Kahneman

3: For example the case of Apple not paying tax in Ireland

The EU uses Soviet-style multi-annual (economic) plans. The current one is called “**Horizons 2020**”

A core element of Horizons 2020 is a “knowledge-based economy” (sic)  
“Society, as a whole must make profit on knowledge”

Society, as a whole, cannot make profit. (Zero-sum game). The plan fails from the start!

The (hidden agenda) paradigm is: **industry** must make profit. Government must fund research for corporations to acquire knowledge to make profit

This is 100% of our current (pseudo-science) research funding, which is thus a **swindle**<sup>1</sup>  
Researchers that are not seeing this are suffering from cognitive dissonance

If corporations make profit on knowledge, and Government cannot make much loss. The **loss** is fully on the citizens investing on knowledge: **students!**

Knowledge, in a profit-driven knowledge-based economy, makes a loss

1: The mother of all scientific swindles is the Global Warming hype. It is a swindle meant to justify the investment into green energy and selling of related products (electric cars, etc.), while the AGW hypothesis is easily rejected scientifically

Another aspect of centralized, technocratic, fascist regimes is a high degree of **bureaucracy**

The Portuguese Ministry of Education adopted the auto-evaluation schemes and procedures of the European Union.

Professors fill out forms and report their 'productivity'

A presentation gives 8 points, a publication 20 points. This conference (paper undoubtedly will be accepted, because 'refereed' by people in same situation as I): 28 points

The conference costs 60 euros

As Prof. Assoc. I need 350 points in 3 years

That is 12.5 (pseudo)conferences (like this one), totalling **750 euros**

My salary is about 2,000 euros per month; **72,000 euros** in 3 years

**The return on investment (ROI) is 9,600%** Take that!

And, if tomorrow we start killing Jews in gas chambers, I don't care; I have to survive in this fascists society; I am not responsible for the morality of our (non-democratic) corporate leaders. I am just following their orders. (How many points per Jew?)

**The only thing I do is my duty**, as instructed by the (Polit Bureau) of the European Union