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Consumption and the Cost of Meeting Household Needs

The study and establishment of needs budgets is a topic fraught with ambiguities, and none more so than the understanding of what constitutes a need. The author examines several aspects of need and suggests some approaches useful in researching the cost of meeting needs.

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On the Value of Natural Ecosystems: The Catskills Parable

To demonstrate the instrumental value of nature's "services," environmentalists often cite a decision by New York City to preserve or restore the Catskills watershed. This article questions the validity of the example and the strategy of instrumental arguments for ecological preservation.

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The Realist Illusion, a Patriarchal Reality, and the Plight of Osama the Pirate

Leader-level impunity is not well explained by deficiencies in law or extinguished reliably by correction of those deficiencies. Nor is this impunity often fully explained by disincentives to collective action or by peculiarities in political culture. Motivational insight here may usefully come from outside the expected disciplines.

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The Prospect of Internet Unionism

Although the effects of the Internet have imperiled the prospects of some workers, the Internet at the same time has contributed to the organization and mobilization of workers and may prove useful to labor activism.

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