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The libertarian model of the laissez-faire, essentially optimized capitalist economy is *not* the enemy and opposite of the supposed Marxian model of capitalism as exploitation, crisis, and social domination. It is in fact quite the opposite: the Marxian anti-capitalist conception is *optimized* when the capitalist economy is considered in purest and most idealistic state. It is in fact the model of an optimized capitalist economy which *most clearly* reveals itself to be unmasked and brutal social domination. The real opposite of the Marxian model is the Keynesian or social-democratic conception, whereby capitalism is optimal but not quite ideal, or ideal but not quite optimal. It is as if the farther one believes they are going away from Marx (as in the case of the self-conception of followers of Mises, Rothbard, etc.), the closer they are actually brought to the deadly critique posited by Marx — i.e. *the more prone they have become to it*. Those who are most apologetic for capitalism reveal *themselves* to be most prone to the Marxian critique, and it is those who are in the middle that are in truth more difficult.

Ultimately, however, difficulty is not impossibility. By uncovering the inner *essential* dynamics of capital accumulation *as necessities*, the Marxian critique works against even those who are basically non-committal.