**Chapter 4**

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**Discussion Questions:**

1. How do capitalism and socialism differ from other systems of government, such as democracy and communism?
2. Discuss the solutions to the tragedy of commons. Do they all involve collective action?
3. What is the difference between feudalism and capitalism? At what point in history did the feudal system revert to industrial capitalism?
4. What are the fatal flaws of capitalism?
5. How can the U.S. government manipulate the value of currency?
6. Economists argue that inflation could be a good thing. Do you agree with their argument? Why or Why not?
7. Discuss the rational economic response to deflation.
8. What do *you* believe is the best relationship between the government and the economy?