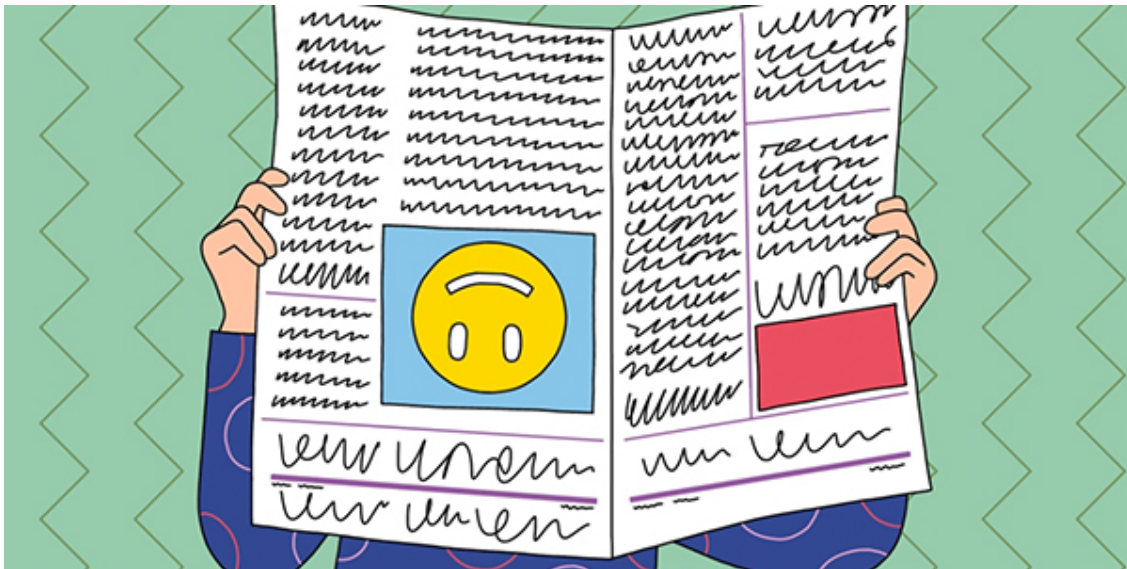




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CATEGORY: OPEN-MINDEDNESS (7 min)

[An Open Mind Is a Happy Mind](#)

You're probably used to having people challenge your views.

ISI students tell us all the time that they come under attack for challenging campus orthodoxy.

Such attacks are never pleasant. But here's the thing: they can be worthwhile . . . *if* you have the right attitude.

Being open to criticism—and even to rethinking your beliefs—can make you “more successful, less anxious, and happier,” says Arthur C. Brooks.

More Augustine and Buddha, Less Unabomber

Brooks, the former American Enterprise Institute president, isn't saying you should suddenly back the progressive agenda. But he has good advice on what an open mind looks like.

Read his *Atlantic* column to learn:

1. Why the best way to save face is to admit when you're wrong
2. What Abraham Lincoln knew that John F. Kennedy didn't
3. Why no opinion you tweet today will benefit you in five years

Brooks has one more pointer. Click the button to find out what it is.

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CATEGORY: ECONOMICS (9 min)

[The *New York Times* Was Right the First Time: “The Right Minimum Wage: \\$0.00”](#)

The White House is pushing hard for a \$15 federal minimum wage—more than double the current rate.

Sounds great, right?

There's only one problem: a new minimum-wage law would harm the very people it is meant to help.

Like Trying to Deny the Law of Gravity . . .

Writing in *Public Discourse*, economist Victor Claar points out that good intentions aren't enough. We need to look at the actual *effects* of the minimum wage.

How about this effect? A \$15 minimum wage would eliminate 1.4 million jobs, according to the Congressional Budget Office.

Even famously liberal outlets used to acknowledge those effects. But now they've done a 180. Why?

Hint: it's not because we've managed to repeal the laws of supply and demand.

Read Claar's piece so you know what to say next time someone calls you heartless for opposing a \$15 minimum wage.

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[Hookup Culture](#) via *Lone Conservative*



CATEGORY: HISTORY (21 min)

[4 Myths About the Crusades](#)

If you ever learned about the Crusades in school, you probably learned that they were evil.

You know, the Crusades were all about greed and exploitation. European Christians senselessly attacked the Muslim world.

But what if everything you've heard about the Crusades is wrong?

In this week's archive pull, historian Paul Crawford debunks four of the biggest myths about the Crusades.

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[Socialism or Capitalism? A Debate](#)

Did you know that half of Americans under forty say they would “prefer living in a socialist country”?

Yes, socialism is making a huge comeback. More and more politicians, professors, and pundits hail it as the “new solution” to our problems.

Even if you think that’s a ridiculous position, you need to know what the new socialists are saying to attract so much interest.

On **Thursday, April 15**, you can hear one of America’s leading socialist economists, **Richard D. Wolf**, debate bestselling author **Arthur C. Brooks**. (Yes, the same Arthur C. Brooks who wrote the first article in today’s email.)

The socialist temptation is powerful. Register now so you can tune in to this important debate.

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—Walter E. Williams

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