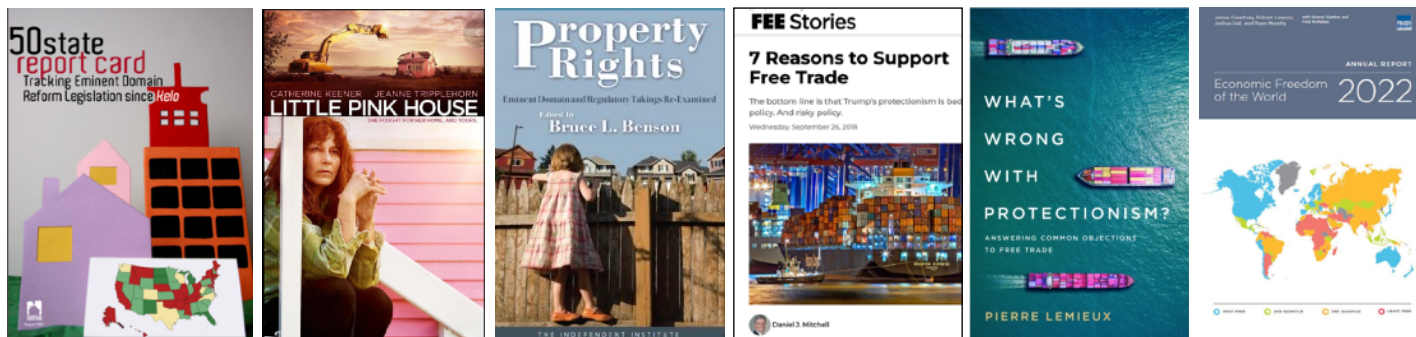


PROPERTY RIGHTS VS. COMMUNITY INTERESTS AND THE ECONOMICS OF IMPORT/EXPORT REFORM



ECONOMICS - VALUES - ETHICS - DEBATE

- Tuesday, October 18, 4:45-8:30 pm, \$25 students/\$15 siblings
- Rosehill United Methodist Church, 21022 Rosehill Church Rd., Tomball, TX 77377
- Fee/donation: \$25 students/\$15 siblings. Alumni, Parents no charge.
- To Register: Greg Rehmke, grehmke@gmail.com

For NCFCFA policy and Lincoln Douglas debaters, **presentations will combine discussions of economic principles, trade policy, and property rights vs community economic interests.**

Economic principles are central to debates over U.S. trade policy as well as policies protecting as well as infringing on individual property rights. When can community economic interests limit individual rights to, say, purchase goods made in foreign countries? American workers can lose their jobs when lower-priced foreign-made good are preferred by consumers. Communities suffer when local factories close. Current U.S. regulations of imports and exports are complicated, often opaque, and influenced by special interests, raising costs for American producers and consumers.

New factories, business developments, and pipelines can turn to *eminent domain*, a legal process requiring property owners to sell and justified by claims that community economics interests are more important than individual property rights. Highways and oil and gas pipelines resort to *eminent domain* as well.



John Stossel's video: [Little Pink House](#) reviews the Kelo v. New London case and the movie based on the events. Where are the limits on *eminent domain* as local officials push development projects against the wishes of homeowners? And when can communities prevent development projects of land owners wishing to build new homes or apartments? What voluntary ways are there to build roads and pipelines without resorting to *eminent domain*?



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