## How Free Market Mythology Transformed Us From Citizen Kings To Market Servants

The free market ideology has transformed us from citizen kings to market servants. This ideology, which holds that the unregulated market is the best way to allocate resources and distribute goods and services, has led to a number of problems, including:

- Increased inequality
- Reduced social mobility
- A decline in the power of labor
- An erosion of democracy

The free market ideology is a myth. It is a story that has been told to us by those who benefit from it, and it is a story that has been repeated so often that we have come to believe it is true. But the truth is, the free market does not exist. It is a fantasy, an ideal that can never be achieved in the real world.

The real world is a complex and messy place, and it is impossible to predict how the market will behave. Sometimes the market will work to our advantage, and sometimes it will work against us. But one thing is for sure: the market is not a god. It is not a force of nature that we must obey. It is a tool that we can use to our advantage, but only if we understand its limitations.



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The free market ideology has led us to believe that the market is always right. We have been told that if we just let the market do its thing, then everything will be fine. But this is not true. The market is not always right, and it does not always have our best interests at heart.

The free market ideology has led us to believe that we are all equal in the market. We have been told that if we just work hard and play by the rules, then we can all succeed. But this is not true. The market is not a level playing field, and some people are born with more advantages than others.

The free market ideology has led us to believe that the government has no role to play in the economy. We have been told that the government should just get out of the way and let the market do its thing. But this is not true. The government has a vital role to play in the economy, and it must use its power to protect the interests of the people. The free market ideology has failed us. It has led to a more unequal, less just, and less democratic society. It is time for us to reclaim our role as citizen kings and to create a more just and equitable society.

#### The Citizen King

The citizen king is a concept that has been around for centuries. It is the idea that all citizens are equal, and that they have a right to participate in the government and to share in the benefits of society. The citizen king is not a passive subject, but an active participant in the political process. He or she is not content to simply obey the laws, but is constantly striving to improve society for all.

The free market ideology has undermined the concept of the citizen king. It has told us that we are all just consumers, and that our only role in society is to buy and sell goods and services. We have been told that we should not be concerned with politics, and that we should leave the governing to the experts.

But this is not true. We are not just consumers. We are citizens, and we have a right to participate in the government. We should not leave the governing to the experts. We should be involved in the political process, and we should hold our leaders accountable.

We need to reclaim our role as citizen kings. We need to create a more just and equitable society, a society where everyone has a fair chance to succeed. We need to create a society where everyone is treated with dignity and respect.

#### The Market Servant

The market servant is the opposite of the citizen king. He or she is a passive consumer who has no interest in politics or in improving society. The market servant is content to simply obey the laws and to buy and sell goods and services. He or she does not believe that they have any power to change the world, and they are not willing to fight for what they believe in.

The free market ideology has created a society of market servants. We have been taught to be passive consumers, and to believe that we have no power to change the world. We have been taught to be afraid of politics, and to believe that we should leave the governing to the experts.

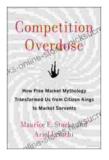
We need to reject the role of the market servant. We need to become active citizens who are willing to fight for what we believe in. We need to be willing to stand up to those who are trying to destroy our democracy. We need to be willing to create a better world for ourselves and for our children.

We are the citizen kings. We are the ones who have the power to change the world. Let us use our power to create a more just and equitable society. A society where everyone has a fair chance to succeed. A society where everyone is treated with dignity and respect.

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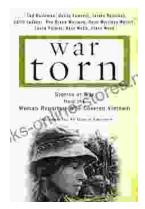


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