The booming economics-made-fun genre: more than having fun, but less than economics imperialism

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ABSTRACT

Over the last few years there seems to have been a sharp increase in the number of books that want to spread the news that economics is, or at least can be, fun. This paper sets out to explain in what senses economics is supposed to be fun. In particular, the books in what I will call the economics-made-fun genre will be compared first with papers and books written by economists with the explicit intent of making fun of economics. Subsequently, it will be examined whether or not it makes sense to accuse books in the economics-made-fun genre of economics imperialism, as some commentators have recently done.

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More than that, Goodwin makes the arcane, understandable. If your mind either spins or slumbers at the thought of economics, read Goodwin’s “Economix” and all will become clear. - -Nomi Prins, author of "It Takes a Pillage: An Epic Tale of Power, Deceit, and Untold Trillions” “Economix” is a lively, cheerfully opinionated romp through the historical and intellectual foundations of our current economy and our current economic problems. Knowing about economics is powerful knowledge; those who control wealth benefit from our ignorance. Michael Goodwin has collaborated with illustrator Dan E Burr to create a textbook simple and entertaining enough to explain economics and its chequered history to a teenager. I can’t even articulate how great I think this concept is. Economics Jokes. Q: Why did God create economists? A: In order to make weather forecasters look good. Q. What does an economist do? A. A lot in the short run, which amounts to nothing in the long run. Top 8 reasons to study economics. 1. You can talk about money without ever having to make any. 2. Mick Jagger and Arnold Schwarzenegger both studied economics and look how they turned out. 3. When you are in the unemployment line, at least you will know why you are there. 4. If you rearrange the letters in “ECONOMICS”, you get “COMIC NOSE”. 5. Although ethics teaches that virtue is its own reward Nobel Lecture: The economic way of looking at life. · Vromen, J. (2009), 'The booming economics-made-fun genre: More than having fun, but less than economics imperialism', Erasmus Journal for Philosophy and Economics, vol. 2, no. 11, pp. 70-99. · Robbins, L. (1932). An essay on the nature and significance of economic science, ch 1. The booming economics-made-fun genre: More than having fun, but less than economics imperialism. Over the last few years there seems to have been a sharp increase in the number of books that want to spread the news that economics is, or at least can be, fun. This paper sets out to explain in what senses economics is supposed to be more. Over the last few years there seems to have been a sharp increase in the number of books that want to spread the news that economics is, or at least can be, fun. This paper sets out to explain in what senses economics is supposed to be fun.