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Breakout Reading Discussion: “The ‘Conflicts’ of Men’s Interests” HOMEWORK

Enrich and deepen your experience at AynRandCon by completing homework in advance for the opportunity to discuss your ideas with Objectivist experts during the sessions. If you submit your work by the listed deadline, your assignment might be selected for discussion during the conference!

Important: You must submit your homework assignment **by 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time on February 24, 2025**, in order to guarantee that it can be reviewed before the event. Send your homework in the body of an email (not as an attachment) to students@aynrand.org with the subject line: ARC-USA Reading Groups Homework Assignment.

You may request free ebooks at: aynrand.org/students/free-books.

**Reading Discussion: “The ‘Conflicts’ of Men’s Interests”
Due: 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time on February 24, 2025**

Assignment:

Please read Ayn Rand’s essay “The ‘Conflicts’ of Men’s Interests” (from *The Virtue of Selfishness*). Pick one question to answer and submit by the above deadline.

Conference faculty will review your answers and comment on issues raised by them in a session about the essay during the conference. Please keep your answer to no more than 400 words.

1. What does the essay reveal about Rand’s distinctive conception of one of these concepts?
 - a. Rationality

- b. Human life
 - c. Social relationships
 - d. Value and/or interest
2. What are some apparent conflicts of interest that seem vexing to you that are not addressed by the essay?
 3. What are some philosophies or popular viewpoints that presuppose there are conflicts of interest among rational men, and how would the essay address them?

General Questions about Objectivism:

In addition to the above questions about the readings, please submit a question about issues in Objectivism (or about philosophy, more generally) that confuse you, or which you'd simply like to understand better. Please be sure to describe what originally sparked this question for you, and say something about what value you hope to gain from answering the question. Conference faculty will review your questions and select some of them to answer in a conference session.