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“FOR THE NEW INTELLECTUAL” 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. PT on March 18** 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 bbayer@aynrand.org with the subject line: ARC-USA Homework Assignment: “For the New Intellectual.”

Assignment: Read the title essay of *For the New Intellectual* and write a response (no more than 400 words) to one of these prompts:

1. There’s a lot of history in “For the New Intellectual.” What is Ayn Rand’s purpose in presenting it?
2. Why does Rand think intellectuals have misunderstood businessmen? In what way does she think businessmen have misunderstood intellectuals?
3. What does Rand think is the responsibility of intellectuals? In essential terms, how does the “new intellectual” distinguish himself from previous intellectuals in exercising this responsibility?

4. How does Rand's advice in this essay compare to Galt's advice to the world in his speech in *Atlas Shrugged*?
5. Who are the Attilas and Witch Doctors on today's intellectual scene?