

We Support

- Taxing land values and natural resources
- Providing a Citizen's Dividend (UBI) funded by land rents
- Abolishing all taxes on income and investment
- Ending the monopolization of intellectual property
- Making polluters pay for harming the environment
- Reforming zoning laws to create affordable housing

About YGA

Young Georgists of America is a national student organization dedicated to reclaiming the commons for the common man.

Our members in chapters across the country work to educate others about the social implications of economic royalism and fight for the rights of those dispossessed of our common heritage: the Earth and its natural resources.



To learn more, visit our website:

www.younggeorgists.org



**YOUNG
GEORGISTS
OF AMERICA**

NOTABLE GEORGISTS

Leo Tolstoy

Russian author of *War and Peace* and *Anna Karenina*

John Haynes Holmes

American Progressive and co-founder of the ACLU and the NAACP

Joshua Nkomo

Zimbabwean anticolonial revolutionary leader

José Martí

Cuban nationalist and author

Emma Lazarus

Author and poet, her work is featured on the Statue of Liberty

Aldous Huxley

Author of *Brave New World*

William Vickrey

Nobel laureate in economics

Louis Brandeis

Influential jurist and US Supreme Court justice

Sun Yat-Sen

Founder of the Republic of China

Frank Chodorov

Political philosopher and founding father of American libertarianism

William F. Buckley

American conservative and founder of the *National Review*

Alfred Russel Wallace

Biologist and environmentalist, codeveloper of the theory of evolution

WHAT IS GEORGISM?

Georgism is the idea that the Earth—namely land, natural resources, and natural opportunities— is the common inheritance of humanity. It is named for the economist Henry George, who popularized the idea in his 1879 book, *Progress and Poverty*.

What you make from your labor, you own. However, land and natural resources were not made by anyone, and so all people have an equal right to use them. In the past, this was sometimes done with a system of common land. However, George came up with an alternative model for the modern world.

A simple, but elegant system: tax land and other natural resources, and redistribute the gains to the people. In this way, no one can enrich themselves simply by charging others to access to what they did not create. Abolishing monopolies and taxes on income, investment, and buildings allows people to keep that which they earn, creating a prosperous economy and a just society.

“When all rent is taken by taxation for the needs of the community, then will the equality ordained by Nature be attained. No citizen will have an advantage over any other citizen save as is given by his industry, skill, and intelligence; and each will obtain what he fairly earns. Then, but not till then, will labor get its full reward, and capital its natural return. “

-Henry George

YGA IS ON YOUR CAMPUS

Get involved by coming to our next event

Our next meeting is:



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