

# The Procrustean Idiocy of the Homo Consumptus Mandate

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*“In every country it always is and must be the interest of the great body of the people to buy whatever they want of those who sell it cheapest.” Adam Smith*

**I**t's a no-brainer.

Free trade is the biggest [no-brainer](#) for securing America's long-term prosperity. It opens markets, creates jobs, raises wages, levels the legal playing field, increases the availability of goods for consumers, and slashes prices for every nation that tries it.

And here is an [article](#) from *Forbes* making the same point. Unlike the above quote from *Investor's Business Daily*, the article admits that free trade does result in job losses. [more>>>](#)