

Myths about the Free Market

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Colson Center Short Course
The Christian View of Money

The Mental Image of “Capitalism”



INTEGRATING ETHICS AND ECONOMICS

- What?
- Why?
- What ought?



PIETY MYTH

“The art of economics consists in looking not merely at the immediate but at the longer effects of any act or policy; it consists in tracing the consequences of that policy not merely for one group but for all groups.”

-Henry Hazlitt



THE WIDOW'S MITES



RENT CONTROL



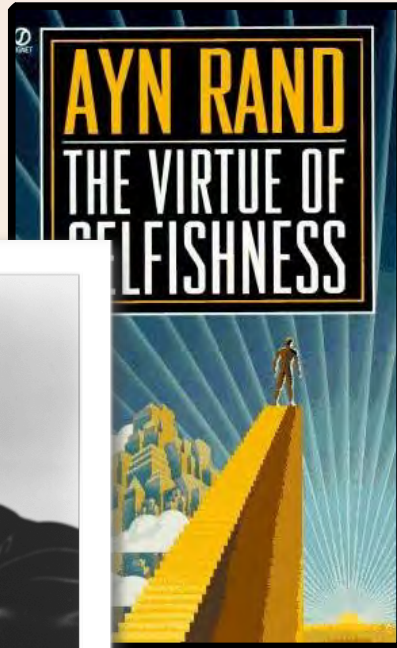
GREED MYTH

“Greed ... is good.... Greed is right. Greed works. Greed ... cuts through and captures the essence of the evolutionary spirit. Greed, in all its forms ... has marked the upward surge of mankind.”

-Gordon Gekko



GREED MYTH



“Capitalism and altruism are incompatible ... they are philosophical opposites; they cannot co-exist in the same man or in the same society.”

- Ayn Rand



ADAM SMITH ON SELF-INTEREST

“It is not from the benevolence of the butcher, the brewer, or the baker that we expect our dinner, but from their regard to their own interest.”



ADAM SMITH ON SELF-INTEREST

“In spite of their natural selfishness and rapacity,” business people “are led by an invisible hand ... and thus without intending it, without knowing it, advance the interest of the society....”



“SELF-INTEREST” VS. SELFISHNESS



ZERO-SUM GAME MYTH



WIN-WIN



THE GOLDEN MEAN



Anarchy



Economic Freedom

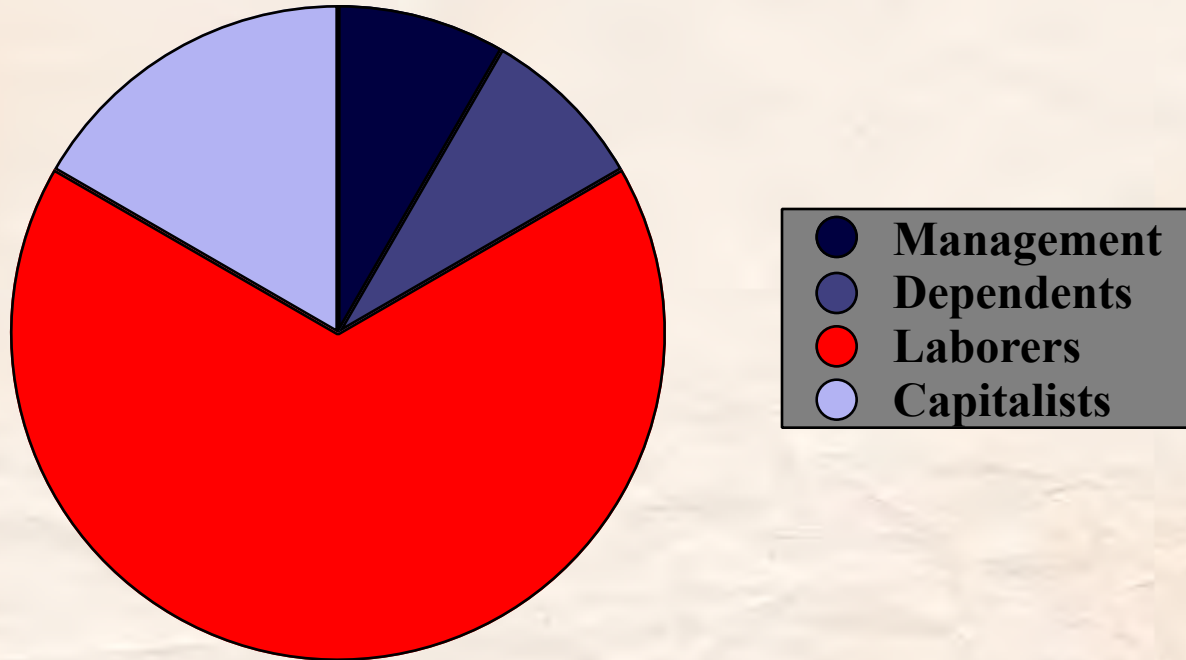


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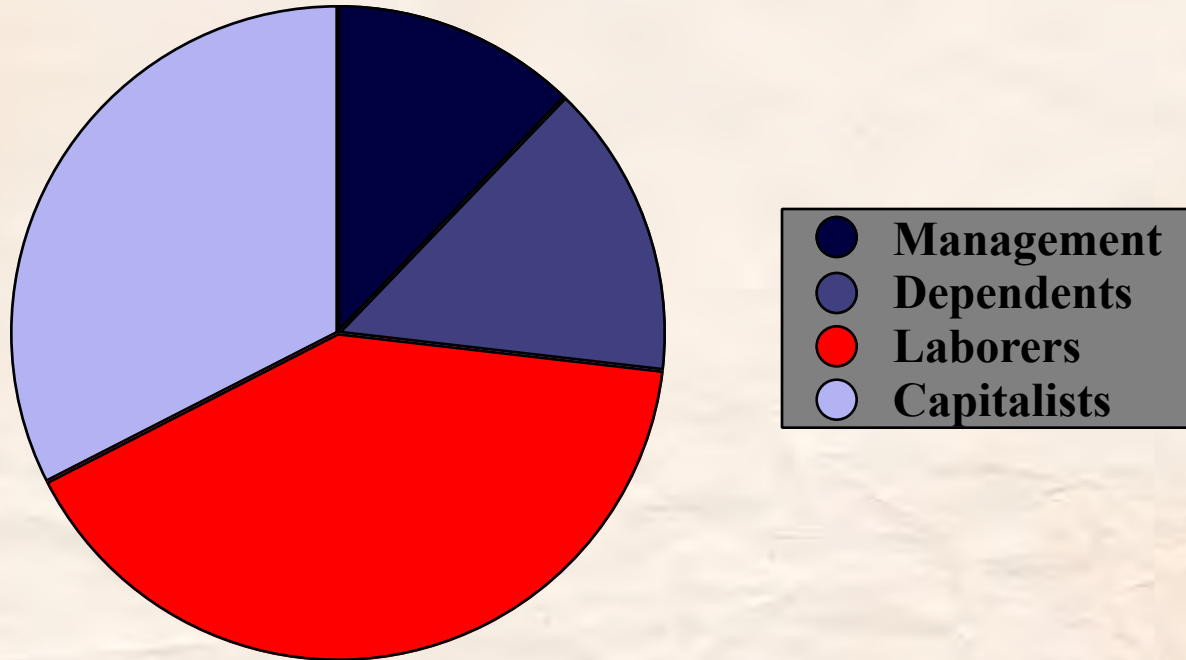
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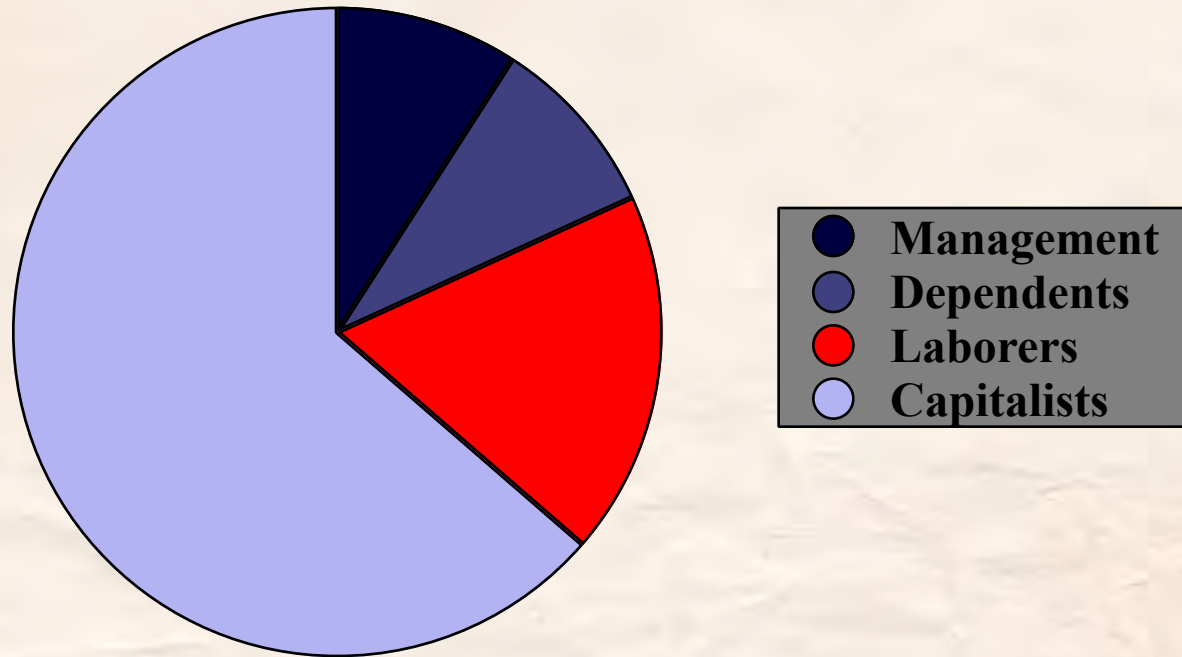
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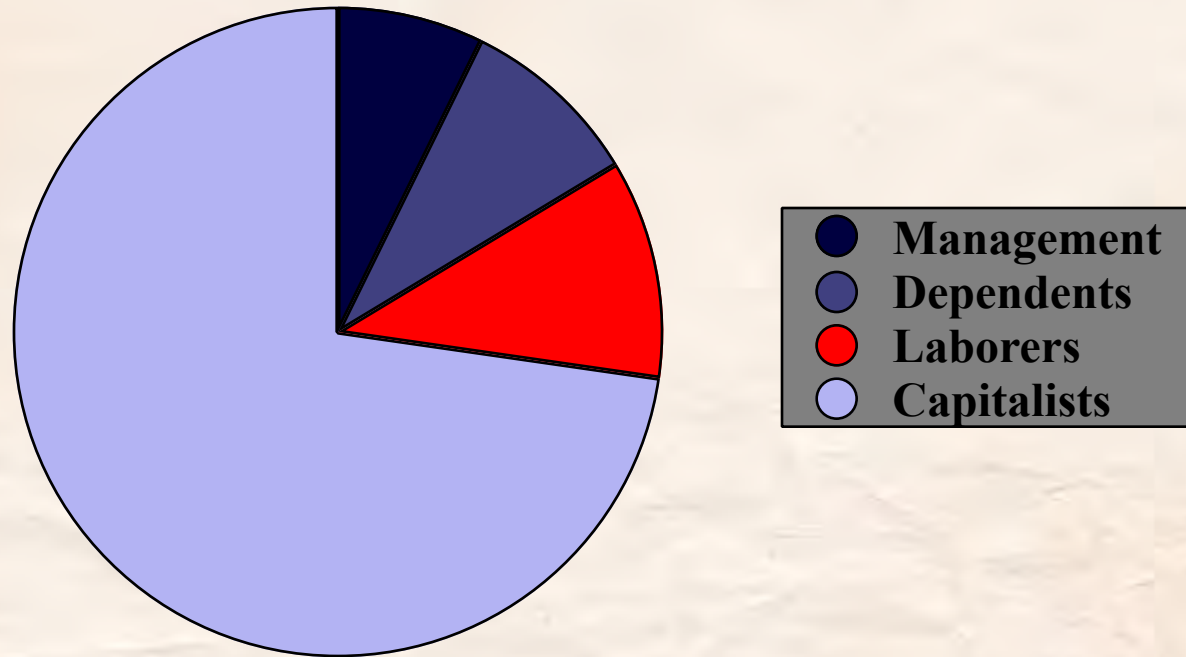
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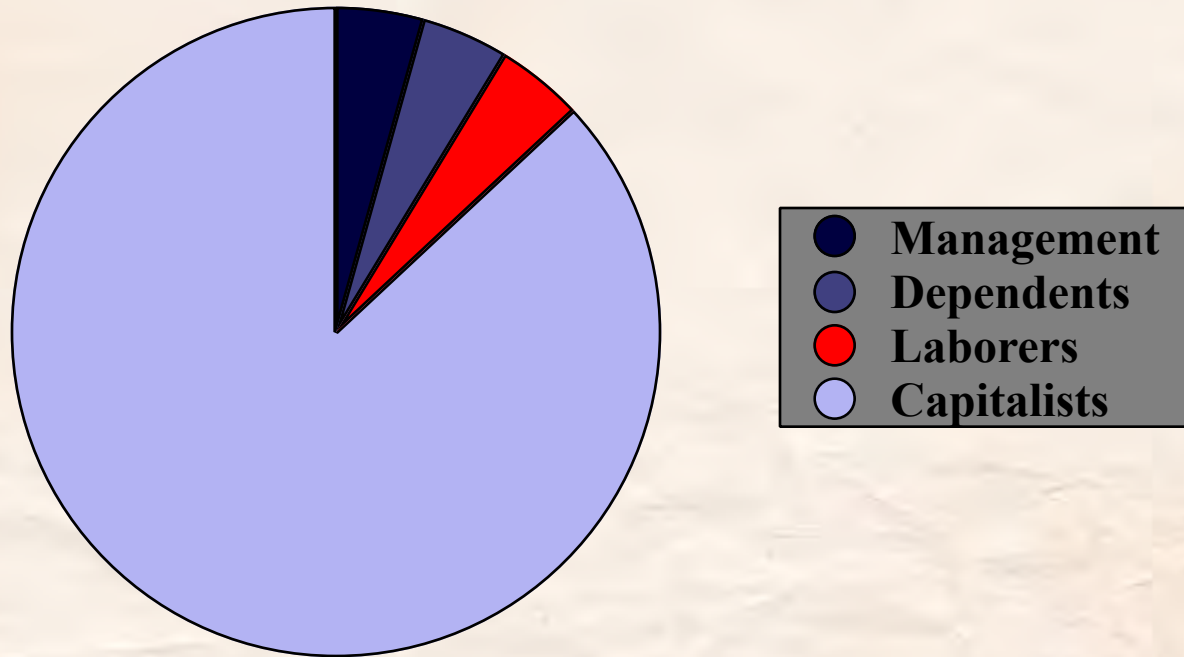
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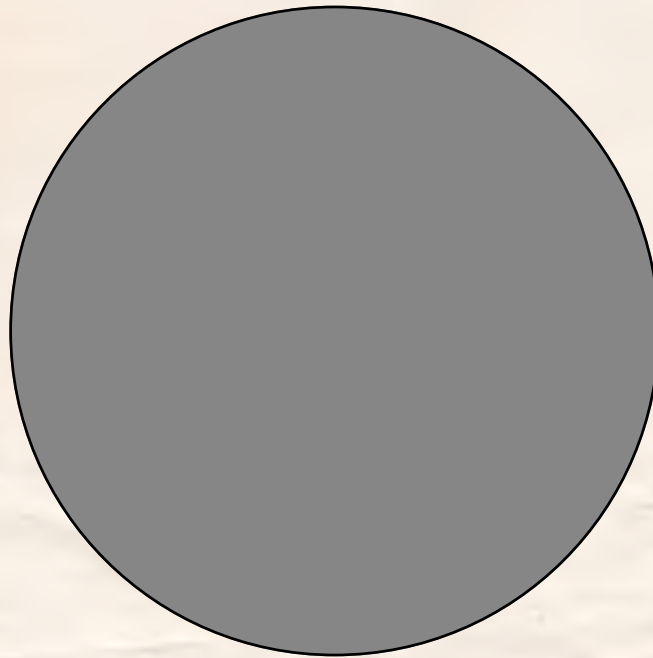
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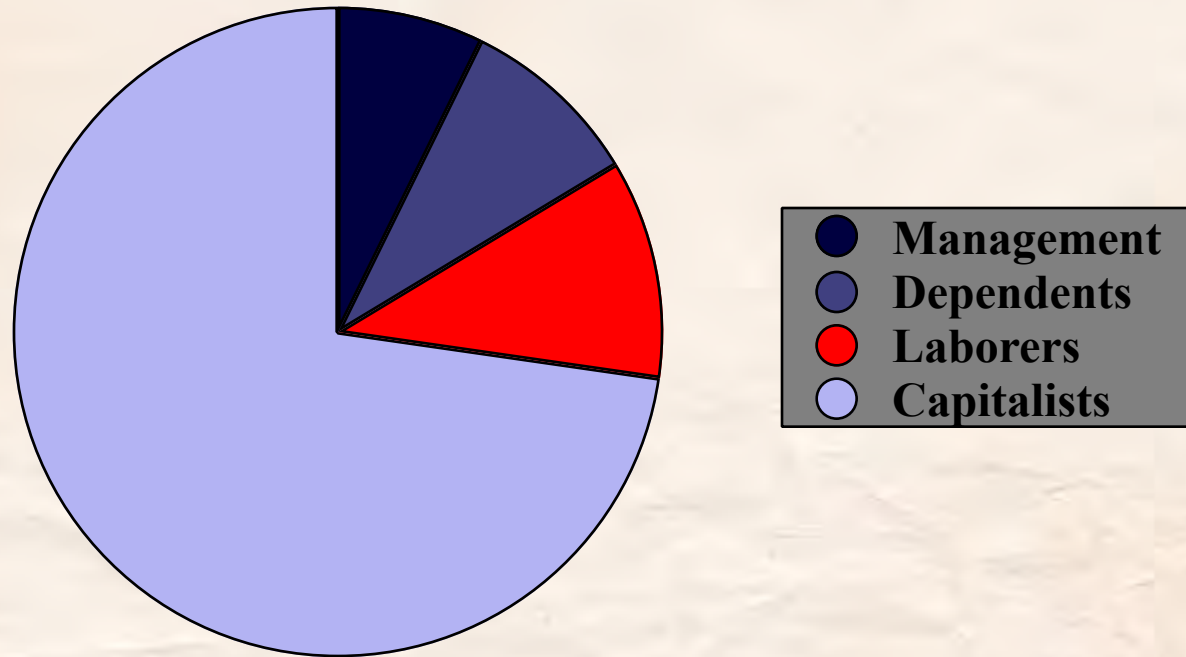


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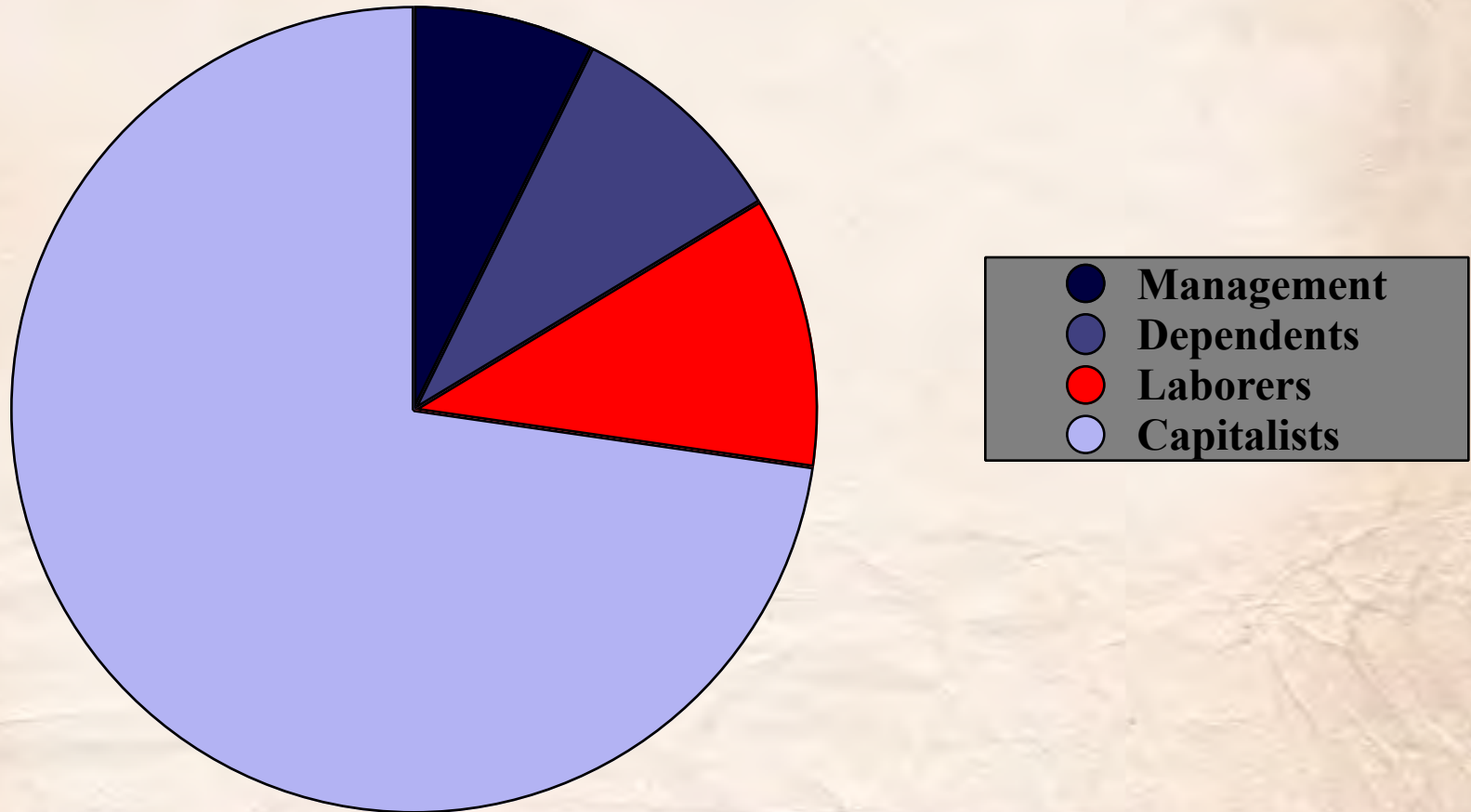


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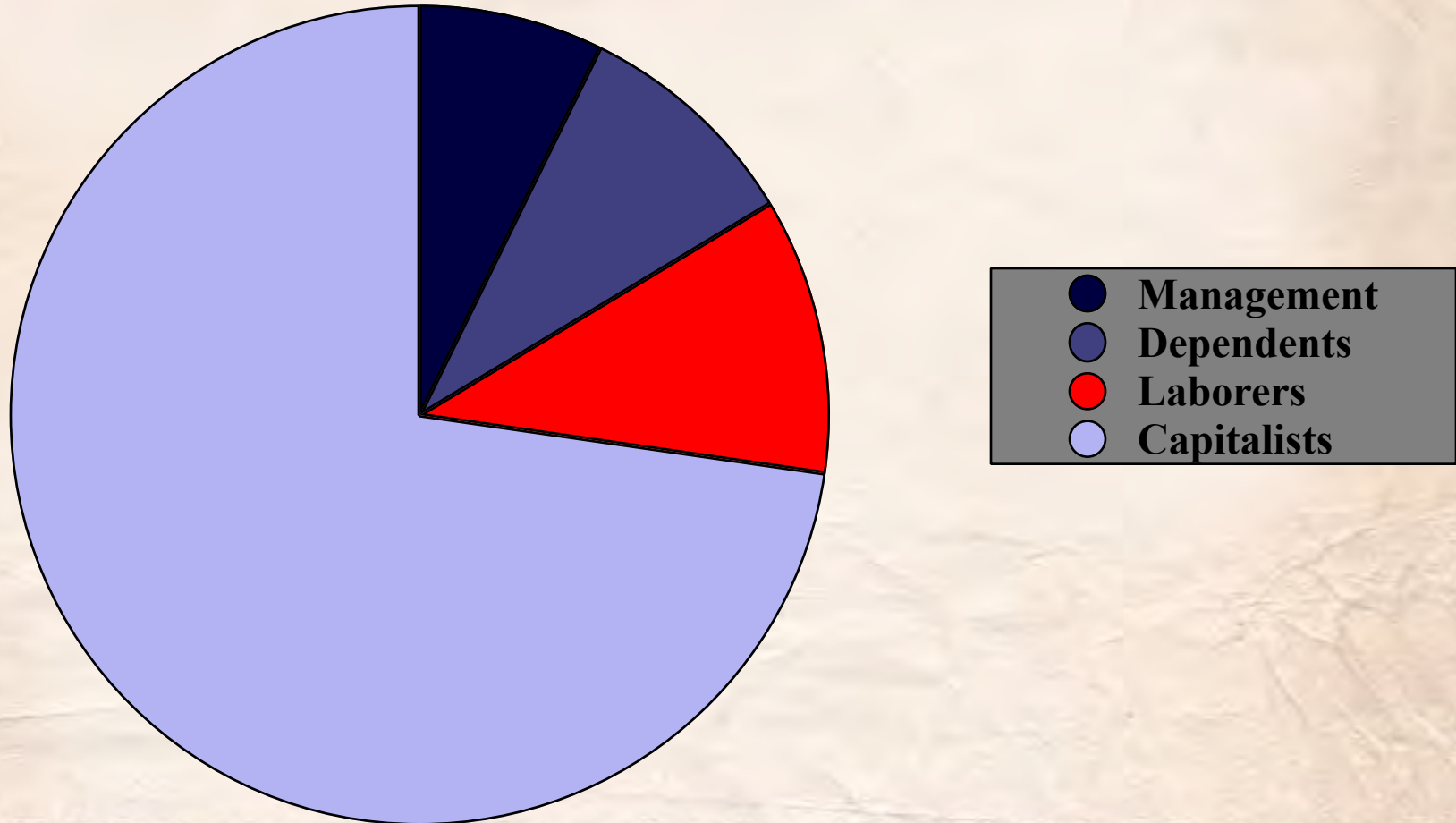
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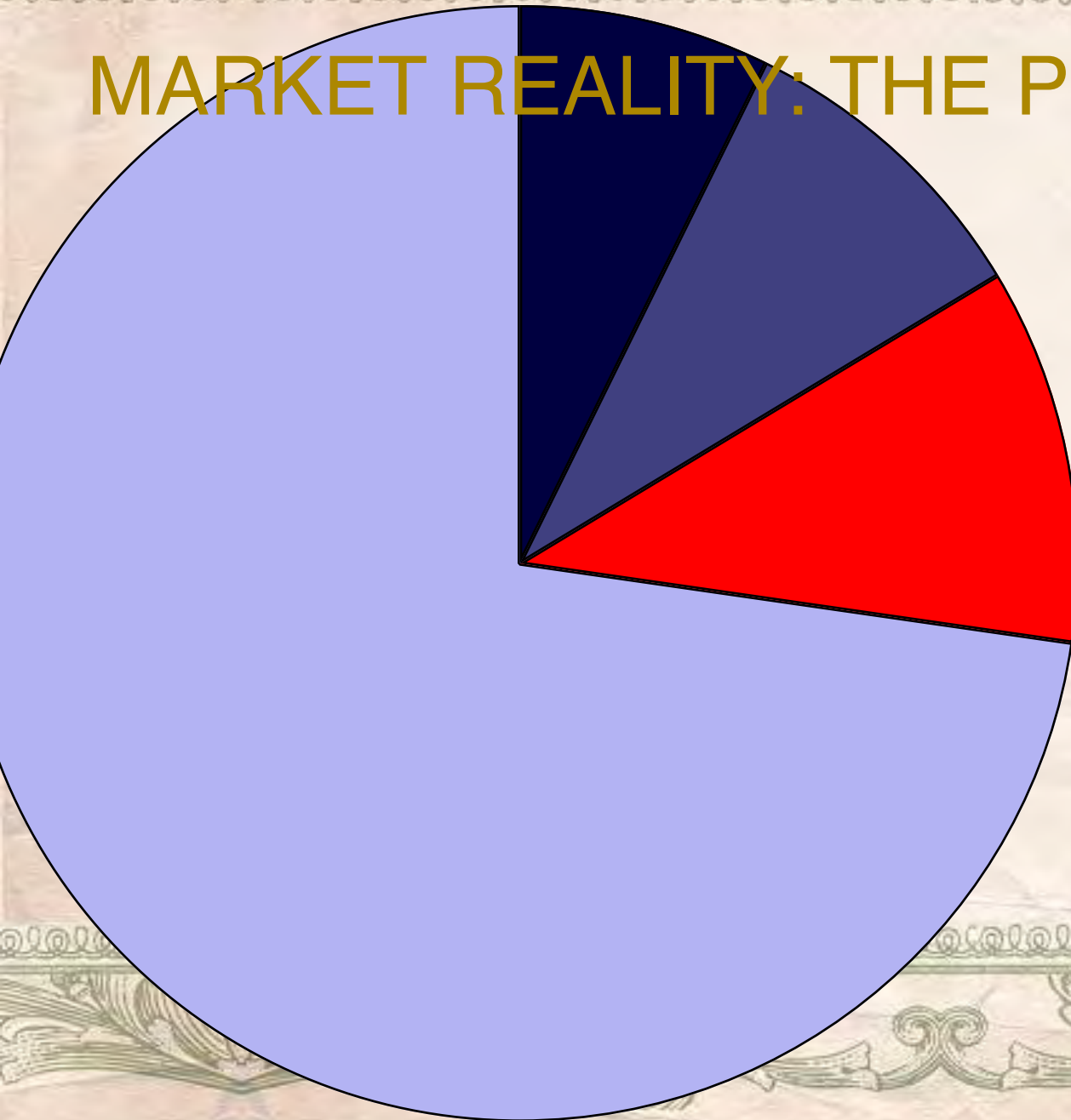
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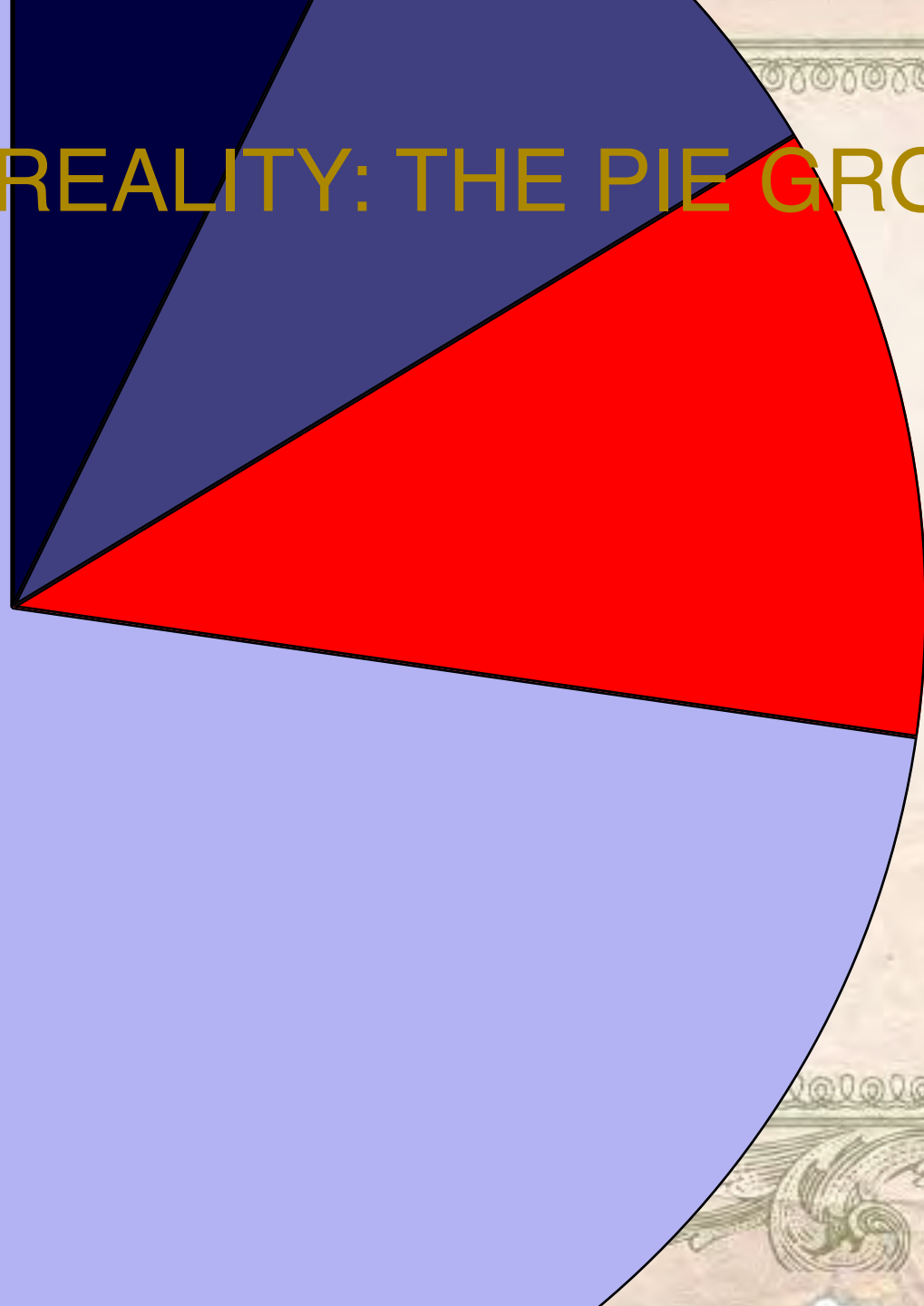


● Management
● Laborers

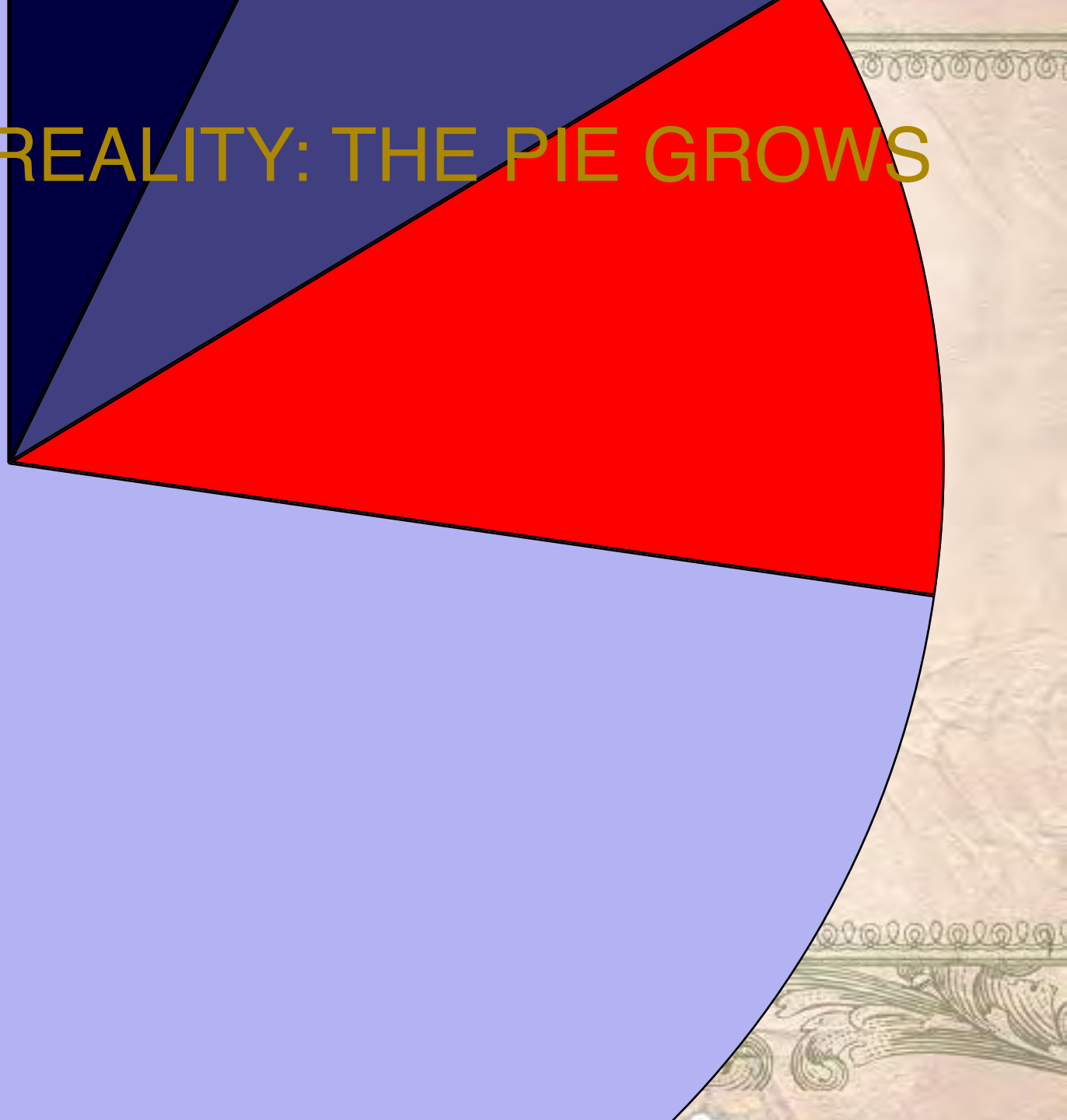
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REALITY

Human beings
transform matter
into resources,
creating wealth.



THE END

