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'Winter 2026'

If you were in charge? **To Raise Government Revenue, would you Raise the Fed Tax Rate OR Lower the Fed Tax Rate?**

This is seemingly a simple proposition. It's a good bet that some (or many) intuitively lean one way. How does one set aside inherent bias to secure a reliable defensible answer?

Ans: **Use Critical Analysis!**

This Prompt will expose you to The Romer & Romer Study; and the Laffer Curve; and Economist Thomas Sowell.

The centerpiece of this Prompt is the **"LAFFER CURVE"**. The Laffer Curve may intellectually stimulate you for a lifetime.

Critical Thinking is mandatory! Static arithmetic and shallow analysis will be put on trial. Facts and data are key.

The link to PragerU (5 min) Video is the centerpiece from which to construct your Analysis. This Video cites the important Romer & Romer STUDY by Christina Romer from the Obama Administration, Economic Council.

We have provided a special link to a FREE Electronic Book entitled TRICKLE DOWN THEORY by Thomas Sowell. It's a mere 13 pages of easy (and HIGH VALUE) reading. Sowell is an important and well respected Economist. That FREE link is:

[Sowell_TrickleDown.indd](#)

Considering our current debt-laden economic situation, it is essential that we implement policies aimed at **both** debt management **and** economic growth.

If you were in charge, **what is your policy to cause enhanced government revenue?**

The **Winter '2026 Prompt** is –

**To Raise Government Revenue,
I Will Raise the Fed Tax Rate OR
I Will Lower the Fed Tax Rate?**

Your link to this 5-min Video Prompt link is –

[Lower Taxes, Higher Revenue | 5 Minute Videos | PragerU](#)

Be sure to include your name in the heading of your Submission

Tip, to assist the Evaluators, use page numbers in Heading or Footing of your Submission

Enjoy your Critical Analysis of the Laffer Curve; we hope you find it easy, fun, and useful!

Display your Critical Analysis Skills!

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ELIGIBILITY –

1. United States based Panthera Scholars.
2. Panthera Edge Scholarship Students that are enrolled in their respective 4-yr Universities, full-time status, for the 2025-2026 academic year.
3. Submitting an Essay signifies your prior approval that Panthera may use your Essay to inspire, educate and benefit others.
4. Submit an Essay, 1,500 words or less, that persuades the Selection Committee that your Essay is the Best of the Best and win **1st place & a \$1500 scholarship (inclusive of the \$300)**! The Selection Committee includes your peers who recently preceded you and are now Panthera Legacy Scholars. **Each submittal receives a \$300 scholarship deposited into your Student Account.**
5. **Each scholarship recipient agrees to receive funds in their University Student Account (and not directly). Funds may only be used for tuition or university expenses in the direct pursuit of a Bachelor Degree.**
6. PLEASE place your name on ALL pages of your essay. **Repeat:** PLEASE place you name on ALL pages of your essay!

SCHEDULE –

Submittal Deadline: Tuesday, February 10, 2026

Submit to

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Notification of Winner: Tuesday, March 10, 2026.

Additional Thoughts –

Aristotle: “It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it.”

Aldous Huxley: “Facts do not cease to exist because they are ignored.”