



Undergraduate students of Economics celebrating new simplified theory that guarantees they will pass the course without learning anything.

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Economic success now defined by how often men change the colour of their car

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Economists worldwide have ditched traditional metrics like GDP that were always used to identify prosperity of a nation. It is no longer in fashion. Woke activists have been especially relieved now that the GDP (Gross Domestic Product) concept has been thrown out the window because they find it offensive to have the word "Gross" in their regular conversation. But also, a new theory is now in place.

The new concept talks about how we use a product as the measurement of success. The paper titled "Economic success defined by the number of times men change the colour of their car" has been accepted as the de facto theory for evaluating a country and whether the nation should be allowed to host Olympics.

Jean True Dough, secretary of one of the nations currently keeping a quiet watch on

unfolding wars explained how this new theory works. "A first-world country that mainly produces weapons could stop an entire warring nation like Israel but instead they are worried how it will look on their Wikipedia page. That is not success," she exclaimed. "Success belongs to those who use it."

Nobel Laureate Frederick Afterthat weighed in, questioning the value of mere production metrics. "America churns out weapons, but success is not about making guns. It's about using them effectively, which, erm, their police force does. That's real success," he mused.

According to the theory, developing countries like Bangladesh, Kenya and Botswana have a lower prosperity index simply because car owners there (or here, depending on your VPN settings) are busy buying boring Toyotas in silver and pearl because that has good resale value.

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On the other hand, successful countries with a very high index like Dubai and Qatar don't believe in changing colour. When they want a new colour for their car, they replace the car and get it in a new shade. The old one is sent to Bangladesh.

The new theory is widely accepted especially by undergraduate students who are happy now that their syllabus is reduced from 22 chapters to three. This found worldwide support in the business and political communities.

Other countries posited similar concepts where prosperity is defined by the number of diapers being changed in a day and the number of cosmetics such as lipsticks that women use.

'It's disgraceful that rain did not fall in time'

Angelo Mathews says after SL lose match against New Zealand

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Sri Lanka batter Angelo Mathews has termed it disgraceful and atrocious that the rain did not fall before New Zealand beat them in their World Cup match in Bengaluru on Thursday.

"I kept looking up at the sky and pointing to my wrist, over and over again, but the rain did not fall," Mathews said in the post-match press conference, beside himself with righteous rage.

Teammates said Mathews had been in that state ever since the umpire upheld Bangladesh captain Shakib Al Hasan's appeal for timed out against Mathews a couple of days earlier, making him the first victim of the mode of dismissal in an international game.



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Sri Lanka lost that match too, and their hopes of participation in the Champions Trophy 2025 – which will feature the top eight teams of the ongoing World Cup – hinged on, first, getting past 50 with the bat, and then the forecast rain washing out the match against New Zealand. A no-result would give them one point, which would have been a point more than Bangladesh will end with after losing today's match against Australia.

In related news, it was learnt that Bangladesh would set up seats in front of the Australia dressing room so that it takes a minimum of two minutes for outgoing batsmen to make it to the batting crease.

Back to the fuming Mathews. "I wanted to make a timed out appeal against the rain today. But the umpire did not accept the appeal. I cannot believe the umpire would stoop so low, as low as Shakib, although the rain should have stooped much lower.

"This is totally against the spirit of cricket. It talks about playing cricket in an honest manner, but why are we not taking the weather forecasters to task for lying to us about the rain."

Meanwhile, the International Cricket Council has decided never to take any action against Mathews, no matter what he says. Meanwhile meanwhile, Mathews is expected to announce his candidacy for the US presidency.

In other news, outraged by the lack of rain in Bengaluru, Mathews' brother Trevin was reportedly hospitalised after hurling stones directly at the sky above.

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Boss shocked that employees not happy about being paid 5 peanuts instead of 4

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JEAN PAUL SATIRE

Employees at a local digital marketing agency have expressed shock after being offered a raise of one peanut.

For the past two months, employees have been engaged in intense negotiations with the company's leadership over a pay raise.

"Inflation is not just a figure on a piece of paper. Have you tried going grocery shopping recently? We are being reduced to living in poverty even though our labour contributes to all the wealth that is being accumulated by the owners of this company and their clients," said Nirho Chakurey, leader of the copywriters' union at Bling Bling Kaching Digital Agency.

The owner of this marketing agency, famous entrepreneur and social media personality Nawab Bin Shamrat, spoke to Satireday about the current state of limbo at his organisation.

"We are losing revenue every hour that my resources sit idle. Multiple

companies have given signed deals with us worth multiple millions of peanuts, but this situation with the copywriters is going to dump all my hard work in water," he complained.

Bling Bling Kaching Digital Agency is one of the biggest digital agencies in the country in terms of revenue, and according to figures provided by the company, they have made 7 million peanuts in profit in the last quarter.

Then why is there a reluctance to pay their copywriters, say, two more peanuts? According to owner Nawab Bin Shamrat, they have no option.

"The only reason we get these orders is because clients know our copywriters are cheap ... we don't really provide any other special services. The head honchos of those companies have to maintain a certain lifestyle, you know? Add to that the additional cost of my lifestyle, there really is no room to pay employees more than what we have offered," he said.

The lifestyle Nawab Bin Shamrat

refers to is indeed lavish, and it includes biweekly helicopter rides to meet his fiancée who lives 12 kilometres away, 20 pairs of designer underwear from Balenciaga, 13 cars, one each for every strand of hair on his head, and monthly shipments of sand from the Aral Sea for his cat's litter. All this information was collected from Nawab Bin Shamrat's Instagram page.

When asked if this lifestyle was a bit too extravagant and whether he could make changes that would allow him to maybe pay his copywriters the eight peanuts that they're asking for, Nawab Bin Shamrat seemed shocked.

"That is preposterous. My lifestyle is vital for the future growth of my company. There are more copywriters, there will always be more copywriters. But the cult of personality I have developed and the lifestyle I flaunt is the X factor that attracts other rich people with money, who eventually become my clients. You can run an agency

without copywriters, but you can't run an agency without an obnoxious owner/CEO like me," he said.

As of yesterday, the copywriters are still not working, and in a show of

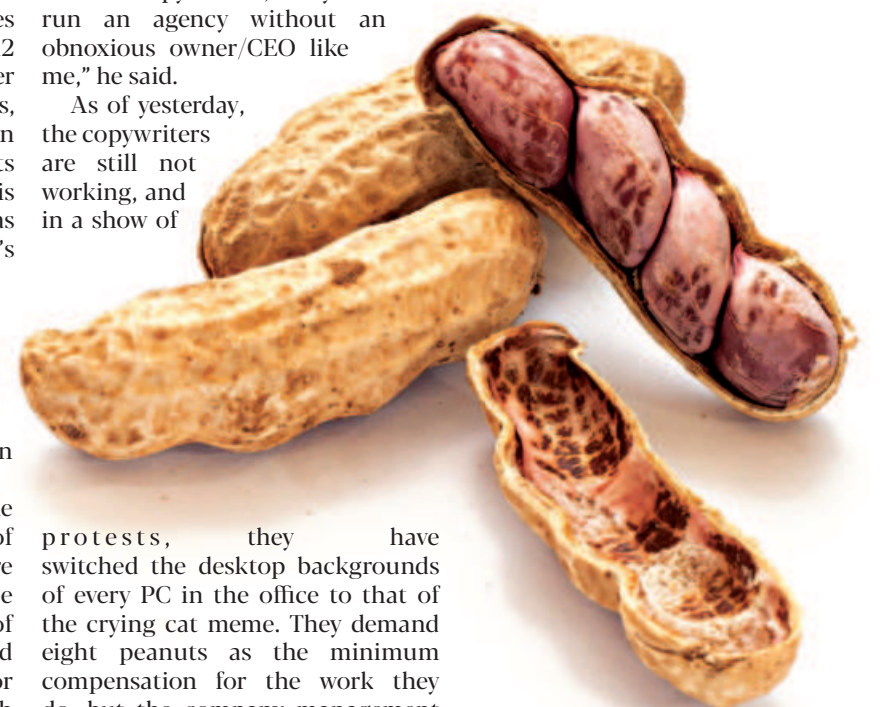


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