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The Steady State Economy, Capitalism, and Socialism

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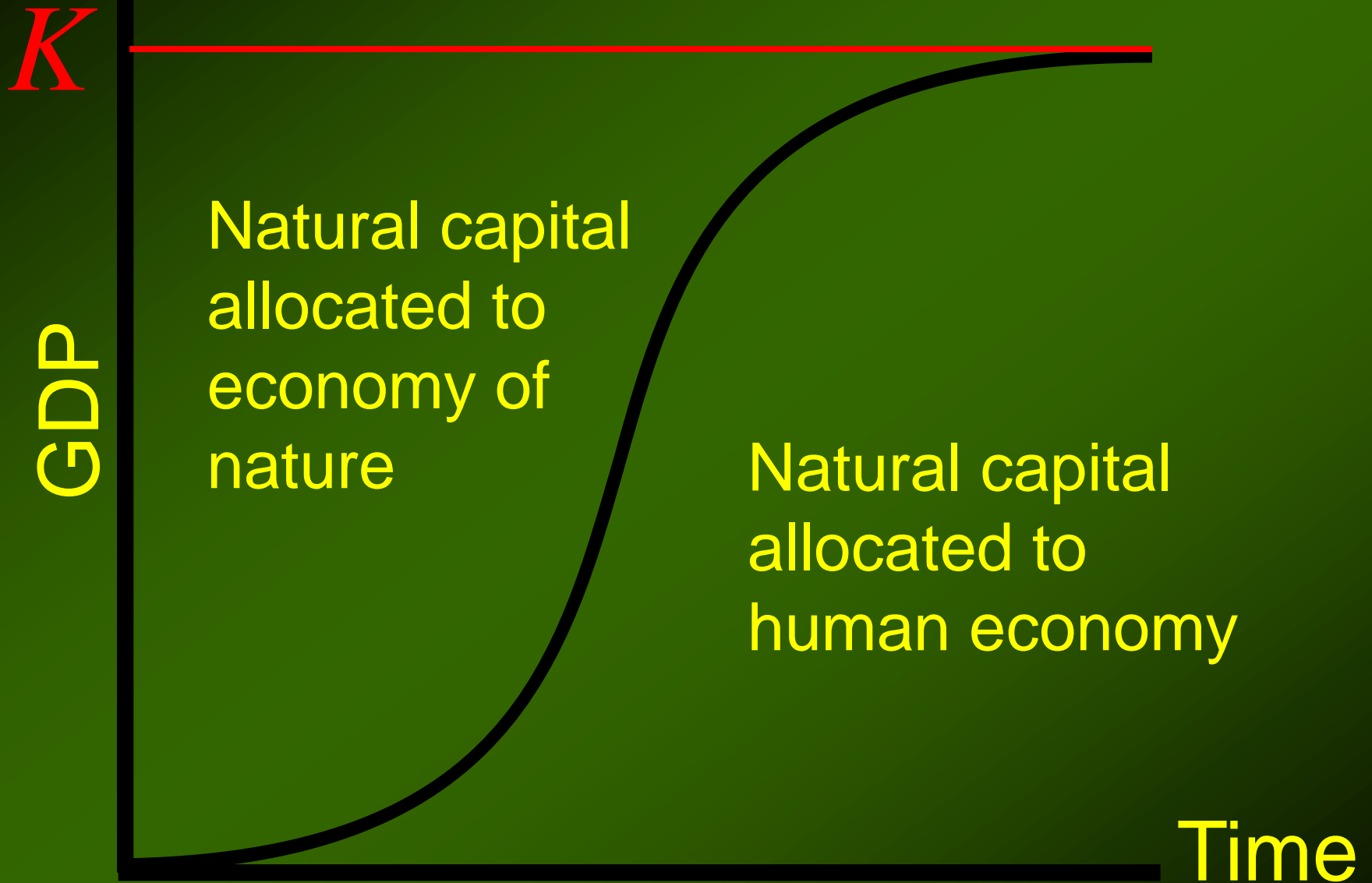
Key Question

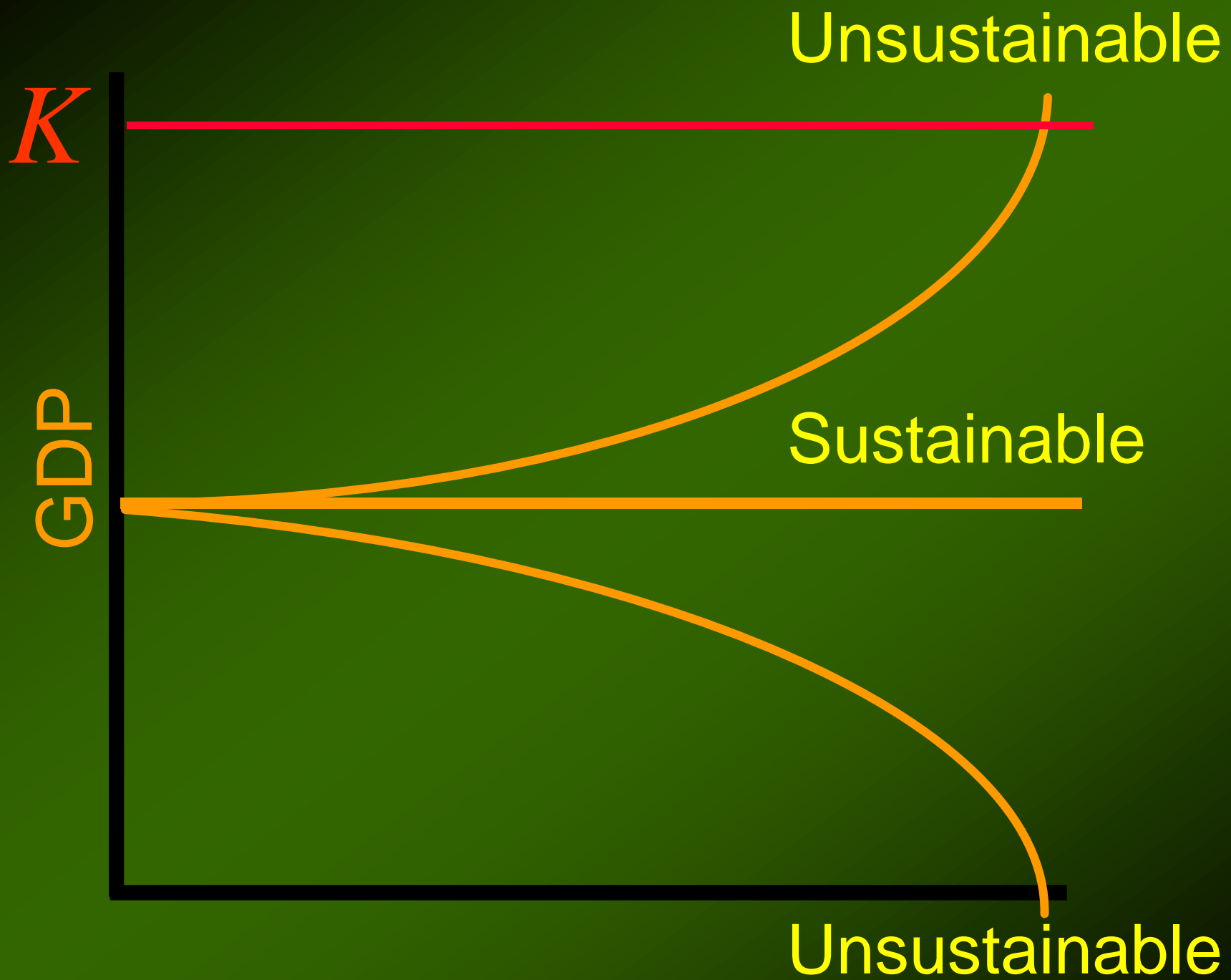
May capitalism be reconciled with a steady state economy?

Economic Growth

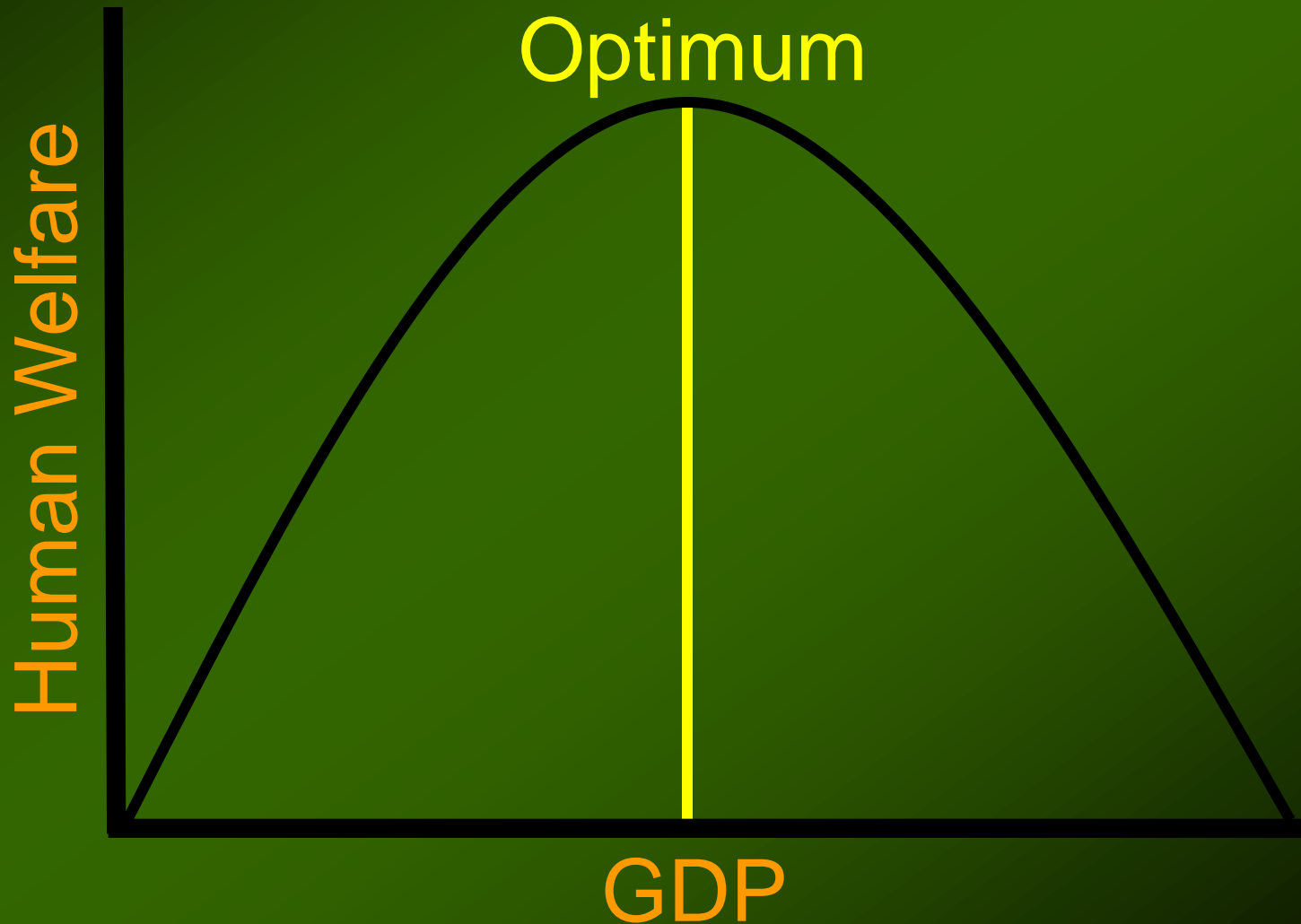
- Increase in the production and consumption of goods and services in the aggregate
- Typically expressed in terms of GDP
- Entails increasing population and/or per capita consumption

Macro-Allocation

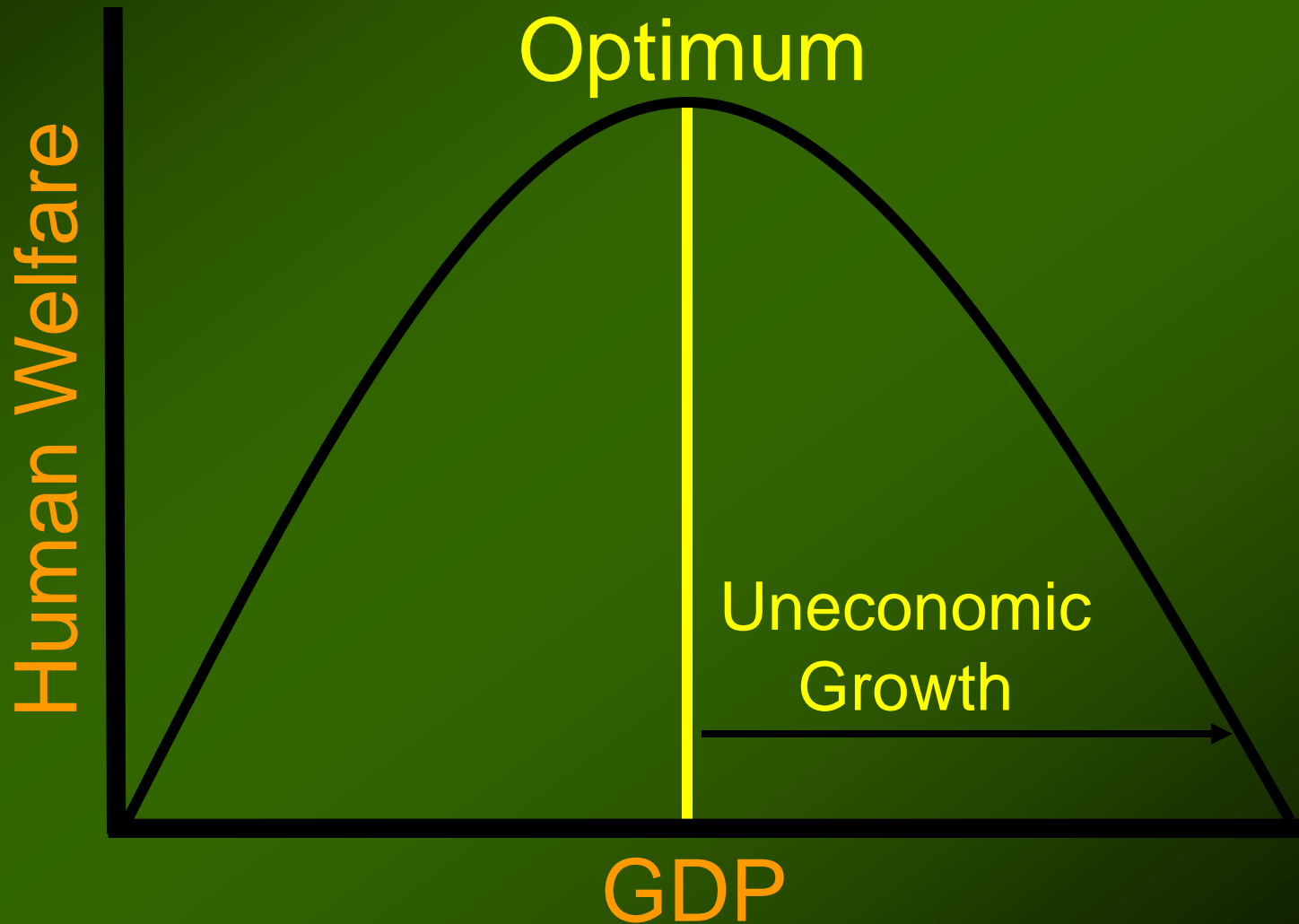




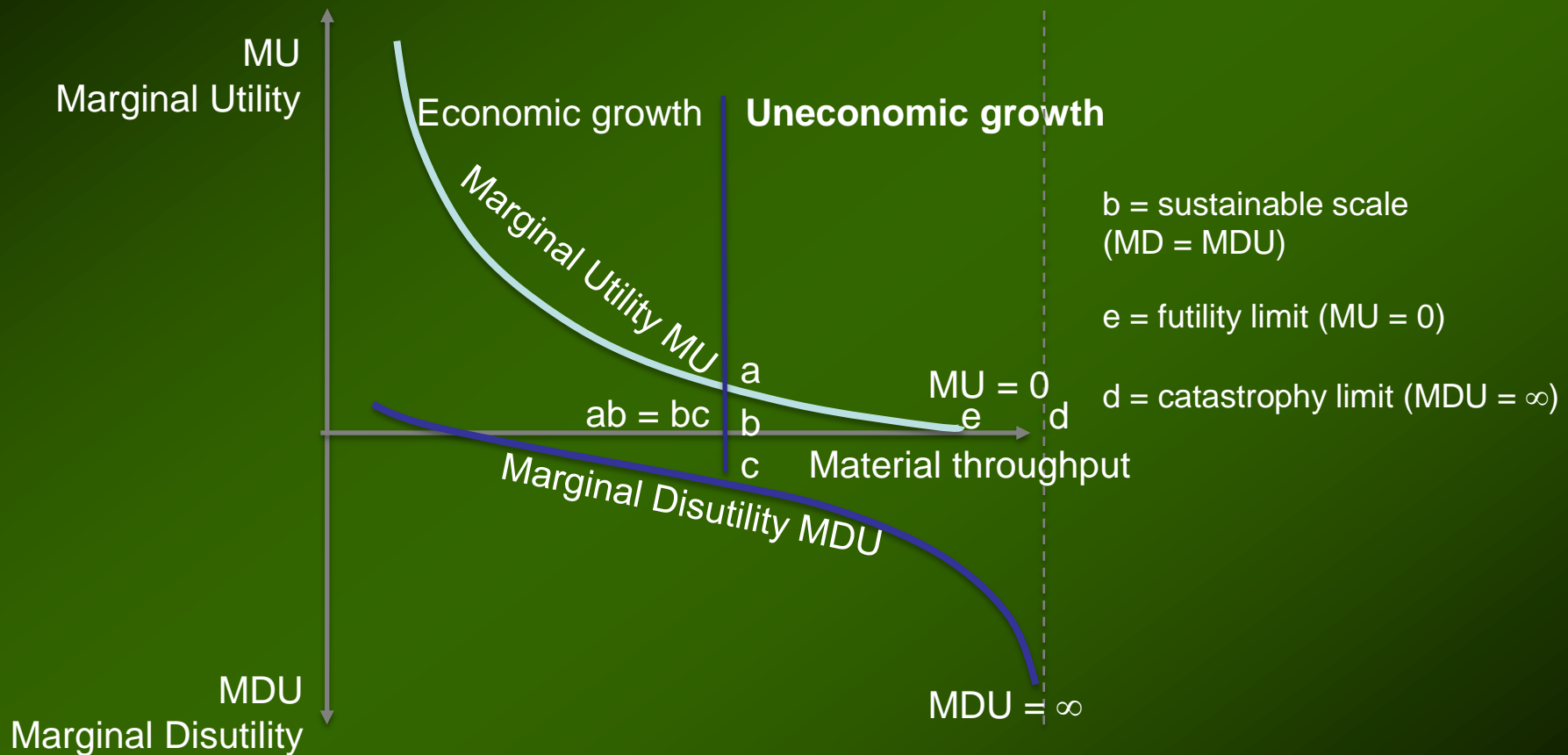
All Things Considered



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Sustainable Scale



The Steady State Economy, Capitalism, and Socialism:

“It’s the goal, stupid!”

Terms

- Capitalism: an economic system in which the means of production are privately owned and operated for profit, or....
- Socialism: an economic system in which the means of production are publicly or commonly owned and controlled co-operatively, or...

Insanity Explanation

How the political spectrum really looks...

far left (insanity)

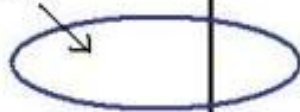


Note: Fascism and Communism are exact opposites, but are both on the far left.

(yet people still think Obama is both)

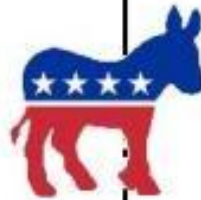
Left

Where the democrats used to be



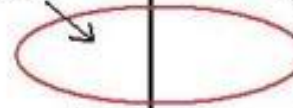
STOP COMPARING THESE TWO!!!!

Center



Right

Where the republicans used to be



Note: the sane republicans are still there

far right (insanity)

You all look the same from way over here



Conservative velociraptors



Texas →

Cold War Rhetoric Spectrum

“Capitalism”  “Communism”



Laissez-faire  Central planning

Less Rhetorical Spectrum

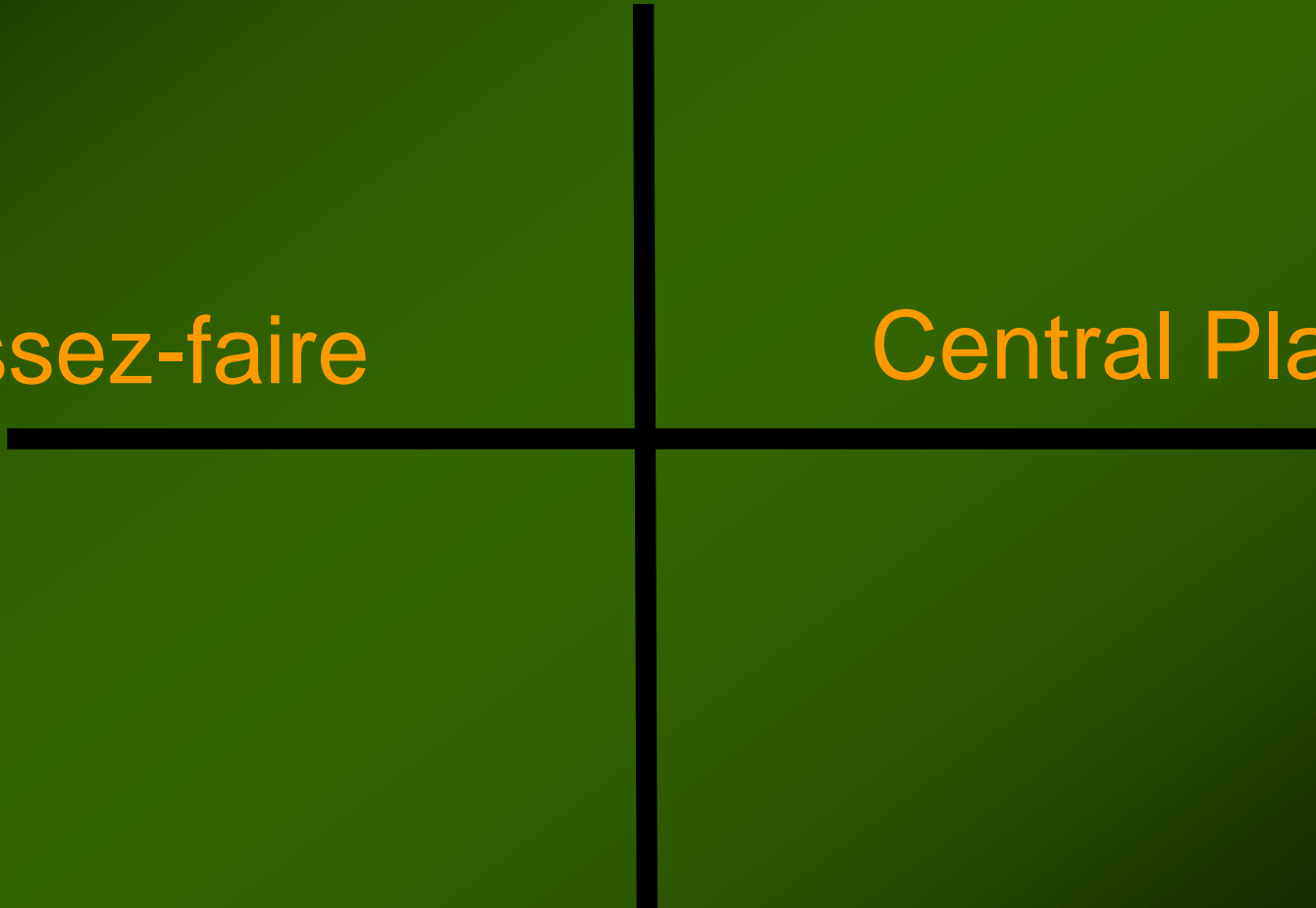
Rational and Relevant

Full World Rationality

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Empty World Rationality



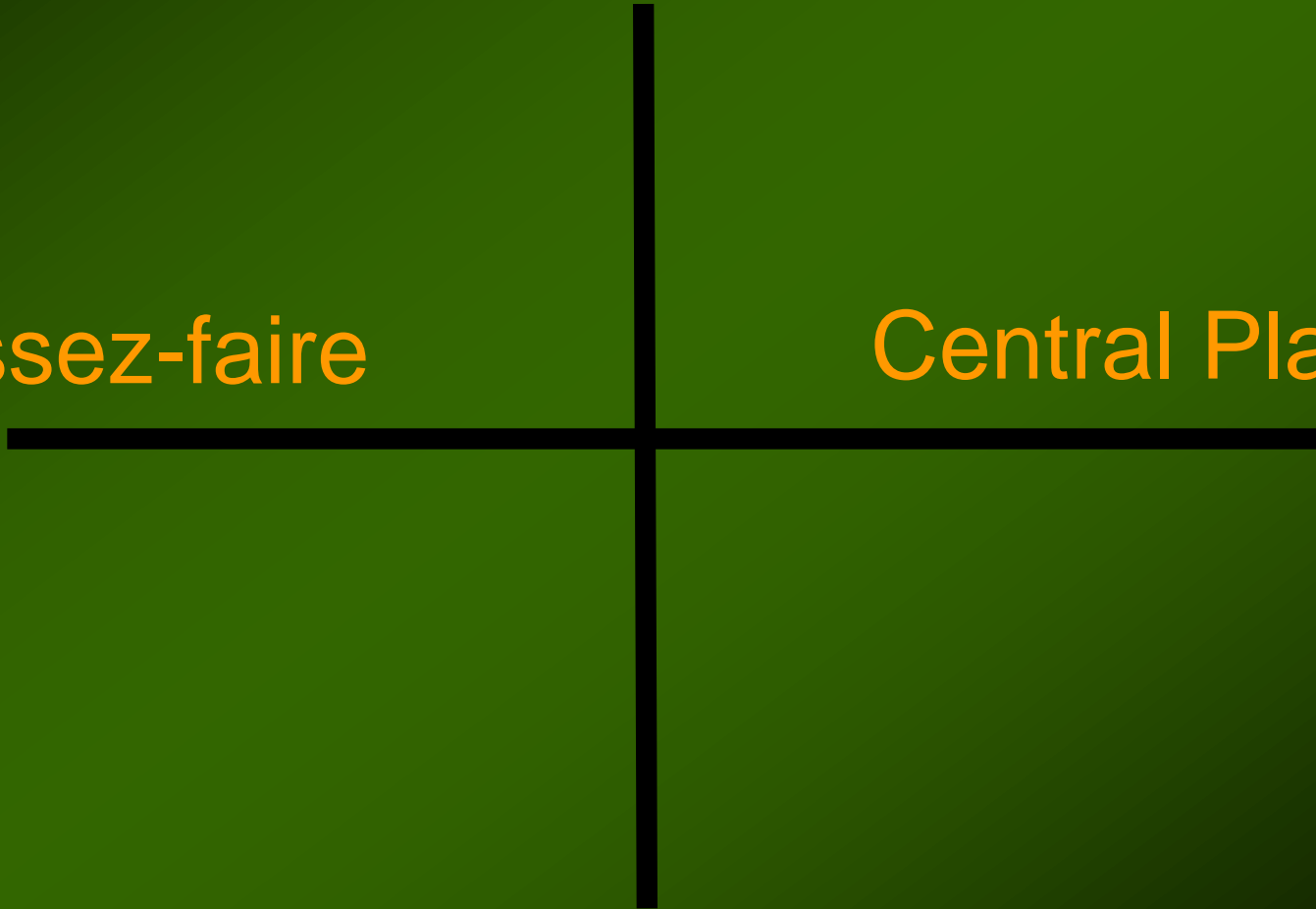
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Steady Statesmanship

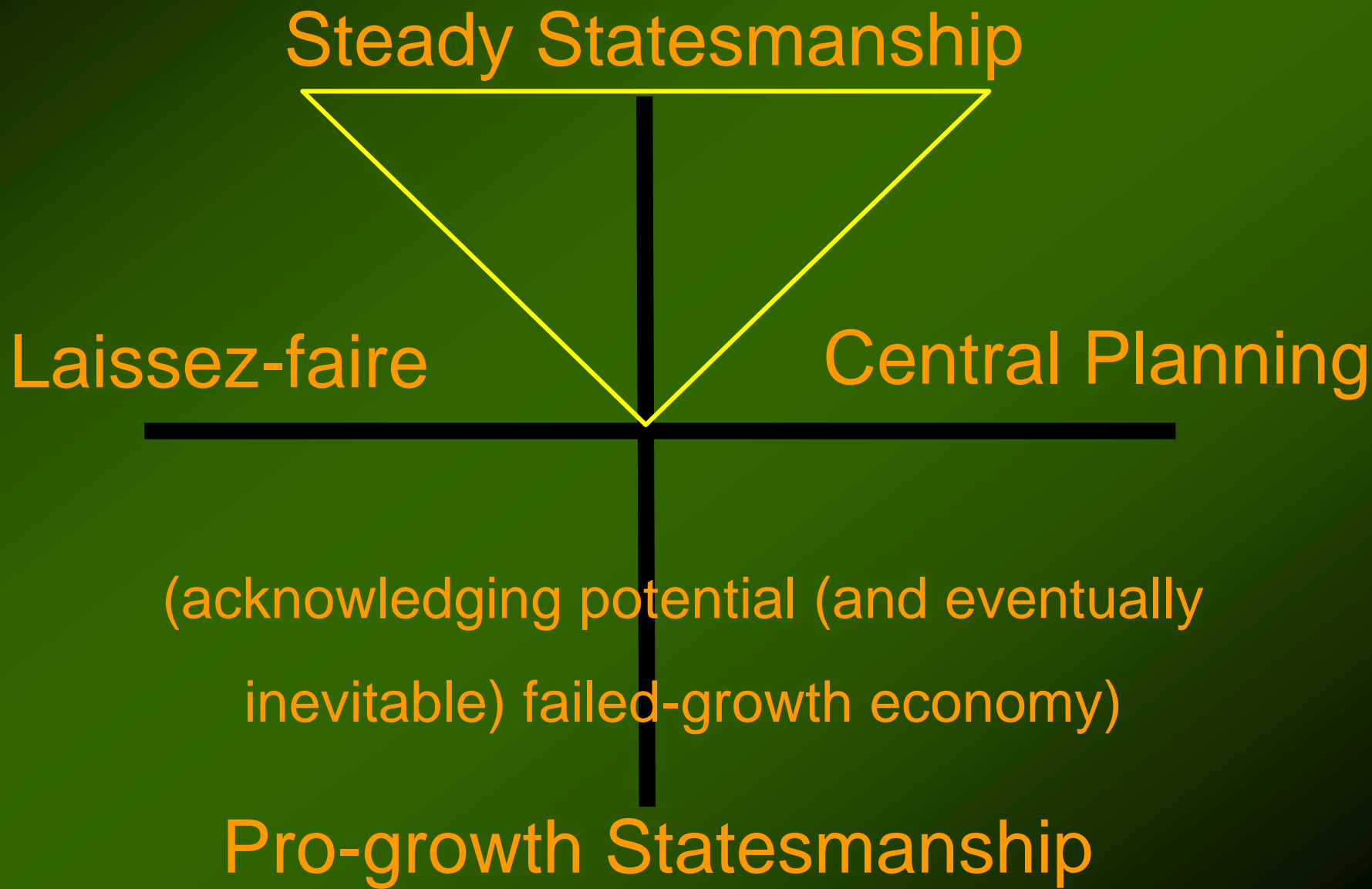
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Pro-growth Statesmanship



Propensities in Political Economy



Realer Propensity?

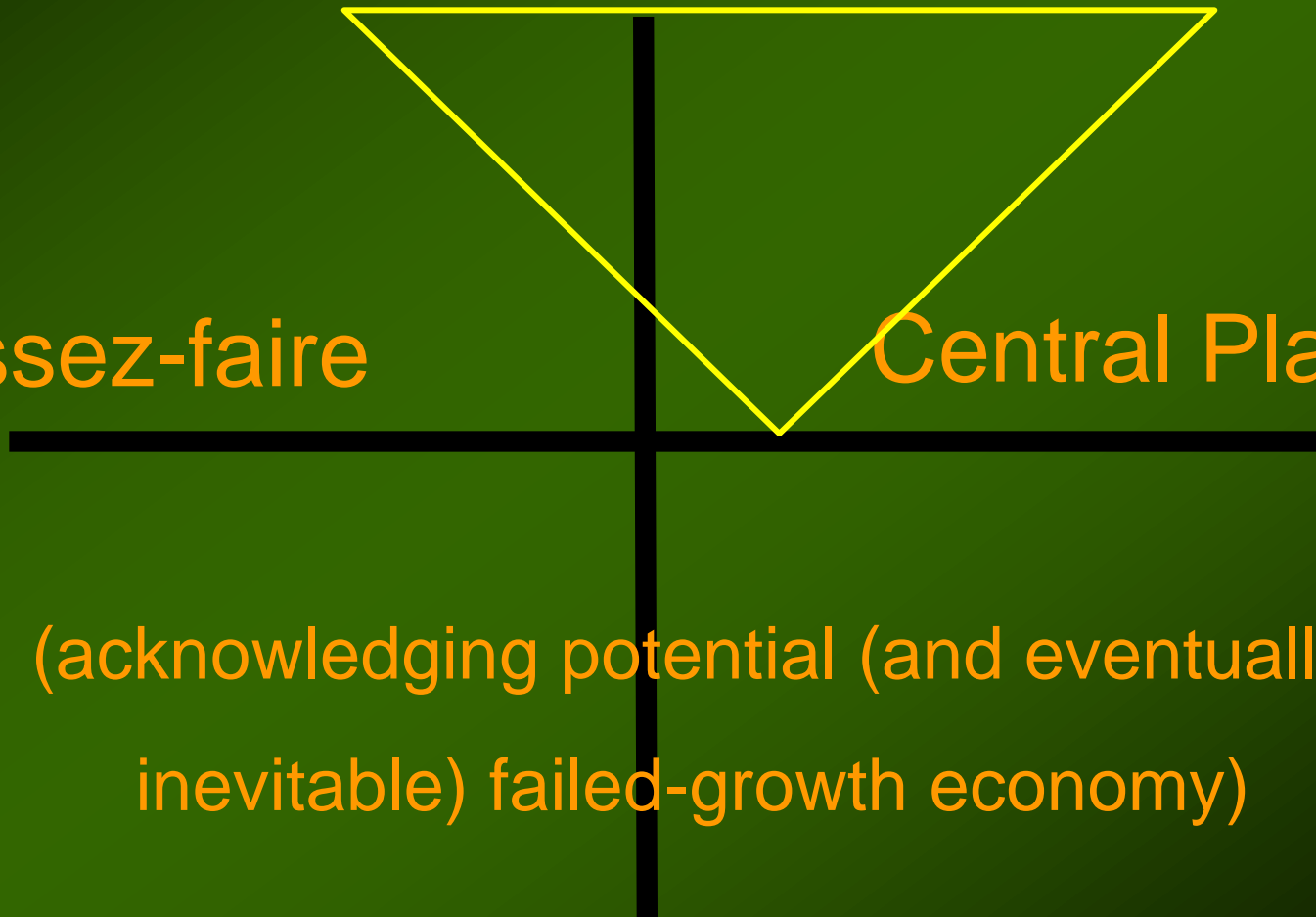
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(acknowledging potential (and eventually inevitable) failed-growth economy)

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Or even this? “Prove it.”

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Pro-growth Statesmanship

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Ran out of time; shift to lecture...