

Dear Reader:

I am writing to ask you to help support the important work of the Foundation for Critical Thinking - to help us keep our doors open, so we may continue to advance a rich conception of critical thinking.

For 37 years, we have fostered a robust concept of critical thinking and have been almost completely financially self-sufficient. For the first time in our history, to keep our work going, *we need financial support from our friends and all those concerned to advance fairminded critical societies.*

People now commonly tout the importance of critical thinking, but relatively few dollars go toward funding the cultivation of a robust, fairminded conception of critical thinking across educational institutions - or, for that matter, within any part of human life. Your contributions help us support the best educators who need and want professional development in critical thinking, but whose schools, colleges, and universities lack the funding to support them. You also help us keep alive a rare and important voice for freedom of speech and freedom of thought during these turbulent times in history.

The cultivation of fairminded critical societies, through explicit tools of critical thinking, *represents our best hope for realizing governments across the world that work for public interests rather than vested interests and that help people distinguish between **fake news**, "alternative facts," and the real truth.*

Please consider making a charitable contribution to support our work. Visit our new [Donations page](#), which members of the critical thinking community can use to help sustain our non-profit organization. *We offer gifts* at giving levels above \$40, such as free Thinker's Guides, books, artwork, and more.

I deeply appreciate your consideration of this request, and hope you can help us keep our work going and keep our doors open into the future.

Sincerely,



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