

# 02 Elasticity, Price Controls and Consumer Choice

Content Area: **Social Studies**  
Course(s): **AP Economics**  
Time Period: **Semester 1**  
Length: **2 weeks**  
Status: **Published**

## Standards

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SOC.6.1.12.CivicsPI.1.a	Explain how British North American colonies adapted the British governance structure to fit their ideas of individual rights, economic growth, and participatory government.
SOC.6.1.12.CivicsPD.1.a	Use multiple sources to analyze the factors that led to an increase in the political rights and participation in government.
SOC.6.1.12.GeoGI.1.a	Explain how geographic variations impacted economic development in the New World, and its role in promoting trade with global markets (e.g., climate, soil conditions, other natural resources).
SOC.6.3.12.EconGE.1	Participate in a simulated meeting (e.g., President's Council, World Bank, International Monetary Fund (IMF), research evidence from multiple sources about an economic problem (e.g., inflation, unemployment, deficit), and develop a plan of action.
SOC.6.3.12.HistoryCA.12	Analyze a current foreign policy issue by considering current and historical perspectives, examining strategies, and presenting possible actions.

## Enduring Understandings

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1. Price and quantity controls lead to unintended consequences (e.g. permanent shortages and surpluses)
2. Consumer demand is influenced by household budgets and how confident consumers feel about the economy
3. A tax on a good or service is paid for both by consumers and producers - but the percentage of that tax paid by each varies with elasticity.

## Essential Questions

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1. How do basic economic concepts help explain real-world outcomes?
2. What are the nature and functions of markets?
3. What roles and impacts do governments have on an economy?
4. To what extent should the government create special programs to benefit those **marginalized citizens, such as African-Americans or Asian-Americans/Pacific Islanders** who have historically been given a disadvantage in founding businesses and being involved in trading.

## Knowledge and Skills

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Students will be able to.....

1. Analyze the impact of price and quantity controls on product markets

2. Calculate and explain price elasticity, cross-price elasticity and income elasticity
3. Evaluate what happens to producer surplus and consumer surplus with market changes
4. Identify the tax incidence of public policy and what happens to deadweight loss

## Transfer Goals

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Students will be able to independently.....

1. Use economic concepts and approaches to affect their personal decision making and to help them make sense of the real world economy
2. Create a household budget based on more realistic assumptions of spending and saving

## Resources

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### Textbook:

Krugman's Economics for AP by [University Paul Krugman](#) (Adapter), [Robin Wells](#) (Adapter), [Professor Margaret Ray](#) (Author), [David Anderson](#) (Author).

### Supplemental Readings/Sources:

ACDC Worksheets and Powerpoints

Articles from the Economist

Economics By Example Readings

FRQs and Practice Multiple Choice Questions

Review Book: 5 Steps to a 5

Ultimate Review Guide

Additional Resources from WH databases, and articles connected to the content, including primary readings, historiography, and secondary sources.

### Internet/Digital Sources:

ACDC Youtube Video Clips

Crashcourse Economics Video Clips

AP Classroom Resources

Albert IO

Khan Academy

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### **Assessments**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1mKgdwpriGuRcVHIVCJUdBek7lih12Q0ckKSTC4TMUXs/edit>

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### **Modifications**

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