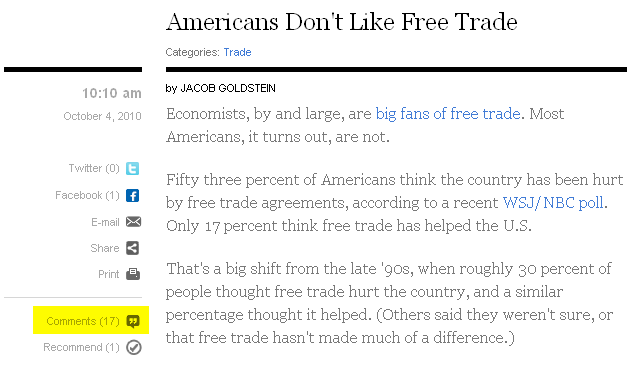


Contributing to Lawrenceville's International Blog

Blogs (a shortened form of “web log”) are interactive web sites that allow visitors to comment on the material posted there. If you have ever left a comment at the NY Times or NPR web site, you have used a form of blogging:



A screenshot of a blog post. The title is "Americans Don't Like Free Trade" and the author is "by JACOB GOLDSTEIN". The post is dated "October 4, 2010" at "10:10 am". The content discusses a poll about Americans' views on free trade. On the left side, there are social media sharing options for Twitter (0), Facebook (1), Email, Share, and Print. At the bottom left, there are "Comments (17)" and "Recommend (1)" buttons.



A screenshot of a blog post. The title is "Quotes Uncovered: Wit and Wisdom from Economics and Finance" and the author is "By FRED SHAPIRO". The post is dated "September 30, 2010, 12:00 PM". The content discusses famous quotations and sayings related to economics and finance. At the bottom, there are "Comments (46)", "Email This", "Print", and "Share" buttons.

Lawrenceville currently has an International Programs blog hosted on Google's blogging service (called Blogger.com, aka Blogspot.com):

<http://lvilleInternational.blogspot.com>

To comment on this blog, you must have a Google account. If you use Gmail, Picasa, or any of Google's other services you already have a Google account. If not, it is easy to create a free account by visiting: <https://www.google.com/accounts/NewAccount>

To access the blogs

Go to the link above to read the blog.

If you wish to comment, click the Sign In link in the upper-right corner and then enter your Google account information:



A screenshot of the Blogger sign-in interface. At the top, there are "Create Blog" and "Sign In" buttons. Below that is the Blogger logo. To the right, there is a sign-in form titled "Sign in to use Blogger with your Google Account". The form includes fields for "Username (Email)" and "Password (?)", a "SIGN IN" button, and a "Remember me (?)" checkbox.

There are 3 elements to the blog:



- 1 The active discussion – you can add your comments to the topic by clicking on the **comments** link.
- 2 The topics – discussions are grouped into a series of topics
- 3 External resources – links to web sites and documents related to the subject. (You can also post links inside your comments and make them available to everyone.)

When you click on the **comments** link (indicated above with the arrow) at the bottom of each “post,” you can read the comments left by others and add your own. When you do this, or if there are no comments yet, you will see a “Post a Comment” box. Enter your text in that box and then click the **Post Comment** button:

A screenshot of the "Post a Comment" form. It features a large text area with the placeholder text "Comments may be entered here...". Below the text area, there is a "Comment as:" dropdown menu set to "Blogs @ Lawrenceville (Google)", a "Sign out" link, a "Post Comment" button, a "Preview" button, and a "Subscribe by email" link.

Please note that our International blog is open to anyone in the world. Therefore, we need to keep our discussions to themes and ideas, and should avoid using any names, especially of students.