The Power of Federal Reserve to Change the Economy: Why It Matters

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A Zoom webinar. See flyer attached.

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- Should the "too-big-to-fail" banks be broken up
- Can the financial incentives for private hedge funds to buy-out American companies be removed?
- Can the Federal Reserve be reformed?
- What needs to change in order to create an "economic democracy" where wealth and power are more widely distributed?

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