

Week 2 Check In

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The old adage that “a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush” captures the basic idea of the time value of money. Giving up what you have now in hand requires a reasonable expectation of having more as a result later.

I was able to complete the NPV table with the given data using the assigned YouTube video as a guide (Corporate Finance Institute, 2018), but I rewrote the introductory scenario to be about a proposal for a print shop by the web tech co-op NOVA Web Development (Elkner, 2026). That way I will be able to share this work with my fellow co-op members and use it to help us all understand financial planning better.

Feeling the need for an inoculation against the logic of capital in which we are immersed, this week I read Marjory Kelly's latest book, *Wealth Supremacy: How the Extractive Economy and the Biased Rules of Capitalism Drive Today's Crises* (2023). In my solidarity economy activist work I am connected to the Next System Studies program at nearby George Mason University (Next System Studies, 2025), which is supported by The Democracy Collaborative (2024) where Marjory Kelly works. Learning more about the ideas at work at the Democracy Collaborative will help me in my local work in Northern Virginia.

So in sum, I made it through another week, and I am a bit closer to earning credit for the next course in my MBA pathway, and a bit better informed about how business managers think about investment in capitalist businesses, as well as more aware of alternative ways to think about economics and finances from a viewpoint ethically aligned with my values. I would have to say it was not a bad week.

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