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The greatest twentieth-century economists

Subscribers to this journal were asked:

“Who were the greatest economists of the 20th-Century?”

“Greatest” here means not who most influenced the economics profession or ideology, but rather who most added to our understanding of economic phenomena. Vote for your top five. The economist who is your first choice will be credited with five votes, your second choice with four, your third with three, your fourth with two and your fifth with one. You may vote for fewer than five if you wish. Only subscribers to the *post-autistic economics review* are eligible to vote. The votes of subscribers who submit more than one set of votes will not be counted.

1,249 subscribers voted. The results are as follows:

1. **John Maynard Keynes** (3,253 votes)
2. **Joseph Alois Schumpeter** (1,080)
3. **John Kenneth Galbraith** (904)
4. **Amartya Sen** (708)
5. **Joan Robinson** (607)
6. **Thorstein Veblen** (591)
7. **Michal Kalecki** (481)
8. **Friedrich Hayek** (469)
9. **Karl Polanyi** (456)
10. **Piero Sraffa** (383)

11. **Joseph Stiglitz** (333)
12. **Kenneth Arrow** (320)
13. **Milton Friedman** (319)
13. **Paul Samuelson** (319)
15. **Paul Sweezy** (268)
16. **Herman Daly** (267)
17. **Herbert Simon** (250)
18. **Ronald Coase** (246)
19. **Gunnar Myrdal** (216)
20. **Alfred Marshall** (211)