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INVITE 10/21: Runaway Capitalism: Is the "Uber Economy" Slighting American Workers?

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The U.S. workforce, which has been one of the wealthiest and most productive in the world, is undergoing an alarming transformation. Increasing numbers of workers find themselves on shaky ground, turned into freelancers, temps, and contractors. Even full-time and professional jobs are experiencing similar shifts. Add to that the steamroller of automation, robots and artificial intelligence already replacing millions of workers and project to "obsolesce" millions more, is there at all a bright spot in the American economic story?

The answer depends: a historic mash-up of Silicon Valley technology, seemingly infinite investment dollars, and viral consumer response is ushering in the "sharing economy" era – companies like Airbnb, Uber, and TaskRabbit are freeing their workers to work more independent, flexible schedules outside of the traditional company structures. But according to Steven Hill's new book, [Raw Deal: How the "Uber Economy" and Runaway Capitalism Are Screwing American Workers](#), the sharing economy has also been a source of smaller jobs and wages, unchecked corporate profit, and the ongoing dwindling of the middle class.

Does the economic impact of the sharing economy live up to its hype? Are the U.S. safety net and social contract at risk? Join New America NYC for a conversation on the "Uber economy" and how to keep economic power in the hands of American workers.

Copies of Steven Hill's [Raw Deal: How the "Uber Economy" and Runaway Capitalism Are Screwing American Workers](#) will be available for purchase. Follow the discussion online using #NANYC and following [@NewAmericaNYC](#).

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