

# **Isabella Weber**

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Economist Isabella Weber has gained international attention and accolades for her ground-breaking ideas on price controls and inflation.

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## **Biography**

A highly-sought expert, Isabella Weber burst onto the international scene when she authored an op-ed for The Guardian explaining how price caps could help alleviate the economic crisis Germany faced from the COVID-19 pandemic. The suggestion sharply divided economic experts and led to a campaign of online harassment against the economist, including from a Nobel laureate. The harassment slowed after other renowned economists stepped into the conversation to defend Weber. Ultimately, in an effort to slow inflation, German authorities did decide to implement energy price cap measures suggested by Weber. Weber also proposed that inflation following the pandemic and Russian invasion of Ukraine were the results of sellers' inflation, or businesses taking advantage of disruptions in the supply chain to raise prices. Weber was named to the 2023 "TIME100 Next" list of emerging leaders from around the world, was included in Bloomberg Businessweek's "Bloomberg 50 Ones to Watch" list for 2022, and was named one of Germany's "100 Women of the Year" for 2022 by FOCUS, one of the country's largest news magazines.

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## **Expertise**

Price Caps, Seller's Inflation, Inflation, History of Economic Thought

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## **Education**

**The New School for Social Research**

Ph.D. Economics

**University of Cambridge**

Ph.D. Development Studies

**The New School for Social Research**

M.A. Economics

**Freie Universität Berlin**

B.A. Political Science (with Economics minor)

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