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A Constitution In Ruins—Is It Salvageable?

In an attempt to keep an Allstate fire insurance policy on a 5 acre piece, I've been limbing trees above my head with a chainsaw. I've gone beyond Allstate's requirements but I'm a realist. The end of this week may show that Allstate never intended to renew me.

Prodigious work has fatigued me greatly, such that I can't answer emails, and bantering gets me into trouble. Worse, I haven't been as careful about what I say in articles. Case in point: last night an attorney (reader), pointed out that my mention of Trump/Cabinet subject to being hanged by the neck until dead, hadn't clarified whether I advocated it be done under the law or extra-judiciously. As in the case of Jim Comey, being brought-up on charges (among others), that he posted a photo of sea shells arranged to indicate the 47th president was to be 86-ed. Trump's legal team (Trump comes from hospitality where 86-ed means kicked out)—sees a death threat?

Response to 'Trump's neck' is easily gauged by the number of un-subscribers. It would have been easy to keep those readers but I'm well along the path of saying what I think—damn the consequences. My unsubscribers took me back to when I was 12, reading an article (maybe in Argosy), an account of a 200 pound man fighting a cougar—with nothing but his bare

hands. It took a long time, but the man had no chance. That's one scenario for my subscriber list. 1 new add and 3 unsubscribes. It used to bother me, but with my self-worth mainly intact—it's a badge of honor.

Sensing an imminent end of empire, are we questioners, while out of step with the mainstream, the patriots? Are we the outliers—or are we early adopters, as during the American Revolution, at the beginning, when breaking with Britain was unthinkable to many? Is there yet a path forward for patriots, back to law of the land—and the blessings of liberty.

Facing an end of Empire—begs the most relevant question: whether or not the republic goes down with it. Maybe the analogy lies in the first year of the Vietnam Police Action when extricating the US from Vietnam appeared a fool's errand. But it wasn't—we all joined forces to stop it. We didn't rely on Congress—Congress was out to lunch.

Now, like then, requires prodigious effort/risk to get back the republic. First, a reality check—wherein we condemn both parties. Biden the war-monger, Obama the corporate pastry, and Trump the great hater of Obama, whose ego won't let him quit murdering Iranians without a better deal than Obama got with the JCPOA. Until then, or until Americans revolt against Trump's policies, we will get lies, such as Obama gave Iran pallets of taxpayer dollars, which is not true, Obama gave back Iran's frozen assets.

Whether or not there exists the patriotism to retrieve the republic, Americans need to understand what it would take. We need to quit voting for the lesser of 2 evils. Rise up against legislators who take money from weapons producers and Israel. Speak out against Citizen's United—election funding belongs only to American citizens. If we fail to end corporate/foreign nation funding of US elections, our electoral process be controlled by national and foreign elites. Then AI can claim the rights of an American citizen? Will AI be

able to testify in court? Will AI be able to be put under oath?

There needs to be a realization of how far we've fallen from the Constitution. We hear talk of an illegitimate Supreme Court—it's our whole system that's illegitimate. For a fact, the Supreme Court is flush with political appointees, lacking jurisprudence. But no worse than Congress, and certainly no worse than what's passes for US Presidents.

A push to rectify things by packing the SC or make the bicameral legislature into one body through a constitutional convention is not thought through. There is nothing more desirable to elites than a US Constitutional Convention—with them controlling the agenda.

Elites, practicing divide and conquer over Americans, would like to get rid of constitutional checks and balances so as to transform the republic into a more easily-controlled democracy of 1 person/1 vote—which by default would descend into mobocracy—controlled by elites.

Instead, we need to get it back to where it began/belongs and leave it be. Senators serve 6 year terms and each state gets 2 for a reason—slow governing down—the Senate having more time for deliberation. The electoral college comes with a possibility that more votes doesn't get you elected, but it checks mobocracy—giving power to the States and not the Feds.

All government is compromised. But ours is the model—the best model. Slavery/women's rights were addressed through the amendment process. The US Constitution/Bill of Rights, as written, gives our nation it's best chance to maintain liberty/sovereignty.

But are we a sick society—too far gone to get back to what we had? Or, are we yet capable of remembering that capitalism at cottage industry scale made this country into the greatest nation. Small business, blended with just enough socialism so the weaker among us don't fall through the

cracks is America's u-turn back to sanity.

For now, Trump is liberty's biggest obstacle. And worse, the only reason he sits on top is as reaction to the likes of Biden and Hillary. But now, if King Trump even allows an election, there is no one capable of winning—with enough sense to return us to *law of the land*.

Because oil-producing nations lost trust in the US being to protect them, Trump is making a last ditch effort to install a Petrodollar—by force. Because the US is no longer able to muster that force, it's a bluff, a threat of force to take over/control energy reserves on a grand scale. And, somehow, with a 34% approval, 64% disapproval rate, he wins the midterms?

I haven't considered it yet, but given the dire situation, maybe Trump resigns and walks away. As unlikely as that is, it's more unlikely that he accepts defeat and fires himself. Then there's the nuclear option. I'm thinking no, but it may depend on his buddy, Netanyahu—I wouldn't put it past him. What's Trump's beef with Iran? He's can't tell us because he doesn't know.

But that didn't stop him ending both nuclear treaties and trashing the Iran JCPOA nuclear agreement, after it was approved by all 5 members of the UN Security Council, as well as Germany/EU. After JCPOA was approved, Iranian inflation fell from 50% to 7%—now with Trump, it's back above 50%.

Here's what we need: 'Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.'

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