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A Republic—Up For Grabs

Most don't know the definition of *stare decisis*, a Latin legal term: 'to stand by things decided'. As relates to US law, it's come to mean 'legal precedent'.

The language of the Constitution/Bill of Rights, given the vernacular of the time it was written, is sufficiently clear/simple. As such, it conforms to *stare decisis*, leaving little to contend over. So, why are our rights challenged?

Take the 1st Amendment: *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.* What's not clear? Freedom of religion, speech, press, assembly, redress of grievances are rights of citizens—not the federal government.

So why are laws made to limit our mandated rights? Whatever the cause, it's in denial of *stare decisis*. Rights mandated to American citizens by the Constitution and the Bill of Rights are not judicial fair-game.

A law passed by Congress and signed by the president can be challenged in the courts. But something made clear in the Bill of Rights is distinct. Now, in Hawaii, a Supreme Court decision (Bruen), is being used to severely limit the 'right to keep and bear arms'. Nothing in the 2nd Amendment limits a citizen's rights to keep/bear arms. The types of arms are not specified but it

was clearly the founder's intent that arms meant arms necessary to repel invasion, to quell insurrection, or remove a tyrannical federal government.

The US Constitution, expressing clear/simple language, as in the Bill of Rights, is not challengeable as obscure. Instead, when challenged it is because someone/something doesn't like a right given to the individual. Challenges to the Constitution/Bill of Rights, other than as Amendments, are in opposition to the *law of the land*. Considering intent—possibly treasonous.

In the larger sense, few of us realize how bad things are, and are going to get. Trump, in denial of the Constitution, has, on his own, brought war on Iran, with an unforeseen consequence of doubling (tripling?), the price of diesel, to where diesel may become unobtainable. In this process America America is learning that everything we rely on runs on diesel. Gas for our vehicles is delivered by diesel. Everything at Costco arrives there by diesel.

Now, EU fools are lining up to assist Saudi Arabia in going after Ansar Al-lah (Houthis), not because Yemen is a terrorist nation, but solely to facilitate the movement of oil, in order to sustain governments without ethics.

This likely leads to WW3, a conflict for which Poland is chomping at the bit, and could well take place along the Polish border with Russia facing-off against NATO. Or at Kaliningrad, which NATO might try to cut-off from Russia. Russia's military prowess is unrecognized in the West—Kaliningrad is a fortress of Russian troops/citizens willing to fight to defend it. And, it wouldn't take long for Russian air power/tank columns to join that fight.

Is any of this going to happen? I give it 50/50—which is terrifying. For this eventuality Russia is stockpiling more than 20 hypersonic (Oreshnik), missiles a month, each of which is capable of taking out a European capital—with a fight duration of 10 minutes or less.

Poland boasts it can defeat Russia, by itself. The truth is otherwise. Russia could annihilate Poland in short order. And, Donald Trump not understanding the realities, puts all of humanity at peril.

Xi was in town. Except for his ministers (wife), he came alone. Trump, desperate to trade with China invited the entire 'who's who' of corporate America. But Trump went a'begging when what they came up with is a mere 2 month sanctions pause, and some secondary trade possibilities.

The world is beginning to see the US for what it is—a puppet for Israel. At the UN, Netanyahu gave his 'apologia' for Israeli genocide against its neighbors—offered without self-reflection. His view: everything Israel is doing is for its security. During the talk, many nations walked out, and in the halls, like cops taking down license plates numbers at a mafia lawn party, Israeli handlers made a note of which nations walked out.

What of the War Powers Resolution, a 1973 federal law designed to limit a U.S. president's ability to initiate/escalate military actions abroad without congressional approval? A resolution was unnecessary because the power to conduct war belongs solely to Congress. This was needed by a timid Congress unwilling to call-out a president. Now the language of that resolution is being usurped by Trump. If both Houses of Congress use the resolution to stop Trump, Trump vetoes the measure. But no worries? This vote fell 1 vote short in the Senate. Had it passed, Vance would break the tie.

This signals how hopeless the people's legislators are. This Iran debacle is unpopular with American voters yet there's not even a slim majority to stop the insanity. Even in corporations, stockholders are the owners and management are employees. Where it's of utmost importance, in Congress, wishes of American citizens are being trampled.

Something's gotta give—Trump gets hammered in the midterms but nevertheless persists with all-out war against Iran in 2027, or Iran wins that war

(with increased assistance from Russia/China), and the causality of the war is the US economy (dollar). At the same time, it's not certain Iran can hold out (though I'm betting they do). If they do, diesel will decide the issue.

There's an analogy here. As Congress does not reflect the wishes of Americans, the US/Israel, are odd-men-out as pertains to what the world wants. There is no global desire for ongoing, forever US/Israeli war—from which there is no deviance. And, it's no sure bet that 4.55% of global population (US), with maybe 12% of GDP, would be able to win that war. Trump's insanity—shape-shifting lies won't save us.

Writing the last 100 book of my novel, 'Hey, Siri' (posted on: neverhada-boss.com), I'm opting for a section heading: 'Armageddon, Why Not?'. I suppose that means, among various plots, I see nuclear war as viable an outcome as any alternatives. But, then again, I'm a pessimist by nature.

Is there any way out of this? Is there any means for Americans to take back powers mandated to us by the Constitution/Bill of Rights? During the Vietnam debacle there was a way, but we were a different people back then. I sure as hell hope so. If not

Until then, I will go after Trump and the various other monsters. I don't care about blowback, because, like karaoke, I don't sing for a paycheck, I sing for myself and I sing for you.

Some thoughts: How did America become so disparate/diffused. Might it be more simple than portrayed? And what about my speculations on the Civil War, for which I've been taken to task by readers? My next articles.

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