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America In Denial

That Americans are in denial is not difficult to demonstrate. Consider climate change, a leading topic for decades, but a topic without robust discussion or debate around it. There has never been agreement that in judging possible climate change we should use all resources that can inform us about global temperature history. Not just data beginning with the industrial revolution, but data from 1000s of years, preserved in ice. Without that info, it's impossible to assess whether climate change exists at all. Or what to do about it.

Essential denial is not around climate, mRNA, Iran, or Ukraine. Instead, it's denial and fear of discussion and facts. Consider Iran where the US/Trump conducts no actual diplomacy. The so-called US Secretary of State, Marco Rubio, who Trump regards as the best Sec/State ever, is relegated to non-diplomatic spewing of hostility towards any nation in the Western Hemisphere embracing any kind of socialism. And, just as, under Biden, there were no serious diplomatic efforts, that tradition continues, under Trump.

Let's ask the bigger question: what caused America, and the Western world, to abandon its best vehicle for working through problems—the 1st Amendment, with its guarantee of free speech? Why have people relinquished their right to be heard? What are the underlying reasons for that?

Could the cause be underlying fear that sharing the planet with more than

8 billion persons ends badly—no matter what we do? Did the *American Dream* (yes there was one), disappear because global population divided by global resources, inevitably, in the end, results in lower living standards?

That could be part of it. Humans are moved by deep-seated emotions, but there's something else. Just as boring down into ice records informs climate history, studying past civilizations and how they dealt with debt informs about economic successes/failures, and why it is that we have only failures.

Do we have only failures? Not if we isolate periods of gain, but when we look at the whole of Western debt strategy for the last 120 years—we find a failure trajectory. So what was different in ancient times as compared to now? Debt jubilees. Earlier cultures, during periods of bad weather and the fear of famine, retained business debts, while citizen debt (mainly agricultural), was forgiven. During weather-caused bad harvests, farmers were not held responsible for debt incurred/owed for seeds and fertilizer.

What changed to make economic collapse inevitable? When citizen, small business debt surpassed ability to repay, rather than forgive, elites extended more credit (with interest), but only enough to service debt, creating inability to buy foreign/domestic products, which brought about de-industrialization. Rather than forgive debt, elites, bent on control/profit, squeezed citizens economically, for a mission to render workers as rent payers—not owners.

Consider Germany, post WW1, when usurious reparations to the victors insured Germany's collapse, creating conditions that invited the likes of Adolph Hitler and Benito Mussolini, as serious actors onto the world stage.

Did that happen because greed for profit/control made it impossible for citizens to repay debt or debate policy? At the time, back in the States, our money supply had been taken over by big bankers (the Fed), and American debate was being silenced by Woodrow Wilson, through his Espionage Act

and Sedition Act. Laws that criminalized any and all anti-war debate.

When we hear that we need a Constitutional Convention to remake documents that no longer work, don't you believe it. Neither the Constitution nor Bill of Rights works because they are not allowed to work. And, unfortunately, most Americans don't see what has been done to them—which is evident in vast numbers on the left and the right unwilling to support open debate.

I see it on the right where many are uninformed about a moronic Trump, who seemingly calls the shots. Compared to any past presidency, this one has broken the mold—underpinned by no strategy, whatsoever. Instead, Trump flails from one failed-policy to another. And Americans (except for fact seekers), don't take the initiative to force the debate. Instead, the networks softball Trump's lies about Iran wanting nuclear weapons. His war on Iran has nothing to do with nuclear weapons. Open debate would show that.

And it isn't any better on the left. Obama presided over the JCPOA—his only success? But after Trump got rid of it, there came Obama's minion, Biden, who did nothing at all to make the world a better/safer place. Instead, he's responsible for the destruction of Ukraine and the slaughter of its young. Destroying NordStream, Biden ended affordable EU energy supply. Calling Putin a murderer, the Biden Administration made policy wherein there was no contact with Putin or the Russian Federation for three years.

You see, it doesn't matter who is in power in the US. They basically use the same playbook. Well, not exactly the same: the Biden Administration, advocates for globalization and a prospect for never having to face losing another election, opened the borders to any/all who, indebted to the left for the invite, would develop into a forever electoral majority for the democrats.

What/who replaced Biden? Sanctions across the globe—Trump. Sanctions with1 purpose, to extend economic sustainability for the US—and no

one else. In the end, Trump's foreign policy will prove to be an utter failure.

The US will not re-industrialize—but the bond market will fail. Trump makes the economy worse—debt is not brought into line—debt increases faster than at any time in history. Bessent/Trump continue kick the can—a can that no longer even resembles a can.

Where's the discussion around this? It's not to be found. Most Americans will come to know about this on the day the insolvent banking system shuts down. The day that brings a revelation that deposits you assumed were yours, were not. In fact, those deposits no longer exist at all.

Maybe that's when it comes clear that Israel bowed out of the fight with Iran because the next step was to be Israel's annihilation. And, the reason why Trump chose economic armageddon on Iran had only to do with a US—deficient in arms to adequately protect Americans.

It's over folks. Watch Russia this fall mete-out reprisals on Ukraine (maybe NATO), for drone attacks on civilians. Watch Ukraine freeze this winter. Watch what happens to know-it all Scott Bessent when regular at the pump is \$10—and there is nothing he or his boss can do about it.

And it won't get any better under democrats because they bring their own censorship. The Nobel Prize, a political farce, should be renamed the Woodrow Wilson prize—awarding the most creative policy of repression.

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