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Americans Have Been Conned

Do young Americans have any idea what's been done to them? That it wasn't so long ago when there were no credit cards—and everything was paid for with cash? And, when credit cards came on the scene, we had \$500 limits—not the \$7000 typical now.

Flimflam describes it: a confidence game based on deception—a swindle designed to cheat someone. Described first in England in the 1530's as *snake oil*, the *con* behind the game, often with support of a *shill*, *to con the mark (that's us)*, *out of our valuables*. Now, our entire culture is caught up in a con game—one where most of us are unaware it's being played. And, those who see it aren't sure who it is—pulling the levers.

In what areas are young Americans unaware that they're being played? Start with sports. During the 60's, with less distractions than now, sports was big. During the early 60s, when the Boston Celtics were NBA champs, Boston Garden usually didn't sell out. Seats for sports events were available. Depending on location, between \$1 and \$4.

How about now? I asked some young sports guys how much those Celtics tickets go for now—\$250/\$350 a pop. What's changed? Are the players 250X better? They are not. When the Celtics/Lakers were on top of the world those were amazing teams—maybe not as amazing as now, but

without a 3 point line—they knew how to battle.

Where are teenagers getting \$300 to go to the NBA (watching on a big screen rather than the distant floor). Seemingly distracted, they are out of their seats more than in.

Huge ticket prices seen in the sports world, have translated to everywhere. A majority of young people, spending \$300 for an NBA game, will never be able to buy a home. Without a home-ownership dream (and a suspect dollar), they simply spend. Charging for their lifestyle when they can—they continue buying things they can in no way afford.

I can barely keep up with the travels of young friends who seem to be constantly arriving/departing airports—weekend trips to Vail/Japan—wherever. Projected incomes, for most of them, do not support their lifestyles. Somewhere, the con/shills are at work maintaining this farce. Put it on the card—it only raise your minimum payment \$100. 4 easy payments on a high interest balance—already un-payable—soon to be unserviceable.

Americans don't know what's being done to them, but will soon find out, when credit card companies write-off 1/3 of their loans, bundled and sold to debt collectors. In the final analysis, before moving to some offshore villa, they'll write us off on tax returns.

Imagine where this leaves the young? In a culture that condones raping a girl-child, in support of illegals/elites, young American lives are disregarded in favor of elite wealth. Much like the *Fall of Rome*, uncaring for what was our republic—is pervasive.

Did some *con*, somewhere, come up with a multiple and apply it across the board? My folks bought a new brick home, full basement, in Toronto, in 1950 for less than \$9,000. Given that the average home now costs \$400,000, was the chosen multiple 40X? When I would go to the NHL

(standing room), for a dollar, is that multiplied now by 250X? When I made \$2 an hour in a supermarket, and paid (let's be generous), 2 bucks for a sports ticket, would I now have to make \$125 an hour to have kept pace?

It seems to me we are living out the *grasshopper and the ant*, but with a grasshopper, actually looking to the future, and having given up, spends at will. You see it online (well I don't), where young persons make a game of showing elaborate meals for DoorDash, or photos from their trip to Bali.

For what? They get *likes—approval*.

Where's the parents, warning their children, unable to buy a house, that silver has been the least expensive asset on the planet for years, and had they bought silver (not even that much), their future would be assured. Why are they not listening to Andy Schectman (whose father made him buy precious metals every paycheck), when he tells them that although the price of silver has shot-up from \$80 from \$12, junk silver (pre-65 silver coins), are still available to be had—almost without a premium. Even with silver at \$80, but with war/demise of the dollar—a small silver stack beats any real estate.

The irony (given the internet), is how easy it is to separate the facts from the lies. You find 1 researcher telling the truth, and links follow. But will young Americans get a question about what's happening to them before the con-job is completed?

At 81, I've come up with my 1st medical condition—for which there are costs. Of course, with my disposition, not ever anticipating I would need my prescription policy, I considered dropping that—fortunately, saner voices prevailed. Over the past 3 months, things with a co-pay of \$40, if I had to pay for them out of pocket, could cost thousand of dollars. Which makes me think 2 things: what happens when Medicare goes broke, and maybe more importantly, are the con/elites using the sports multiple for Pharma?

How about vehicles? I know someone who bought a truck (with all the bells and whistles), for \$90K, and has ongoing problems over the first few months. I bought my wife a CRV, and I wonder how long before things I didn't want (that came as standard), break, out of warranty.

The problem I see is one of *normalcy bias in a madness of crowds*. Young people I talk to see these insane economics as just the way it is. They don't understand it as a plan for the greatest wealth transfer in the history of the world. They don't see they are being conned into feudalism—wherein they will have no rights, wealth or liberty.

Elite who would forsake the republic for personal gain will not desist from goals of abject slavery for the likes of us. You voted for Obama/Biden or Trump (as I did), these people are not like us. They are grifters—Biden, the *Big Guy*, allegedly took bribes for influence. Obama, comes to town (DC), broke, and leaves with 100s of millions. Trump, the most honest of the cons, sells products to amass family wealth, and exacts tributes—personal tributes. They should all be ridden out of town on a rail.

If you have kids, talk to them about what is coming. Let them know they will have to fend for themselves. That we have to prepare in any ways we can. Don't listen to BS that silver will be of no use. Silver will always be useful—along with lead and a food network.

Just outside my room there are friends/family, unconcerned, who will never read this article.

Next time, I'll address those of you who comment—using snide remarks?

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