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*America—Her Unexplored Assumptions*

Something I enjoy about my articles is having to admit I was wrong. Art Berman, a gas/oil analyst I've followed for years, has announced that he (and so many), were wrong about peak oil. At today's prices, 60 year's supply. Higher prices, yet another 70 years.

Remember back in 2012, Kathryn Bigelow made *Zero Dark Thirty* and there was some glitch and reshooting (as I recall), proved to be at the behest of CIA so as to make the movie line-up better with US Foreign Policy? Now, it's the same thing with an Apple offering, *Mr. And Mrs. Smith*, a couple of CIA spooks who accept new assignments from on-high, after people die at their hands—and they do not question why.

The reason I bring this up is because of some incisive comments from Bill Holter yesterday—billholter.com, where he refers to Edward Snowden as a patriot while making the point that legislators hate Tulsi Gabbard because she accuses US Intelligence of *running off the rails*. She's correct. They do whatever's necessary for US dominance.

Trump's tariffs could be our undoing, unless he uses them as he did with Mexico, as a threat requiring needed action (rather than a tariff). Threats that result in a reshuffling of global power for good/bad, depend on Trump's base assumptions behind his threats.

Trump's assumptions, like the underlying assumption in *Mr. And Mrs. Smith*, indicate direction the US is headed. It is the citizens' task to analyze those assumptions as to whether or not they are constitutional, and, or, in the interests of the US, going forward.

My wife is downstairs watching the Grammy's. As with the Oscars—it's so bad, I left the room with an overriding question: What happened to the US to get us to this place? For that, let's consider US government, past/present, and the luminaries that lead us.

Suppose a well-meaning government, comes up with its best guess for a system of government that works for the rest of us. That leaves the question of how best to implement that system? Generally, the 2 systems that make the *finals*, are *capitalism* and *Marxism*. But, both of them, as now practiced, are bastardized beyond recognition.

Our *well-meaning* document, US Constitution, was fashioned such that most power resides with the citizens (states), and for basic implementation of a small government. So, how did the US Government become a *little shop of horrors*, of insatiable hunger?

Let's go backwards and begin with Marxism. In the US, Marxism is pretty much dismissed, though many of us contend the *left* closely resembles a communist/Marxism.

Marx has it that the *rentier class* is to be done away with. The wealth gained from

rent is to be used by the state to administer economic justice across the citizenry.

Everything having to do with rents belongs to the state. The state owns the commodities in the ground, which it then sells to foreign nations, and the profits from those exports are then used by the state to raise the standard of living for all of the citizens.

What could go wrong? The Marxist *well-meaning* idea: proletariat (workers), would work at production. Without *rentiers*, wealth would be distributed—for general benefit.

Does that work? If we listen to economists, Richard Wolfe and Michael Hudson—it does. Is China a communist nation? China does not adopt all of Marxism. The government does not control the *means of production*—and part of the Chinese Dream is to become a *rentier*. The Chinese model is top-down policy deciders, 7 policy deciders.

China does not, except in rare instances, define what is to be produced. From the failure of the Soviet Union they learned that human initiative is what makes productivity possible. Instead, China used the US model, which fostered *developing industry*, causing the US to become the most powerful nation on the earth—at least until this century.

If there was a classical Marxist nation, the US, until January 20th 2025, was such a nation. Through the use of an inept model, intended to sanctify Climate Change, the US Government made it impossible to use fossil fuel energy—to create productivity. Control of the means of production is essential Marxism. And, cancelling fossil fuel, while regulating small business to paralysis, provided a basis for US Marxist mandates.

Although US government policy allowed citizens to attain to *rentier status* (living from rents), purposeful redistribution of wealth from the 99% to the 1% had the opposite effect: the 1% became the rentier class by systematic theft of rewards of American labor.

Wolfe says Marxism is under attack in the US, but, isn't capitalism what's under attack? Begin with the arrival of corporations during the Civil War. Lincoln promised they would be short-lived—to win the war. But they never went away. Instead they grew, using a profit motive to gain their ends. Gone were millions of small business *deciders*, replaced by a finite number of corporate *boards* left to decide, and subvert capitalism.

Corporations are the antithesis of the capitalism our founders had in mind. As corporate power grows, the confluence between monied interests and government (fascism), becomes a default wherein crony capitalism controls/cancels small business America.

Adding to the horror show, in 1913, installation of the Fed transferred control of money (gold-backed currency), to banks—away from government. A constitutional US economy was neither intended to be under the control of government nor the banks.

American history tells the story of incremental usurpation of the power of the people. With the Fed/Treasury controlling economic outcome, breaking the bond between the dollar/gold was a last needed step to direct America towards a feudal, economic hell.

Because gold was replaced with credit and debt, the planet is now overpopulated. Soon, we are to hit a population wall. When population outpaces food supply, food supply has to increase to match population growth, which is now becoming impossible.

Trump's *assumptions* that have to align with real American and world interests. That requires he understands BRICS as anti-colonialists, wanting-out from under US hegemony/financial control. If Trump fails to see that reality, America will suffer a mean fate.

As with peak oil, I'm holding back about what Trump might do. But I'm skeptical that he understands America's position on the world stage—or about the BRICS. If Trump's foreign policy assumptions are wrong, wins based on threats will come back to bite us.

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