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*Cormac McCarthy or Better—To Open*

If you play poker you know the expression: 'jacks or better to open'—you can't make an initial bet unless you have at least a pair of Jacks. Translating 'jacks' into modern literature, the correlative is: 'Cormac McCarthy or Better—To Open. A 'dark foreboding', the essence of Cormac's fiction, speaks to what lies ahead, up around the next bend.

McCarthy's trilogy, set in the Old West and Mexico, comes replete with insane characters that match levels of mental illness found in present-day Western leaders. But the horror of his trilogy doesn't come close to "The Road"—probably the bleakest piece of fiction from someone in their right mind. "The Road", a slog of misery through a post-apocalyptic world renders "Mad Max"—a 'fun flick'. Sadly, Cormac gets it right.

What is the cause of a coming bleakness? Begin with TV and print news. Anyone with an IQ, at or above moron, knows RussiaGate was directed bullshit—to take down Donald Trump. And it never ends. Whatever you think of Trump (and you best have some harsh criticisms of the man), he is better than what we have now, and more importantly, for his 2nd term he was going to appoint Colonel Doug MagGregor as his National Security Advisor, who's overview of the Ukraine debacle reflects actual facts.

RussiaGate was lies perpetrated from the top and sustained by an abetting media. Do we hear apologies from them? No, and there won't be? Why not? Because neither the elite, nor its 'sidekick' media, has any need to apologize for anything. In a land of 'identity politics', ruled by factionalism, there is no need for facts, ethics, or 'objectivity'.

Objectivity, for the elite is part of the problem. Objective facts are to be replaced with 'ideologies', sacrosanct, impervious to critique/questions—come hell or high-water.

Just a few ideologies needed: racism (of course), white supremacy (we racists), and indisputable climate change. Objectivity and free speech get in the way of ideologues, so what are the elite doing about it? The Editor in Chief, SF Chronicle: "Objectivity has got to go." I wonder how that plays out? The editorial page/news show hosts already espouse a partisan point of view, but removing 'objectivity' from investigative reporting? Alas, journalism schools now promote a 'social agenda' tied to ideologies, where 'free speech' and 'objectivity' are translated (emotionally) into 'racism/white supremacism'.

What's coming to the networks and the schools are speech controls to silence and cancel objectivity. Journalism, long ago, began its abandonment of objectivity—a process that festered with the election of Donald Trump. Only 1 slant on the Trump sto-

ry was allowed—and anybody resorting to clarifying facts was an enemy of the state.

Absurdity has now reached a point where news shows, reporting on 5 black cops beating a black man to death, link the event to white-supremacy. It no longer matters how fantastic it appears to viewers. With only 20% of Americans trusting TV hosts and print news, the war on—a war between obvious lunacy and the wonder of propaganda.

The effectiveness of replacing 'fact-based objectivity' with 'ideology' is making frightening strides. Along the way, re-defining the US Constitution—trapping us inside a 'B-grade horror, bad acid trip'. Constitutionally, there is no 'standing army' or police. Both are tasked to the 'militia of the 'Several States'. Making things worse, extra-constitutional military and police are seen by the 'left' as white hierarchy, not to be trusted by adherents of 'identity politics'. As a consequence, both get 'woke' reform or defunded.

The army officer corps has been replaced as per 'woke' standards, and military recruitment levels have been lowered. Police defunding hands 'law and order' to Antifa and Black Lives Matter—Antifa that is made up from empathy-deprived malcontents, functioning in opposition to 'anti-fascism', while BLM provides cover for reverse racism.

Police decidedly have issues, but they are not the cause for some of those issues. Police failings, more than not, are the result of a dumbed-down 'collective' educational system, causing military and police standards to have been abandoned. And, even though cops may be unreflective/violent, data has police shootings charting downward.

The American culture needs a 'remake' from within, but what we don't need is to be policed by tyrants wielding bicycle chains and throwing bombs. Those are criminals. Cops need training/standards, which are not going to be achieved by 'de-funding the police'. If we don't come to our senses soon, this seeming hopelessness will worsen.

Stirring the pot: the US is not a racist nation. It was a racist nation in the 50's and 60's, but during the 70's things got better. Economists, Thomas Sowell/Milton Friedman, made the case that 'black family' economics were catching-up, right-up until that first batch of 'do-gooder' ideologues created a welfare state—and everything went to hell.

Kicking a dead horse, 'big government' welfare lunacy was made possible by abandoning a gold standard in exchange for credit/debt. Now, America/EU don't see it coming, but a return to gold is inevitable. Maybe just in time to bury the WEF 2030 plan?

Do we get Cormac's 'wild west' horror trilogy or his post-apocalyptic—'road'? With all in flux anything is possible. My wife returns from the market where her favorite tomatoes have doubled in price. Because of rising costs and no assurance of future availability, today, I bought 4 well pumps and a generator—just to know I have them.

Making matters worse, unsolvable, dangerous problems darken the skies, for Western helmsmen, caught in unfathomable levels of stupidity, blindly steering a course.

It's not enough for these elite to be rich beyond measure, hubris is now bent on power—power over you and me. They see us as dogs. Actually, the elite could use a dog. Dogs want to please and forgive, just to gain approval. The elite mistake self-directed humans as dogs. Biden is a prime example: most of us are convinced his family is a crime family—and his dictates function as 'crony profit vehicles'. With his narrative coming apart, in need of a 'release', he doubles down—which will bite him on the ass.

I've been trying to hit the road—instead I get a broken well/frozen pipes. I have a list of readers, across the South, who want to get together for a coffee. If you haven't responded to the invite, or just want to remind me, I will be heading out early next week.

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