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*Despotic at Home—Dangerous Abroad?*

Pierre Poilievre, assumed Canadian PM, was referring to a genocidal tyranny that I assumed to be Israel. But no—it's Iran. He said it would be such a gift to the world if the *Jewish State* ended Iran's nuclear arms production, before they get a nuclear weapon.

Trump doesn't need to take Canada—these 2 share the same madness. Iran, *without* a nuclear arms program, already has the material for a nuke, and a sophisticated delivery means. Best guess is that they are capable of having nuclear arms in weeks.

When Trump hints at laws to curb speech critical of Israel, he's a 1st Amendment denier—on his tiresome *bully* pulpit. When he says tariffs, he means sanctions. 100% sanctions on nations not using the dollar. Or, Denmark/Panama may not have legal rights? How about Syria's wheat/oil, Mr. President? Do you have a bill of sale for them?

Like other bullies, Netanyahu/Zelensky/Biden, Trump runs the risk of his legacy being associated with prior American presidents that did great harm to the republic. *I know*, there's always the chance he's just blustering to get a deal. But looking at his presentation/nominees so far—he's losing me. He may treat Americans better than Obama/Biden, but it may prove a *respite* before the rest of the world turns on us (US).

We were taught to eulogize presidents who were tyrants, driven by large egos. From them we can learn what is in a personality that we ought to look out for—be fearful of.

Beginning with Abraham Lincoln: in school I was taught that Lincoln was a great man. And, in contrast, Robert E. Lee was not. I never knew that Lee struggled whether to side with the Union/South, but in the end could not go against his *blessed* Virginia.

After the defeat at Gettysburg, Lee's generals wanted to continue the war as rebel factions? Lee, knowing that path would result in lawless terrorism, declined and surrendered the Army of the South at Appomattox. But I bring up Lee for another reason.

In the America of the 1860s, women had little official say. An inheritance from her family went to her husband. In 1860, Mary Todd Lincoln inherited slaves from her family—slaves that Abraham sold. In 1862, Lee's wife inherited slaves. Robert freed them.

Makes you wonder if maybe the Civil War was about something else? Before becoming president, while a barrister in Illinois, Lincoln would show up in court (manacles in hand), on behalf of Southern slave owners trying to reclaim their property in the North. There is no record of Lincoln showing up in court on behalf of a runaway slave.

What was Lincoln's take on slavery? In his campaign of 1860, he assured the Union

he would bring no changes to the established structure. Slavery was to be an enduring institution. Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation freed no one. It had to do with border states entering the Union—and Americans not wanting expanding numbers of slaves.

As an aside, riding a motorcycle through Georgia, I came upon Andersonville, the outdoor prison for bluecoats in the South. With dysentery/crowded conditions, new arrivals had to sleep along the creek, dying by the 1000s. Southern proposals for prisoner swaps were denied because yanks went home while rebels went back to their units.

Lincoln's war was not popular in the North. With 90K deserters at Antietam, Lincoln called for deserters to be shot in front of the ranks—where they fell into trench graves.

The Civil War was fought over whether or not states had the right to succeed from the union. Up until Lincoln it was assumed that being part of the union was voluntary—states had the right to opt-out. Some states had a right to succeed—written in charters.

The South knew Lincoln was not going to end slavery, instead, he would enforce his notion that states be subjected to the union. Lincoln (by latest estimates), is responsible for the deaths of 850K Americans. That's 8.5 million—adjusted for 2025 population.

Conducting war, Lincoln/Netanyahu share a clone. It was well-established that killing civilians was outside the bounds of warfare, still Lincoln had his *Anaconda Plan*. You know what an Anaconda does—it squeezes the life out of its victim. Lincoln did that, blockading Southern ports—making it impossible for people to get necessities of life. He also ordered his generals to shell southern cities—Bibi's Israeli model for Palestine.

Lincoln's views for the disposition of freed slaves, before he was president, in Illinois, and after he became president—was to send them back to Africa (by dictate). So much for equal protection (14th amendment), and due process (Constitution/Bill of Rights).

Let's do FDR. In 1929 there was 3% unemployment. In 1940—unemployment was closer to 19%. FDR socialized America—extending the *Great Depression*. Why was that? FDR's programs, including minimum wage, price controls, taxes on employment, social security tax, unemployment insurance tax, allowing unions to raise wages during the Depression, had the same effect as *sanctions*—restricting production. Because FDR is *unmasked*, the Fed will use those flawed policies to deal with a 2025 collapse.

What ended the Great Depression? WW2, with 11 million US unemployed, overseas.

Let's consider another American son of a bitch—Woodrow Wilson. What legacy did he leave us? For a 2nd term, he ran on a platform: "He kept us out of war", then declared war on Germany 3 months into his administration. He was a ruthless, anti/free speech tyrant: Espionage Act/1917, then the Sedition Act/1918—used to jail critics/candidates (Eugene Debs), and shut down newspapers (he learned that from Lincoln).

Wilson gave constitutional control over money to crony bankers (Fed). And, he provided for the direct election of senators. Previously, state legislators named senators—as prescribed in the Constitution. Direct election of senators took away state control—allowing 6 years for senators to be bribed/cajoled by presidential administrations. Wilson was cited: 2nd most popular president in a 1982 poll. Also, he gave us Prohibition.

Those other fellows, Lincoln and FDR, are usually honored in the top 3, and Biden comes in around 13th. Constitutional supporters are middling. Trump—is always last.

Trump's biggest deficit is the size of his ego—and inflated self-worth. How, as a solipsist, at the center of the universe, does he preside over end of empire, eat crow in Ukraine, economic collapse, while allowing pipsqueak murderer Bibi to go it—alone?

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