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Erik's Betting Line On Human Extinction

Before the rains come, I'm climbing steep metal roofs to clean 7 stovepipes on rentals. The sweeps want \$1500, so I have 2 cups of coffee and write first. No energy later.

I got this reply to my article, *Happy Hour in Woke-ville: "White men, constrained and protected by those documents created the greatest nation to ever exist." Really?! Your American exceptionalism is showing! I would disagree and suggest you look at Russia and China for starters. I suppose it depends on how you define greatest and for how long. Because the US has been the greatest nation to exist—I welcome his challenge.*

First-off, let's consider the greatness that is Russia and China. Russia's prominence rests on the shoulders of one man, Vladimir Putin (with an aside for Sergei Lavrov). Putin came to power when Russia was in shambles, ready to be taken over by the US. With the force of will/patience, Putin made Mother Russia a force to be reckoned with. And, while decried in the West, Russia is one of a few free speech nations in the world.

China's economic/military miracle, found it's way to greatness as a backlash to *100 years of humiliation* that it suffered from the West. But, on it's ascendance, whether because of a massive population or fear of dissent—China did not embrace free speech.

Of the 3 nations, the United States became the greatest because it evolved in American groundswell for liberty that produced iconic founding documents, which for 2 centuries constrained would-be abusers, and protected Americans subject to their abuse.

The story is best told through Supreme Court decisions (a court power abusers now want to pack). Without citing case by case, that story involves court findings favoring liberty and the little guy against a tyranny of monied interests and federal government.

Is America still the *greatest nation*? Only if judged as being the greatest impediment to world peace and perpetrator of global suffering. There are only 2 reasons there is no two state solution for Palestine. First is the cruelty of Israeli policy towards anyone that is not Zionist. And, more importantly, the US, UN veto, that makes that cruelty possible.

When did the US lose its greatness? 3 things come to mind: when it gave away control of its money (currency) to the Fed in 1913, when it went off the gold standard in 1971, and equally important, post WW2, when instead of taking on a role of an *empire for liberty*, the US shifted power to the CIA—so as to take control over the entire world.

Now, the best of our leaders are but shadows of Jefferson's intellect, Washington's courage, and the diplomatic prowess of Franklin. Instead, measured by those 3 men,

our US leaders (mostly), function, sadly, as atrophied specimens of past greatness.

With that in mind, what can we look forward to post election (if there is an election)? Here's the betting line for the end of the republic (possibly humanity). The open border policy, if continued, has 100% chance of bringing an end to America (a nation that cannot control its borders will not be a nation for long). But not now—it will take some time. The risk might be greater, given 3/4s million illegal felons that have entered the US.

Next comes the economy, mismanaged by both parties, with a betting line of maybe 80% for destroying the nation. It either falls apart in feudal hell—or ends in a civil war.

More imminent for the end of the US (extinction of mankind), are the US proxy war in Ukraine—or the mayhem of Palestine/Lebanon/Israel. A betting line for each is complex, but each is for sure more imminently dangerous than either illegals or economy.

Ukraine/Israel, each contains seeds for nuclear armageddon. Harris/Walz are struck-dumb on both. Trump is better on Ukraine and Biden is yet capable of allowing Ukraine to use long-range missiles to attack Russia—though Putin is clear: that's a state of war.

Equally dangerous is the Israeli situation, and, unfortunately, Trump is on the wrong side of history. Across the world, only US (phony proxies), support what Israel is doing. Even Russia (which tries to keep an even hand towards Israel), has warned Israel to not invade Lebanon. At some point, the Arab states will band together—destroy Israel.

Netanyahu is insane, and has the support of Harris and Trump—maybe even more from Trump who recommends that Israel take out Iran's nuclear program. What those (including Trump), blurred by Israeli propaganda, don't see is the Zionist mission to murder/displace all Palestinians—at any cost. And Israel's only hope to have that happen is to draw Iran/US into war. Trump's hatred of Iran makes that possible—or likely.

The sad facts: Trump needs to disassociate from Zionist, Edelson money—and re-evaluate the US alliance with Israel. What will it take to see that Zionism has become a machine of apartheid/mass murder of those they describe as subhuman? When do US acolytes of Zion do the math to determine as many as half of 1200 Israelis killed on Oct. 7th were killed by IDF to prevent hostage-taking? Or, the total number of Israelis (over decades), killed by Palestinians is 1419, while 45,000 Palestinians (mostly women/children), have been slaughtered by Israel since October 7th—not yet a year.

There are other risks associated with the extinction of mankind: Taiwan, a US fomented situation to draw China into a military confrontation—but that's on the back burner—with only 50% imminence on the betting line. And, the madness of *climate change* (if ever a false propaganda campaign existed), to which I give a 5% credibility.

Trump ain't no Jefferson, and Vance (while stepping up) forgot to mention Ukraine in his debate with Walz. Biden says we are at greater risk from climate change than from nuclear war. Climate Change, were it factual (it is not), has little immediacy. 29 years ago I attended a global climate conference where they told us we had 5 years to turn it around. 17 years ago, Al Gore told us we had 7 years left before it was too late to act.

Only fools see Putin as bluffing. And because this is the most important election in American history, we have to choose. Trump, in an egoist move, threatened humanity, caving to Bolton/Pompeo pressure to end US/RUS nuclear treaties—a lousy move.

With Kamala's *kill off humanity* WEF alliance, *climate change* ruse and willingness to confront Russia rather than accept defeat, Trump, even given Iran/RUS mutual defense pact, raises the human survival, betting line. Sadly—Trump is the/our only hope.

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