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"God Bless the USA—And No One Else"

Trump was not elected because he was popular. He was elected because he promised to bring costs down for Americans. With no faith in Bidenomics/Harris, Trump won.

So, how's he doing? Having lost in the tariff negotiations with China, Trump declared victory and walked away—leaving a perception that China was now paying a 30% tariff while the US was paying 10%, except it's US consumers paying the 30%—not China.

The US economic model is the same one used by cash-strapped Americans charging groceries, to be repaid later, in multiples. A US economy of \$6T with \$2T borrowed, and another \$1T borrowed to pay interest on the debt, results in a maxed US credit card, soon to be cancelled by a world needing to escape SWIFT, dollar weaponization.

A perpetuated myth is that the US is about to re-industrialize—but it is not so. Factories now require high-tech industry and a high-tech work force, as well as low-priced commodities. High-tech industry requires a supply chain to produce machinery needed to manufacture. The US doesn't have that—it all has to come from someplace else.

Trump assumes he will return to a past model of profitability, but manufacturing now requires a high-tech workforce. India pays workers 1/10th of US wages. To be competitive, Americans (not migrants), would have to work at high-stress, low wage, factory jobs. But, hiring agencies report that US manufacturers do not want American college grads because they can't quit looking at their phones, feel entitled, dress inappropriately, and can't take direction. Their education didn't include courses about the workplace.

Will Americans have to experience missing meals/being cold before they see they have to work? For the US there is no going back. As Bill Holter tells us, the economic consequences for the US *are baked in the cake*. Trump will not change the outcome.

Trump's notion that a trade imbalance is tariff-able, is on par with consumers making accusations against retailers from whom they buy more than they can afford. And, Trump's rationale could backfire in the services sector where the US has a global surplus. Service surplus will evaporate as the dollar breaks down, but nations importing more services from the US than they export to the US—could tariff service imbalance.

The US weaponized the dollar—now Trump wants to weaponize trade. This causes dollar skepticism, resulting in a selling-off of US debt, causing the yield on US bonds to rise as foreign nations demand risk premium, as they no longer see US assets as safe.

Preposterous ideas such as nations sending money directly to the Treasury (insuring

worse things don't happen to them), might help to fund Trump's \$4T unfunded tax cut.

China/Russia don't want to sink the dollar. This would leave Trump with nothing but a military option. It's evident in their political/economic policies (where they stroke his ego). In the negotiations on Ukraine: Russia knows what it's doing—talks had to be in Istanbul, in the same palace, same room, from which Ukraine walked away in 2022.

The USA team includes Rubio who warns that the US will walk away unless Russia makes concessions. And sitting at the table are the likes of Lindsey Graham (pushing for more sanctions on Russia), Sebastian Gorka, and Keith Kellogg—a pack of fools.

The EU, in the wings, threatens the absurd—military action against Russia, when it's a fact Ukraine will likely be brought to a close by Russian military action. Don't be surprised if Russia, holding two professional armies in reserve, sweeps across the plains.

If Trump cannot admit to the facts, NATO is doomed, and the West will suffer another major defeat on the global stage—possibly the biggest defeat since Pearl Harbor. With no hope for victory, Zelensky hangs on the idea that Crimea is Ukraine. He ought to read the UN Charter that provides for the self-determination of a people, as was done, legally, in Crimea—as well as protocol for the four UKR Provinces that joined Russia.

While on the subject of the UN Charter, what the hell is going on between the US and Israel? There appears strife between Bibi/Trump, but is it personal—and does it affect the way Trump sees Palestine/Iran? What it doesn't affect is NYU where a student valedictorian student spoke-out his conscience over the genocide in Gaza, and had his diploma taken from him, and is to be investigated for—speaking out.

Biden's milk-toast war on free speech, using a senseless woman to head up a department of misinformation, pales against the attack Trump brings against free-speech, on-campus protest—protests where human rights groups line-up with the students.

Meanwhile, Israel misrepresents the Abraham Accords as justification to take over neighboring lands/nations. When, actual issues, such as the Hamas attack of October 7th, described as terror, was in fact, justified under international law/UN Charter. An occupied people can attack occupiers. A Security Council, US veto, stops that debate.

Because of genocide, the UN, were it not in the pocket of Western hegemony, could ban commercial trade with Israel. They could also vote to take away Israel's UN seat.

With \$40T spread across the globe when the norm is \$30T, there's going to be massive dollar selling. Why is that? Dollar credit is debt—gold is what gets us out of credit.

We changed the rules when we abandoned gold in August, 1971. Now, under Trump, we are changing them again. Trump addresses the Saudi Prince to talk about interventionist failings. But who is a bigger disrupting interventionist than Trump?

Tariffed nations need only a willingness to unify/suffer through a plan to go it alone—that's BRICs. They need to say: *We don't want your agreements—we'll take the tariffs. You grab our stuff you have control over, we'll grab yours—then we're done with you.*

What happens when the Empire cannot extract any more from foreigners, That's when the US attempts to take whatever is yours, whatever they can get their hands on.

As my friend William wrote this morning: *Trump is inking billions in sales to the ME. But, getting the deep state (Trump), to climb down from exceptional, full spectrum dominance—not so much.* Because Trump is bringing the bacon home, there is little question whose pig it is. Corporate partying runs wild. *Happy days* are here again—for now.

Never been a better time, than now, to go out and get \$1000 of pre-65 silver dimes.

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