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*Mendacity, Pretext—Or Just Plain Lies?*

Consider the plight of the average American citizen who's economic future becomes more dire, month by month. What they keep hearing from the government is that the economy is good—the best time to be an American. But is it true—or is it just plain lies?

It's lies. Think on all those tariffs applied at the border by the government. They could be of some value were they used by a government to reduce debt in support of dollar purchasing power. But, under control of the Trump Administration, a hi-flying, spender, the tariffs do little or nothing for the American consumer. In fact, the 2025 deficit is \$1.8T, same as 2024—so all the tariffs have only maintained the status quo.

On the other end, Gallup reports 60% of Americans do not have a quality job, based on factors, among which are pay, workplace safety, and growth development potential.

Along with that, with removal of government subsidies for health care, premiums are set to rise in 2026—up 30/100%. Some to triple. Medical services covered—dwindle.

Many Americans will be forced to self-insure because they can't afford coverage. Something drivers can't do as they are required to have insurance. So, if you need a vehicle, the average new car costs \$50K. The aver

age fender-bender costs \$6500. Average injury claim, \$26K. When you relocate to a larger city for work, insurance rates can double/triple. Because of these factors, auto repossessions are at all-time highs.

Those of us who protect ourselves with gold/silver, just got whacked, with no apparent change of economic circumstances. I read much analysis about this until I came on to a Google article with a photo of someone I recognize, Christine Lagarde, head of the European Central Bank, and one of the figures I distrust. Apparently, just before the metals were hammered flat, WorldBank, IMF met, upgrading the US economic outlook.

Economically, God may have a *Life of Job* in store for us, as evidenced by our cast of characters: Obama (with no regard for America), the Big Guy, Biden and his son Hunter, on the receiving end of money satchels from China/Ukraine? Now Trump, doing the bidding of stupid Vegas billionaires, supporting Zionism above the Constitution. Voting, did we know Trump was in Bibi's pocket and Don Jr/Jared were to be back?

Trump's imminent problem is a bankrupt empire, for which he is partially responsible. As in, when government can't earn enough money to service its debt, it resorts to borrowing, in the same way as a beleaguered American citizen who puts it on credit cards. Now reality has arrived: neither government nor citizens have a way forward. But the government has a different solution—transfer all that debt onto the backs of taxpayers.

Where is this apparent? 75% of Americans think the economy is heading in the wrong direction and its the wrong time to buy a home. Home sellers outnumber buyers by 500,000, but the sellers have yet to adapt to concerns of the buyers. The is evident in the 56K purchase agreements cancelled in August because sellers won't yet budge.

The powers that be won't be able to hold down the price of gold/silver us

ing rumor and lies. Without meaningful change in the direction of Western leadership, what is being portrayed as a normal pull back in gold rising too fast, will become the harbinger of a tenuous reality that involves economic collapse—where gold is the great *revealer*.

Nations are reluctant to hold US Treasuries at today's rates, and when Trump gets his way and interest rates go down, who will want to hold them? No one, which leaves the government no choice but to print, print print, lowering the purchasing power of the dollar, adding more stress to the American consumer—while government piles-on debt.

One my trip, I went into Death Valley only to discover my favorite campgrounds padlocked from Federal government shutdown. Then a guy in Pahrump, Nevada told me I best gas up before SoCal because he's hearing \$8 gas, as Trump won't pay for fire damage from last year. Guess he missed decades of the *left*, that destroyed the state?

I stopped at the mining, ghost town of Rhyolite, which had 4 banks in 1908. One was massive, built out of poured concrete. But it went down after 2 years when San Francisco investors pulled back all investment after the earthquake and fires of SF, 1906.

That's what's going to happen in the US when the world pulls back all investment in the US because, compared with the rest of the world, the US is no longer worth the risk.

Because there are so many lies being fed to us, we have to question everything. Why was it that the Adelsons, with no official capacity, could enter the Oval Office, almost unannounced? Might it be they were carrying-in brown-bags of cash to make sure Trump remained their bag boy? Might it be because the US economy is going to collapse, stationing troops in blue cities (sordid hellholes), is prequel for what's coming?

The mess the US is becoming known, so judging events, don't confuse the inevitable with the imminent. A economic reckoning US is *inevitable* but, for shorter/shorter cover, the can still gets kicked. But, remember it's being kicked along a yellow-brick road. And the origin of 'spot' price comes from 'on the spot', soon to be the 'spot on'—future.

Before there was quantitative easing (counterfeit printing), how did governments cover their asses? They diluted the metal in gold and silver coins so as to have more purchasing power. As an analogy for quantitative easing, when it discovered, those coins became worth less. Bringing a global axiom: all fiat currencies end at worthless—zero.

I can't help but think about my young friends who buy bitcoin to bail themselves out. Bitcoin may rise in value, but, with gold as the great *revealer*, bitcoin is the great *pretender*. Too volatile is be a store of value, it is but a mathematical algorithm, functioning as an alternative currency that governments need to eliminate before successfully putting everyone behind a fire-wall of Central Bank Digital Currency—ultimate control.

When I get asked if it's worth buying silver now, especially junk silver that's at fire-sale prices, junk is still the best bet—it's cheap and barter-able for taking care of our families—when rumor gets replaced with reality. Now, dimes/quarters get melted down, reducing the total amount. Soon, they'll be the best source of barter and sustainability.

I held back from Trump today, but he will be front/center—next article.

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And thank you.