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The United States—A Nation At Cross-Purposes With Itself

Given that a Harris presidency would have been worse than Trump, that is not a reason to not critique Trump. With Harris gone—an enigmatic Trump requires critiquing.

Consider the Ukraine enigma. Vance supports 100 days more negotiation while the State Dept. demands that Russia accede to Trump's conditions, or we just walk away.

May 8th is the 80th anniversary of VE Day—defeat of Germany, in Europe. It's of huge significance for Russians—much bigger than for the United States/WW2 allies.

Will President Trump attend Moscow? Not likely, but he did take the time this week to remind Americans it was the US that won WW2. Maybe it was, in the movies, or with George C Scott, as General Patton sneering at Russian counterparts—but not in fact.

When the US went to war, December 1941, most of our allies had been at war since 1939. 251K American were killed in the entirety of WW2. Between 27/28 million Russians died, causing 80% of German troop losses. 1 million Russians died at Stalingrad. What Trump said and not showing-up at Moscow is an indicator for clinical narcissism.

Not since JFK have president to president negotiations taken place. Trump works with Putin and his poll numbers fall because a majority of Americans have been propagandized into seeing Putin as a menacing thug. Still, the task would be easier if Trump had a basic understanding of geo-politics and diplomacy. Trump came to prominence for firing people on TV—not the best fit for a president negotiating peace treaties. Any CEO who has to fire recent appointees—may not possess the best judge of character.

Why is there not peace in Ukraine? Trump resists stepping-up to the reality that Russia's demands for security must be met. For a man who rules by executive orders (many of which are blatantly unconstitutional), why not bite the bullet and end the war?

Trump is the guy, shot in the ear by the deep state. What's he got to lose—he ain't getting a 3rd term—neither constitutionally nor by any lawful means. We see Trump negotiating, but will it lead to peace? Why does he remind, while denying it's his war, that he gave Ukraine Javelins to destroy Russian tanks? And, that farce of a deal with UKR, with side treaties to supply parts for F16s/minerals for future weapons funding?

It's a given that Trump wants to get out of the Ukraine debacle. So, why can't it get done? Begin with the networks, permanent state, universities (and to a degree the US voting public), being controlled by globalists—antithetical to Trump talking with Putin.

Then there's Trump himself. He has no issue with going after Americans critical of

Israel, so why can't he show that same determination for an end to the Ukraine War?

Trump (not understanding the issues between Israel/Palestine), doesn't understand the causes that led up to the Russian invasion—instead he sees a *deal in the making*.

Could Trump end the war without Ukrainian input? Of course—Ukraine never mattered.

Meanwhile—back in the States: Foreign investors in US paper are paying a tariff to participate. Since Inauguration Day, the exchange rate for the dollar has fallen 6%—something Trump wants—foreign purchases of Treasuries have lost 6% in foreign currencies. This policy is intended to make US exports cheaper/more attractive (if we had any). Instead, it makes imports more expensive for things we need, but don't make. Trump wants Americans to not buy Chinese imports—when, really, we have no choice.

Ask yourself about the hubris involved that allows an *hotelier* to risk the US economy and the financial well-being of already cash-strapped Americans, for what he sees as a geopolitical *deal*. Then consider a world playing games, involving complex reasoning. Russians play chess. Chinese play go. But, Americans play poker. A simple, short-term game with few rules—where the outcome depends on force of personality—bluffing.

So, how are we looking economically? Subway closes more than 600 stores. UPS expects to reduce its workforce by 20,000 (2025), citing *new or increased tariffs*. At the Port of Los Angeles, incoming cargo volume will be down, this year, more than 35 percent. Container bookings from China to the United States have fallen—by as much as 60%. 74 percent of all U.S. workers are currently living paycheck to paycheck. Apollo Global Management is warning that mass layoffs in the trucking industry are imminent.

It is a fact that our republic has been under siege for decades. Think of it in terms of software and hardware: cultural acquiescence/acceptance being the software, and our system of governance being the hardware. When democracy goes, the cultural software goes first—then the hardware. The political climate allows for unconstitutionality—then comes the attack on the infrastructure. The degeneracy of the cultural software did not begin with Trump—it was well established before the turn of the century.

Donald Trump loves the prepositional phrase, adjectives and adverbs—makes-up for a lack of content. He *demand*s direct Russia/Ukraine talks, while expressing he would rather be Pope, or, we are not going to fly around the world at the drop of a hat to mediate meetings, or, we did more than any other country, by far, in producing a victorious result on World War 2...Nobody was close to the US in terms of strength, bravery, or military brilliance. Across the world, he is being viewed as—*being off his bloody rocker*.

Separation of Powers is the message of the Constitution—our infrastructure. The founders had King George as a model, and they did all they could to forestall King Obama or King Trump. Unless Americans challenge Trump—go fear for the republic.

Some of Trump's Ex/Orders are positive, but, in the end, if his overall policies hasten economic collapse or war with the Global South, red dye/illegals/Title 9—won't matter.

The world is becoming a hellhole. The EU, for security, locks-up questioners and gets ready to go after crypto—for security. But, on the other side, China's RMB will soon be convertible to 38% of global currency. And what took 3/5 days to settle under SWIFT, will take 7 seconds to process at a 98% reduction in cost—no need for the US.

Because of ill-thought-out policies dollars will come home to a reality of \$17T/US equities, \$7T/treasuries, \$5T/corporate bonds, 20/30% of US paper assets/70/80% held by Americans. The dollar will be trash, but thankfully, we stocked up on gold/silver/lead.

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