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When His Strength Proved No Match—Atlas Shrugged

Both WW1 and WW2 were heavily influenced by corporate interests. Elite monied-interests have a stake in perpetuating conflict as a means to sell technology and arms. In my last article (on gaining perspective), I asked why Putin has not taken the necessary actions to isolate/starve Ukraine out of the fight? Why, until recently has the port of Odessa and the Polish border remained open routes for Ukrainian resupply?

Is this indicative of a 3 year failure in Russian strategy? If so, is it because Russia, like the US, is not a monolith—but rather an amalgam of factions, one of which is oligarchs (billionaires), who have gotten fat from sales of munitions and drone technology to whomever will pay? As such, do they control/hold sway over Putin's options?

Running contrary to a faction of the Kremlin that's had enough and wants action, Russian oligarchs are willing to alienate the EU, but, as a source for profits, they stop short of getting on the wrong side of Trump. Are Russian oligarchs influencing Putin to take this course of action?

If the surmise is correct, Putin and Trump share some priorities—each is influenced by billionaire's strategies that are in direct opposition to what benefits the citizens.

Whether or not munition makers desire permanent war, their actions make for permanent war. Prime movers for US aggression have to do with power and control, but it is no surprise, if beneath that mission lies a profit motive. ‘Follow the money’, as usual, is likely the main storyline. Where arms profits is the bottom line—the consequence is perpetual war

Musk, Theil Trump—they all share the profit motive. From my vantage, Thiel exhibits few redeemable human qualities while Musk uses StarLink to support Trump’s naked aggression, both in Ukraine and in Iran.

And, what about burgeoning AI centers pushed by elites? Is the actual mission shared with Americans? What if it’s a total surveillance mission—that once in place, makes it impossible for Americans to escape from. Well, not impossible. Americans saw how decapitation played-out in Iran.

We are told that Americans are free. Don’t you believe it. Constitutional mandates that retain power to citizens and states, have been given over by Congress to ever-expanding agencies—one of which is an unconcerned Fed that acts as if it cares about full employment and stable markets when in fact it’s an appendage in support of sustaining national banks. Am I suggesting the big US banks are national banks? You bet they are. And as such—they’re provided for.

Rather than play on ‘TACO Trump’, I’m going for ‘Atlas Shrugged’. Our Atlas, Trump, is not a real Atlas. He’s a boy playing a man’s game.

Our Atlas more resembles a bewildered Nixon overseeing an embarrassing rooftop escape from Saigon, or a mentality-compromised Biden scurrying out of Afghanistan. Lacking Trump’s hubris, they at least knew it was over, while Trump (his minions), continue on with their fiction of victory.

Bessent (the actual Sec/War), speaks in hyperbole of US victory on political/economic/ military fronts. And, as could have been predicted, Trump blames Hegseth for unreliable information concerning US weapons drawdown. That is farcical given the reality that Trump doesn't attend intelligence briefings. Instead of listening to generals—he fires them. And, Trump hired a drunken FOX weekend warrior to conduct his wars. Go figure?

What happens now? Oman and Iran have come to terms for the administration of Hormuz. As part of it, they are disallowing US warships and Israeli ships to pass through. It deserves repeated that, in response to arms drawdown, and defeat by Iran, the US is busily recalibrating its nuclear offensive doctrine to include 'liberal', tactical nuclear strikes—as needed.

This paints a dangerous picture, because the world has/is, shifting on its political and economic access. It's a both ends against the middle thing: Russia has its election in mid-September (which will reinstall Putin), giving him cause to act decisively to end the threat of Ukraine. Trump, either does nuclear strikes or fabricates a tale of victory, rationalizing Iran's control Hormuz—why Israel can no longer go after Iran—why Israel is being battered in Lebanon—and why there will never be another US gulf base.

With the midterms 3 months away, the heat is turned up. And contradictory to Bessent's claims, the US economy is firing on 3 cylinders, not 8. The jobs numbers look bad, and without running the printing presses hot, there is no future US economy.

Paralleling that, just below the surface, gold and silver show signs of life. Silver is already up 6 bucks from its doldrums, and gold looks to be on the way back to $5000. Today's trend doesn't necessarily hold, but this is what it will look like when it does.

Trump is playing-out a child's tale, like the one where (Hans Brinker/ Peter), saved a failing dike in Holland by plugging the a hole with his finger. That works in a children's story, and maybe it works in political/economic rhetoric, but it doesn't work in the real world.

Trump’s (greatest economy of all time), shows no job growth. Prices are maintained at the pump by depleting oil reserves to lows that match the missiles left in our arsenal. We are almost out of oil, and when it’s gone, the underground storage caverns may no longer be usable. As for our defensive arsenal, it was used to assure Russia’s security concerns went unaddressed, and to perpetuate a war with Iran with no basis in reality.

Trump has made the US a ‘sitting duck’. Fortunately for him and for American citizens, both Xi and Putin are of a different temperament than Genghis Khan or Hannibal (with elephants ready to cross the Alps).

It is indicative of Trump’s character that he shifts the blame to Hegseth. No one is safe from Trump’s vindictive personality. His hubris is stage 4 political/economic cancer, possibly leading up to and ending in US surrender.

Anyone who thought the US would run over Iran was living in a distant past. The US, with more than $40T of ever-increasing debt, and an almost non-existent productivity, with military leaders replaced by DEI/equity types, is not capable of fighting the war that Trump is pushing towards.

The moment for gold/silver to go nuclear is close, and we need to take responsibility for ourselves because—it ain’t going to get fixed. Whoever wins the midterms perpetuates what we already know. Inept, unconcerned, evil leaders, provide no political basis to oppose the status quo. Protect yourself. You are your Atlas—don’t shrug-off what needs to be done.

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