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Will the 'Art of the Deal' Make the World a Better or Worse Place?

I'm critical of Donald Trump (if he's elected I will be), but I consider this election as existential to the existence of the United States. If Trump does nothing more than pushes-aside the left, and lets Bobby, Jr. go after Pharma, that's good enough for me.

But, if he surrounds himself with mindful advisors, while using his tariff/protectionism bluster, as opening salvos in his *art of the deal*, that could be a benefit. And, if he lends US support to quieting the drums of war—any/all of that will make me a happy patriot.

I hear from readers who are sure Trump will win, but are anxious. That's because the left have pulled-out all ethical stops on the way to today's vote. America is a nation under left-wing siege, and, what's befallen Trump, even compared to the McCarthy, commie witch-hunts of the 50s, pales next to what's been done to President Trump.

Reason assumes Trump prevails tonight, but we've been burned before. Forgetting the polls, consider how America votes. *It's the economy, stupid*, for sure, and on that front Trump wins hands-down. But there is something equally as important as the pocketbook—*the messenger and the message*. On the left there is neither. Kamala/Walz, have no message unless it's: turn in your neighbor for not wearing a mask, support defunding the police, placing tampons in the boy's room. Speaking circularly around an issue, ending up where you began, without saying anything, is no message.

More importantly, Americans want to feel safe and there is no safety with Kamala carrying a briefcase of nuclear codes. To entrust nuclear war to her is to entrust our future to a person of little self-worth, who, at any time, could lash out to prove herself.

Trump, on the other hand, whether loved or despised, like Reagan, is a messenger needing to be taken seriously. Trump has surrounded himself with associates, Gabbard, Bobby, Jr., Musk, Vance, each of whom I see as having a better overview than Trump. But Trump is the messenger with the big personality who rules the roost.

For the world, Trump's lack of overview makes him more dangerous to contend with. For us Americans, his assurance/formidable personalty is what makes feels safe. However, if his ego gets away from him, that could put the US and the world—at peril.

Suppose Trump wins—what does that look like? He will pick better people to advise him. The distance between Bobby Jr./Tulsi Gabbard, JD Vance, as compared to Bolton/Pompeo is immeasurable. Elon Musk, signed on with Trump, in recognition that those such as Musk (1st Amendment patriots) will not fare well under a Kamala Nazi regime.

With the election today, I see no logic for Trump not winning. But, thinking back to 2020, I saw no logical argument for Biden. Now, with voting machines and an unclear tally of illegals in the swing states, I assume nothing. I keep watch—my powder dry.

What type of policies will we see under a Trump Administration? He promises to remove many taxes. Maybe that's just a campaign promise? Maybe not. Trump proposes eliminating income taxes. What's the rationale? Treasury creates its own dollars, so an income tax is longer needed. Trump's tariffs protection will bring in more dollars than what Americans pay in income taxes? But, is something ringing hollow?

Consider the difference between *funny money* and *real money*. Removing income tax would spark an economic boom, but a boom funded by funny money. Money digitalized into the economy by the Treasury, without the sweat of production, is not real. It's credit that automatically becomes debt. At least taxes are the product of labor.

Trump's other dollar-saving proposal is protective tariffs—also not production. Creating dollars out of nothing (QE), portends nothing but a bad future, and tariffs, unless they are *fairly applied*, are a cause for global resentment—and tariff retribution.

If a nation is subsidizing productivity/protecting itself—tariff them by all means. But, if its a thing as when our tyrant brother, Trudeau, was persuaded to house-arrest the CFO of cell phone giant, Huawei, for breaking *rules-based-order*, with a rational their phones could be used to spy (as ours do), that will come back to bite us on the ass.

BRICS is what comes to bite our ass. BRICS is not a *monetary union* (as such)—it's a *fair trade union* of nations that don't want their oil/foreign reserves stolen by either Biden/Trump. It's a reaction against rules-based-order—and Trump had best see that.

There are only 2 fixes for the US economy. Increased productivity is number 2, and number 1 is to reduce the size of government. Looking back over the 4 years of Trump, he attempted to increase productivity (in a world that's far surpassed our technology), by bringing manufacturing back home. He kept us out of wars and gave business a boost by reducing regulations. But, what he did not do—was reduce US spending.

Trump outspent Obama and he outspent Biden (how is that even possible?). Instead of reducing hundreds of offshore military bases, he increased the defense budget. What can we expect this time? Will he see necessity to greatly reduce the size of government while reducing government spending (including defense)? It's imperative.

Trump talks big, which hopefully functions as an opening ploy for his *Art of the Deal*. He comes in tough and then compromises—but something about it scares me. If world leaders see diplomacy as business, maybe that works, but for leaders with existential concerns, will they give up what is vital to their existence—to make a deal with Trump?

Consider Trump's oft-mentioned pledge to end the Ukraine War in 1 day. Former Russian President/Russian Security Counsel deputy chairman, Dmitry Medvedev says the outcome of the US election doesn't matter: "If we are talking about the existence of our state, we simply will not have any choice... the US/West are wrong if they think Putin won't turn to nuclear weapons if NATO sought to inflict a defeat on Russia in the Ukraine war." Ukraine is a complex/dangerous subject—the US had best tread lightly.

I'm assuming Trump wins—maybe in a landslide, but that doesn't necessarily deal with economic collapse resulting in civil war in a divided society. This is the most precarious US election, with Kamala/Walz as probably the worst pairing in our history.

My prayer? I get 4 years of free speech—where I'm free to criticize President Trump.

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