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You're Either With Us Or Against Us

The propaganda is extensive. Sometimes I have to listen to hours of incisive podcasts each morning to not be swept along by the bullshit. As in: Iran is going down—the bastards are starving. The troops aren't being paid. Iran is helpless. If propaganda merchants can raise my level of doubt, what happens to the guy on the street?

I remind myself of what I know. Scott Bessent is a moron with a financial track record of failure. He was there on the Soros team that took down the pound sterling and the yen, but he was a Soros lackey. That's what he is now—a teleprompter to the empire.

Bessent is the Treasury Secretary and War Secretary, rolled into one. A figure entrusted with breaking the economic viability of governments and starving-out populations. Somewhere, it was decided Trump would lie about peace while promoting global slaughter with an aim to cripple China. Bessent was anointed as the sidekick. As with Hegseth, when it all comes apart, Bessent's the fall guy. Trump not too bright, yet he somehow managed to latch on to some Louis L'Amour logic—*don't skyline*.

What's going on out in the world? Russians are 10 points more uneasy than in months past. With a general election less than a month out—Putin is treading quietly. Sometimes I question Putin's courage until I recall the

Russian General Kutuzov, unconcerned, as he ordered the evacuation of Moscow, giving it over to Napoleon, without citizens and the city burned down. Kutuzov was a patient man. Putin is a patient man.

What is it that Russia/China/Iran see as emblematic of the US? The US has a *war gene*. The US can't stop itself from causing wars. How long has this been going on? Theodore Roosevelt was a reformer that allied with the little guy—but he had the *war gene*.

Teddy Roosevelt (unlike our founders), found little merit in the US minding his own business—and in that pursuit pushed the United States into unnecessary military adventures. Cuba/Rough Riders/San Juan Hill, all done with a rationale of defending the poor from Spain.

Wasn't there enough injustice to deal with back in the States? Weren't we still dealing with subhuman views of indigenous Americans and blacks (maybe women)? Was it necessary to invade Cuba to rectify injustice? No, there was a hidden agenda—the *war gene*.

What's a war gene? In an otherwise healthy personality (TR taking on robber barons to attain justice for the poor), foreigners of a different ethnicity become cannon fodder for political aspirations for glory. Somehow, someone with the *war gene*, known as a doer of good works, forgets all that, to shed the blood of others for that moment of glory.

TR is a great example of the complex personality. He shared Trump's lack of empathy when it comes to foreign slaughter, but Trump has something more that he shares with Biden/Cheney/W. Bush—the *stupid gene*. MAGA supporters tell us that Trump is making America was it used to be. If that's the case they're dredging up a history best forgotten.

There's more to Roosevelt than military adventurism because of all the good things he did. Trump supporters allege the same of Trump but any

good he does is negligible compared to the horror he inflicts on the world by a combination of his *war/stupid genes*.

There's an interesting confrontation going on between PM Carney (Canada), and Trump. That Carney stands up to him, makes Trump apoplectic—causing Trump to spin-off—seeing Canada as an enemy. To the point where US Senators are calling out Trump for his vicious attacks on Canada—our long time ally. And the fact that Trump refers to Carney as the governor of Canada—soon to be a US state is more than demeaning .

One of my readers comments that Iran is winning the war with the US, but it is far from over. Except for propaganda/nuclear attack, is there anything Trump can do that he hasn't done? In support of my reader, because Trump needs to prevail—try he will. But the US Navy clearing mines and Hormuz being US territory is just nonsense. Trump does not, nor will he ever, control Hormuz—but as long as the dollar spends, he'll wage a forever war.

How is it that this *war/stupid gene* mentality pervades our culture, permeating everything it touches? What have we done to produce unethical leaders with no qualms about lying, with a likely outcome of putting all of human civilization at jeopardy?

Reaching back into our glorious past, we come upon George W. Bush: 'Every nation, in every region, now has a decision to make. Either you are with us, or you are with the terrorists.' The blind obedience George called for involved attacking nations with no connection to 9/11. History judges Bush/Cheney as disgraceful. Before the Bush *with us or against us* ultimatum, it was used by Mussolini. Now it's being dredged-up as the slogan for a Bessent/Trump *clown show*. Blind obedience is demanded, this time to stop Iran from acquiring a nuclear bomb (something Iran doesn't want)—and opening the Strait of Hormuz, which was opened before Trump closed it.

The US, led by war criminals, blackmails/threatens the world to perpetuate a lie in which Iran is merely a diversion with oil resources—resources needed to defeat the object of Trump’s actual rage—China.

It seems, everywhere I look, I wake up in a nightmare—one where few make any effort to interpret the dream. Recall when Saddam Hussein took over Iraq, calling out the names of legislators convened for his speech, who were removed by brownshirts—never to be heard from again. Trump wants that kind of control—are we but one step from it?

Am I being hyperbolic with the Saddam/Donald comparison? I don’t think so. When Trump got rid of the JCPOA (Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action), 2015, which limited Iran’s nuclear program in exchange for sanctions relief, the Europeans knew the JCPOA was working, but they did nothing. Even then they were Trump lackeys. And lest we forget, Biden let JCPOA go moribund for his whole term—without any implementation.

Trump is obviously willing to bring down the world economy to distract viewers away from him—but will he go further? Uncontrolled hubris brings uncontrolled consequences. Think on Napoleon, soundly defeated, escaping from Elba, to give solipsism one more go at Waterloo.

A tyranny involves a hypnotized populace, unwilling to risk for liberty. Riding a motorcycle across Russia, I met old people who missed Stalin. They hadn’t live in Ukraine where Stalin starved millions, or that Stalin divided the world in half rather than allow WW2 defeated nations, to restore democracy.

But, enough of this, go out and buy some silver while there is yet time.

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I’m thinking about how the corporate culture has changed the republic—trading quality control for production. Let’s get into that next time.