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The Ruler of the World

By Robert Gore, Financial Editor



he emperor will make a mockery of the future. There is a Supreme Ruler of the world. During the early years of his reign he won accolades and devotion, showering his subjects with goods and services that were beyond their means. As he consolidated his rule, a few malcontents warned that there was less to his cornucopia than met the eye. However, his grip on power tightened and they were shunned. Once he had an iron chokehold, their warnings were forgotten or ignored.

Meet Emperor Debt. The first true globalist ruler, his dominion spans the planet. A cosmopolitan and multiculturalist, he reigns impartially over all races, nationalities, ethnicities, genders, creeds, and political persuasions. The little figures who supposedly run things think he's their servant; they are actually his puppets. They promise and propose; he denies and disposes. Just the other night a puppet made a long speech full of promises and proposals. The Emperor smiled at the speech and the raucous reaction in the ownership-claims market the next day. "We'll see about that," he said to himself.

One of Emperor Debt's minions once said, "In the long run we're all dead." A ninety-four-year long run later, we're all in debt, and it would be an optimistic mischaracterization to say up to our eyeballs. We're buried. The world's debt is so stupendously huge it can only be estimated. Nominal debt is roughly \$250 trillion dollars, or over three times what the world produces each year. Unfunded promises for old age pensions and medical care are another \$500 trillion or so. Throw in financial derivatives of \$1.5 quadrillion. Stated debt, unfunded liabilities, and derivatives sum to \$2.25 quadrillion, or about \$300,000 per person. Leave out the derivatives and per capita debt and unfunded liabilities are still \$100,000 (figures from "March 2017: The End Of A 100 Year Global Debt Super Cycle Is Way Overdue", straightlinelogic.com/2017/03/02/march-2017-the-end-of-a-100-year-global-debt-super-cycle-isway-overdue-by-michael-snyder/).

US statistics are equally unsettling. Nominal personal, business, and government debt is \$67 trillion (over 3.5 times the GDP), unfunded government pension and medical liabilities are estimated at \$105 trillion (some estimates are (Continued on page 2)

A Great Light Dawns

By Francis W. Porretto



ime was, I was the only one talking about this (From Townhall.com columnist Kurt Schlichter):

> Lying is what they do because that's all they have left on the left. They have no foundational principles except power. Their entire ideology is transactional – it's not based on ideas but on payoffs to Democrat sub-sets. Here's some dough for the baby crunching industry! We'll hassle some Christian bakers for the SJWs! Let's put a bunch of cishet males of pallor who don't even listen to NPR out of work in West Tennetucky, or wherever they grow coal, to delight our global warming cultist pals!

Welcome to the party, pal.

While the insight might be late in coming, it's no less important for that. As I wrote five years ago:

> [T]here is a threshold at which any coalition will experience internal pressures that lead to its dissolution. The threshold might be numerical, or it might be economic, or it might arise from the addition to the coalition of an interest group inherently hostile to the interests of one or more other members.

For a political party, the incontrovertibly important threshold is 50%. When that threshold is reached, the transactionalism becomes frenzied, for once a "winning majority" is in sight, the departure of any one of the member groups can undo it, and many - perhaps most — of the member groups will see that as an opportunity to "increase their take."

The presidential election of November 8, 2016 neatly illustrated this effect. The "traitor group" was blue-collar workers. Those workers had seen the Democrats pay off other groups to the workers' detriment, thus robbing their political arm - the unions - of much of their power. The recognition lost the Democrats the blue-collar vote, which cost them a decisive number of Electoral College votes. Democrat strategists have wrung their hands over it ever since. Yet they remain unable to correct their course, for Democrat politics has been coalition politics since FDR. It's all they know.

The irony consists in the popular-vote balance, which favored Hillary Clinton overall – quite heavily in California, New York, and Illinois. Even after the loss of the blue-collar workers, the Democrat coalition commanded a majority of the Americans who showed up at the polls.

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Sometimes, You Have To Fight

By T. L. Davis



e are at war. Just because there are not fire fights in the streets does not mean that a war is not raging all around us. This is a cultural war, a globalist vs nationalist conflict, but the resistance to that depiction does not change a single thing. Many do not want to be labeled "nationalist" and they don't believe "globalist" is the right term either. But, like any math problem, the terms need to be defined down to their essence and then the problem can be worked. It is this lack of distillation that has kept everyone in their respective corners for so long.

I would describe myself as an individualist. I claim the territory of myself and willingly suffer the consequences of my actions, even enough to turn myself in. I believe in personal responsibility. I undertake nothing that I have not figured the consequences into the equation. Now, I suspect that speaks for a lot of us, but it is not an ideology; principled perhaps, but not actionable. The whole idea is to be left alone and for that sort of society to work, the vast majority of the people would have to subscribe to it and no greater crime could be committed than to evade capture or lie to avoid the punishment for one's actions. But, in this war, that makes me a sucker, a victim, a fool, because the enemy believes in none of this. This is what makes it a war, because one culture cannot survive in the presence of the other, like matter and anti-matter. Oceans are good for keeping them separate.

A lot of attention is now given to the threat from Islam and many European nations are suffering from the lack of ocean separateness. That is not the primary threat to our culture: that is coming from the Marxists in our institutions. It is the long war that has now co-opted Islam and globalism into the fight. The foe remains totalitarianism, but labeling it globalism is easier to identify, especially when placed in proximity to nationalism. So, neither definition is accurate, but it never is. It is the weakness of the individualist that they are often intransigent and will not fight until their boar is gored. Sometimes, you just have to fight the evil for whatever reason you can devise.

The challenge is to overcome decency to defend decency. The Constitution worked for about six weeks, until everyone started trying to get what they thought they were going to get out of it. The Supreme Court took upon itself the right to "define" it. No one had claimed that territory and so they did, to give them purpose. There is now no need for a Constitutional Amendment when the courts can rule what is and is not permissible. It undermines the entire Constitution. It allows for the government to make rules for itself, thereby destroying the whole concept of the Constitution as written. The government (what people call "the deep state"), the bureaucracy, the government service level, those who do not leave when a new president is elected, or a new Congress seated, or a new Supreme Court seated, are actively working against any control the people might

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up to two times higher), and derivatives held by US institutions at \$612 trillion (all figures from US Debt Clock.org). That's \$2.412 million per person. Back out derivatives and it's "only" \$529,000 per person. The Debt Clock says we have \$395,000 assets per person, so net debt is around \$134,000. However, asset values are the Emperor's sleight-of-hand. His debt blows up asset values, but sometimes the Emperor punctures the bubble and asset values deflate. Obligations to pay interest and principle on debt, on the other hand, do not deflate, absent rescheduling or bankruptcy.

"We've been hearing about debt from Cassandras, Nervous Nellies, and Chicken Littles for years; nothing's happened!" cries the Chorus, and the Emperor smiles. The Chorus is dead wrong; plenty has happened, none of it good. The more you borrow from the future, the less future you'll have. Debt has grown faster than production; the future has arrived and growth rates are falling. Unable to borrow its way to prosperity, Japan has been in a recession punctuated by interludes of anemic growth for 27 years. Growth in Europe has been virtually non-existent since the turn of the century, and debt crises loom in Greece and Italy. In the US, Barack Obama left office as the first president who did not have even one year of 3 percent real growth. His government needed to borrow over \$9 trillion just to buy a feeble recovery. The Chinese "miracle" has sputtered as China struggles to carry its increasingly heavy debt load.

In the US, real incomes are lower now than at the turn of the century. The young see an increasingly bleak future—more debt, less opportunity—and forego marriage and procreation. Birth rates have fallen across the Emperor's domain, well below replacement rates. Populations are aging and there are fewer workers supporting more of the elderly trying to collect on all those unfunded liabilities. Some day the young will rebel against debt slavery to the old and the Emperor will smile: divide and conquer.

Central bankers are the Emperor's subalterns. They promote cheap debt, "magically" breaking the link between debt and the production or assets needed to pay it back. The Emperor's propaganda ministers hail the "prosperity" that flows from central banks exchanging their debt for governments' debt. Both sets of debt are collateralized by nothing and are claims on nothing; they can only be "redeemed" for more central bank or government debt. Yet this debt can be produced without limit or restraint—including the obligation to pay it back with real goods and services—and the Emperor's subjects think of it as money and wealth. Constantly expanding debt and illusory prosperity promote a mirage economy.

Say what you want about the Emperor, he has a sense of humor. Amused by his subjects' delusions, he plays with them like a cat plays with its prey. When financial asset prices drop, buy into the next debt-fueled upswing. Prosperity won't end as long as credit standards fall and more credit is extended. Borrow two dollars for a dollar's worth of growth. Credit is income. Creditors' claims are wealth. Sooner or later, both the Emperor and the cat tire of their games. Pouncing, they make waste of the best laid schemes of men and mice. The Emperor has stopped armies, brought down governments, sparked revolutions, opened countries to invasion, and left poverty, devastation, and misery in his wake. Only fools doubt that he is not once again readying a destructive masterstroke that will level welfare and warfare states alike. Given the paper and promises that litter the globe, encumbering every asset and income stream, this one will be his most terrifying.

The Emperor's reign waxes and wanes, but as long as humans remain human it won't end. Hubris, avarice, and folly are occasionally tempered, never vanquished. There will always be that wish for something for nothing, that desire to consume more than one produces, that hope that continued improvidence won't lead to ruin. Events, not contemplation, end mass delusion. It takes little foresight to see what's coming, and little wisdom to recognize that it can no longer be prevented, but the herd refuses to see or think. That is the ultimate default.

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Make a pocket twine dispenser from a grated cheese container. Once twine is inside the empty jar, thread through one of the holes on top.

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have to limit its power or protect their rights. They are on the side of the globalists, whether they consider themselves as such, or not.

This is the danger of a large federal government and why the Constitution was written to leave most powers with the states, excepting international powers to make treaties with other nations. This is why dealing with the Indian nations were included in their power and not the states.

This is a declaration of war and it started the minute an unruly, uncompromised man was elected president. It started before the inauguration, when it became apparent that he might restrain government power and relinquish some of it to the people. Now, who knows how long this illusion will last? How long before they find a way to co-opt him? But, this is a war, they have moved against their enemy and all that is left is for the nationalists, or whomever, to decide to fight back. Maybe a few more boars will have to get gored, but that does not change the fact that the war has begun, it only determines when it will be engaged.

Barack Obama and his shadow government might attempt a coup, nothing would be better than that, because the danger is that there is no unified understanding of when to respond. All of the individualists wander about waiting for their moment, waiting for the conflict and knowing whom to engage.

The one thing that is not generally discussed however is: what comes next? The Constitution has been a failure and maybe it took a while to recognize that fact, but there it is. The question actually comes down to what would one fight for, recognizing that putting the genie back in the bottle is not going to happen. Any Constitutional convention now would not look anything like the one in 1787. It would be a rabble, a mob, with protests in the streets and SJW's flocking the corridors. It would start the next revolution. In that sense, I might encourage it. That might make one think that I want a war, with all of the horrors turned to glory: I assure you that is not the case. The undeniable fact is that war has begun. That will not change if I sit home on my couch, it will just make it that much easier for my enemies to win. So, yes, it is time to engage the enemy, because they have been engaging us for a hundred years.





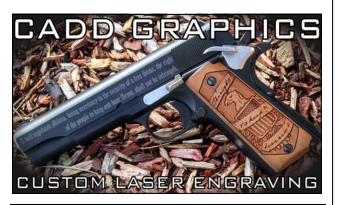
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They could have taken the presidential election of 2000 as a warning. They did not, though whether it would have made a difference is open to question.

But I doubt that you, Gentle Reader, are here to read about the obvious, and I'm not here to write about it.

The future of the American political system is murky. Two Democrat losses in the Electoral College despite significant national popular vote majorities have created pressure against the system. The thrust of that pressure, of course, is to undo the Electoral College system. As a Constitutional amendment to that effect would have zero prospects of ratification, the pressure is manifest entirely at the state level: agitation for state laws that would compel the state's electors to cast their ballots for the national popular vote winner.

This isn't news, of course. The agitation became visible in 2001, after George W. Bush defeated Al Gore. However, its roots are even deeper than that. They reach at least as far back as Rutherford B. Hayes's defeat of Samuel J. Tilden in 1876:

In 1876, Hayes was elected president in one of the most contentious elections in national history. He lost the official popular vote to Democrat Samuel J. Tilden (due at least in part to Southern suppression of Republican votes, it is not known with certainty who won the actual popular vote) but he won an intensely disputed electoral college vote after a Congressional commission awarded him twenty contested electoral votes. The result was the Compromise of 1877, in which the Democrats acquiesced to Hayes's election and Hayes withdrew remaining U.S. troops protecting Republican office holders in the South.

Post-Civil-War Reconstruction had created enough animosity toward the Republican Party in the South to give rise to what became known as the "Solid South:" a reliable source of Democrat votes, both popularly and in the Electoral College:

The Solid South or Southern bloc was the electoral voting bloc of the states of the Southern United States for issues that were regarded as particularly important to the interests of white Democrats in the southern states. The Southern bloc existed especially between 1877 (the end of Reconstruction) and 1964 (the year of the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964). During this period, the Democratic Party controlled state legislatures; most local and state officeholders in the South were Democrats, as were federal politicians elected from these states. Southern Democrats disenfranchised blacks in every state of the former Confederacy at the turn of the century. This resulted essentially in a one-party system, in which a candidate's victory in Democratic primary elections was tantamount to election to the office itself. White primaries were another means that the Democrats used to consolidate their political power, excluding blacks from voting in primaries.

It's much to be regretted that this critical bit of American history is no longer a part of the typical high-school history curriculum.

Only losers look to change the rules of the contest. He who loses repeatedly will be especially determined to do so. State-level initiatives such as the one mentioned above, and of course the Secretary of State project, have no other object. Whether they will make any inroads against the Constitutional position of the Electoral College is unclear.

What I find myself wondering is what "lessons" the Republican Party has drawn from those two victories in defiance of the popular majority. Historically, Republican politics has not been coalition-minded. GOP strategists have seldom attempted group-oriented outreach, perhaps subliminally convinced that the Democrats' hold on identifiable voting blocs is too firm to be profitably challenged. That conviction would be consistent with the GOP's demographic and geographic strongholds. Even more salient, coalition politics having failed the Left, there's no reason for Republicans and conservatives to think it would treat them any better.

Yet the pressure on the GOP to think in terms of voting blocs is increasing. The slow but steady demographic changes in the American population have Republican strategists badly worried. The evident Republican domination of several pseudo-blocs:

- White men;
- Married women;
- Christian conservatives;

..has seduced several prominent conservative commentators. Should Republican kingmakers listen to their 'advice," it will reinforce the Democrats' coalition strategy, by supporting their caricature of the GOP as a racialist religious party.

The strategies and dynamics of the 2020 presidential campaign will bear close scrutiny, for victory has its lessons, too. Which set will prove the more persuasive? We shall see.



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