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We are experiencing the most economically unstable period and socially erratic period in the history of the modern world. This period is being marked with extreme fluctuations in the stock, commodity and currency markets accompanied by severe and sometimes violent and deadly social disruptions including historic pandemics, conflicts, wars, riots and even regime changing coups. As is typical of such times, many fortunes will be both made and lost during this period. After talking with many business owners, executives, professionals, scholars and government officials from around the world, the writer believes that for the financially astute investor, this is a time of unprecedented opportunity given the global trade unbalances and distortions in the commodity and currency markets that exists. The *Financial Crisis Report* is a free compilation of the opinions of David Miyoshi as well as of those advisors he himself subscribes to (with appropriate credits given) on how to survive and even benefit during this historic time of crisis in the world. The writer receives no compensation of any kind from any advisors whose articles or ideas may appear in this report. The reader is welcomed to check on all sources of information mentioned herein. Because the opinions and observations of this writer and other advisors are provided herein without charge, the reader is asked to make his/her own judgment on the contents.

“The Truth will set you Free.” John 8:32

WHAT THE MEDIA DON'T TELL ABOUT THE MAUI FIRE – TAKE TWO



In the September issue I presented “What the Media Don't Tell About the Maui Fire Part 1”. That article contained the writer's (ReallyGracedul) insinuations and insights into the possible motives and methods that led to the Maui fire.

That article revealed that the Maui Police check whose name is John Pelletier



is also the coroner of Maui. In most jurisdictions, the coroner and the chief of police are considered “incompatible” offices that cannot be held by the same individual. This is because the roles of law enforcement officers and coroners are slightly different at a death scene. Law enforcement officers are concerned with whether a crime has occurred, while coroners are responsible for determining the cause of death.

However, in Hawaii, (it is reported) that the chief of police or his authorized subordinate can act as the coroner for his respective county. This is unlike most states.

It would be worthwhile to repeat here that the same John Pelletier was the Incident Commander at the 2017 Las Vegas country music mass shooting. It's also unusual that Pelletier graduated from the FBI Academy (even though he served in local law enforcement in Las Vegas and Maui county) and that he graduated a certain course of training at the FBI Academy in Quantico at which the FBI Director Christopher Wray personally attended the ceremony. Obviously, Mr. Pelletier is well connected. It may be advisable to look more closely into his involvement in the Maui tragedy.



What the Media Don't Tell About Maui Fire 2nd Take

This second article on the Maui tragedy that follows is by reporter Ethan Huff. It appeared on Sept 7, 2023 in *Newstarget* and it looks into the possible causes of the Maui Fire. The title to Huff's article is "Is THIS the reason why blue cars, blue umbrellas and other blue things didn't burn in the Maui fires?"

Many YouTube videos have shown that blue colored objects such as cars, umbrellas, towels and other objects survived the ravages of the fire. As a possible explanation, Huff's article explores directed energy weapons and how they could cause this phenomenon. In the first article, it was noted that The U.S. Department of the Air Force Center of Expertise for Directed Energy and Optical Technologies operates two major telescope sites that are used to develop and advance directed energy weapons. One of the sites is located on the Kirkland Air Force Base in New Mexico. Guess where the other site is located..... on Maui. It's called the Air Force Maui Optical and Supercomputing site.

So I hope you find this article enlightening and informative as I have.

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Is THIS the reason why blue cars, blue umbrellas and other blue things didn't burn in the Maui fires?



Inquisitive minds are not buying the official story that the fires in Maui were a natural and unexpected event – and certainly not one that is the product of some mythical concept like "climate change" or "global warming."

Like the recent fires in California and Australia, the Hawaii fires are "unlike anything we've ever seen before," to quote Greg Reese of Infowars, who put together the following informational video about what many believe really happened in West Maui.

They are being called 'forest fires' and 'wildfires,' but they are clearly something very different."

"These fires are burning homes into a white powdery ash footprint while often leaving the surrounding green trees and shrubs practically untouched. In extreme cases, forest fires can reach temperatures of up to 1500 degrees Fahrenheit, and the melting point of aluminum is 1220 degrees Fahrenheit, so it is possible for an extreme forest fire to melt aluminum."

"But there are cars with puddles of melted aluminum that were clearly not in the wildfire area, and melted glass, which has a melting point of around 2500 degrees F. These are unexplained anomalies."

As was also the case with the 2018 California fires, objects such as cars and homes burned to a crisp and basically collapsed into their own footprint, leaving behind nothing but white ash.

Greg Reese of Infowars stated "We've seen these same anomalies in New York City on Sept. 11, 2001 – cars completely burned out with no explanation,"

Disturbingly, the Maui fires were highly selective in what they burned. Poor and middle-class folks had their entire homes and livelihoods reduced to ash while the lavish estates of rich people like Oprah and Jeff Bezos remained unscathed.





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"In Maui, these unnatural fires spared the homes of the rich while burning the native homes of the working class," Reese explains.

"With precision, these fires destroyed the most envied, high-valued areas of Maui."

It is fast becoming common knowledge that the government has at its disposal directed energy weapons, or DEW technology, that utilizes lasers and light to target certain objects and places for destruction while leaving the surrounding area alone.

"For decades, directed energy weapons have been classified, but they have been on the public record for several years now," Reese says. "Directed energy weapons, known as DEWs, have the ability to burn homes with this sort of precision – but in order to be this precise, the area would have to be mapped out."

It turns out that, back in January, many local residents of Hawaii observed strange green laser lights in the sky. Reese says these lasers are proof-positive evidence that the government was mapping the terrain in advance using a geospatial array.

After the fires destroyed Lahaina, many blue-colored objects were observed to have not burned even though everything else around them was burned.

"We have seen that among the ashy ruins, there are blue-colored objects that have somehow survived the devastation: blue cars, blue umbrellas, a blue boat, blue planters," Reese says.



"Videos online are going viral that show how lasers can easily burn through certain-colored objects, but objects that are colored blue remain unharmed."

DEWs include not only lasers but also millimeter waves and microwaves, both of which are used in the naked body scanners at American airports.

"They are all based on light frequencies, and different wavelengths of light affect colors differently," Reese says. "For example, in laser tattoo removal, different wavelengths are used for removing different colors. And this is because color is a quality of light. Each color has its own frequency."

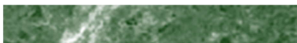
The color blue, which was unharmed in the Maui fires, has a frequency of 6.66

That's interesting.



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A THIRD TAKE ON THE CAUSE OF THE MAUI FIRE



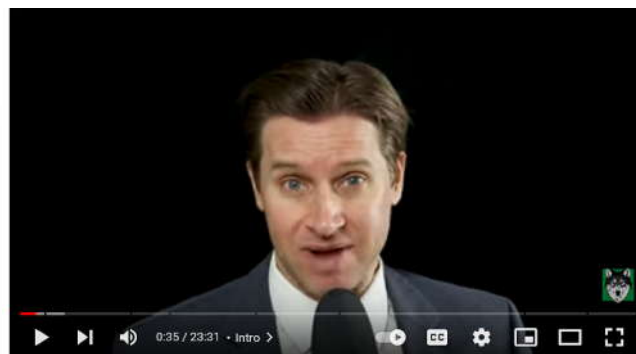
The following is a direct transcript of a recent *Wolves and Finance* video on YouTube entitled “Update on the Maui Wildfires.” The video was aired September 10, 2023. In it, the host Zach Degregorio’s gives his opinion that the Maui Wildfires were a result of gross negligence by the Maui government and law enforcement agencies rather than a conspiracy by wealthy land barons and government agencies to land grab the choice valuable properties of Maui.

In our quest for the truth. If we were to follow the lesson of Occam’s Razor which states that the simplest explanation is preferable to one that is more complex, we would be obliged to seriously consider Degregorio’s opinion that the Maui Wildfires, tragic as they were, were a result of simple but blatant ineptitude.

Therefore, in our continuing effort to discern what really happened in Maui, I present to you for your serious consideration Degregorio’s argument of what happened in Maui. I hope you find it interesting and informative as we try to piece together the events that resulted in this tragedy of almost incomprehensible proportions.

BUT ONE THING I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT IS THAT OCCAM’S RAZOR THEOREM OF THE SIMPLICITY OF CAUSATION CAN ALSO LEAD US TO A CONCLUSION THAT THERE ARE VERY POWERFUL FORCES THAT MAY BE DIRECTING THE INCIDENTS NOW OCCURRING ON MAUI WHICH MAY AGAIN LATER OCCUR IN THE REST OF THE COUNTRY. THE POWERFUL FORCES I AM REFERRING TO INCLUDE THE EQUITY FUNDS NAMED BLACKROCK, VANGUARD AND STATE STREET WHICH TOGETHER CONTROL MOST OF THE CORPORATIONS LISTED IN THE S&P 500, AS WELL AS THE LARGEST REAL ESTATE DEVELOPER IN HAWAII, THE MAUI ELECTRIC COMPANY, AND THE LOCAL HAWAII POLITICIANS IN THE AREA. I WROTE ABOUT THESE FUNDS IN MY NEWSLETTERS OF AUGUST 2022 AND JULY 2023. WE WILL BE HEARING ABOUT THESE FUNDS AGAIN SOON ENOUGH.

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Update on the Maui Wildfires

UPDATE ON THE MAUI WILDFIRES

On August 8th, almost one month ago, a wildfire raged through the Hawaiian town of Lahaina on the island of Maui. This has been one of the worst disasters in US History. Although it has been a month, the mainstream media is still not covering this story. So we're going to cover it here this week on *Wolves and Finance*.

I'm going to start by showing you some images of the aftermath. The town is completely destroyed. Two thousand, two hundred structures were destroyed on 2,170 acres.



One of the things that made this fire so bad is that many of these buildings had propane tanks that exploded. The fire burned so hot that everything burned up. There is nothing left.

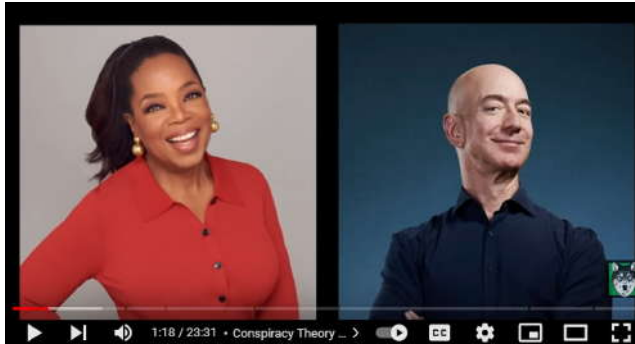
Let us start with the conspiracy theory. People have been claiming that the fire was set intentionally. They claim that evil billionaires



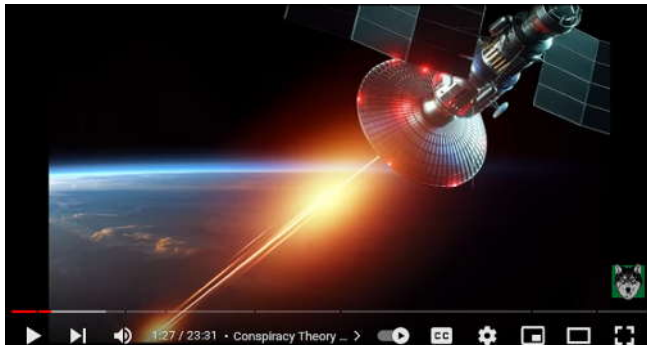


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wanted to steal the land from Native Hawaiians. People like Oprah and Jeff Bezos are well known for their attempts to buy land on Maui.



The theory claims that the billionaires are working together with the CIA and started the fire using space lasers.



These same billionaires also have houses with blue roofs.



The strange color of blue is set to stop the electromagnetic effects of the space lasers. The goal is to implement the plans of the World Economic Forum to rebuild Lahaina as a 15-Minute Smart City.



This would be a new type of city that does not allow residents to go more than 15 minutes away. It is powered by infrastructure like facial recognition cameras, 5G cell towers and roadblocks. It is all run by artificial intelligence that would lock the citizens inside as prisoners under the justification of climate change.

Meanwhile, a global crisis would cause massive depopulation around the world. Millions would die through war and famine, and the global elite would live through the chaos on their massive estates on Hawaii while the local population would be locked away in the 15 Minute City. To accomplish all of this, they just had to get rid of Lahaina.

Now, I don't believe this conspiracy theory, but it is resonating with people because some of it has already come true. The governor issued an emergency proclamation on August 19th that no one could make unsolicited offers to buy land in the affected ZIP codes in order to allow residents time to recover. But rich developers have simply been ignoring the law. Authorities have received 8 complaints of developers trying to buy the land. The governor himself has offered to buy up the land. He said "I'm already thinking of ways for the state to acquire that land so that we can put it into workforce housing to put it back into families or make it open spaces in perpetuity as a memorial to the people who were lost." Why is everyone trying to take this land? I have to say, it is a little strange to paint the roof of your house blue. Why would you do that? My roof isn't blue. Is yours?





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The reason I don't believe this conspiracy theory is because I think there is a more likely explanation. It is possible that the government officials were just incompetent. The fire could have started and the officials froze like a deer in the headlight. They didn't know what to do, and were too afraid to do anything because it might make matters worse. So, they just stood there and watched the town burn down. I think this is the most likely explanation because we saw a similar thing happen before during the disaster of Hurricane Katrina. Do you remember that?

A hurricane broke the levee surrounding New Orleans and flooded the city. It killed 1,836 people. Tens of thousands of people were left stranded with little food, water or shelter. People were living in the Superdome for a week. There were dead bodies scattered on the ground. Many people blamed the incompetence of the head of FEMA Michael Brown who was appointed by George W Bush. Michael Brown's prior work experience was as the head of the Arabian Horse Association. It is unclear what made him qualified to run FEMA. Kanye West went on national TV and said George Bush doesn't care about black people. I think what Hurricane Katrina showed us is that sometimes the government is not good at handling disasters. These are the things that have never happened before. Sometimes government employees are incompetent. Sometimes they make bad decisions. I think the same thing happened in Lahaina. It was a horrible disaster and the government was just not good at handling the disaster.

The biggest example of this is that almost a month later, we still do not have a definitive death count. After a month, we have no idea how many people died. That's pretty incompetent. As of last week, 115 people are confirmed dead. The FBI is helping with the investigation and has announced that 385 people are still missing. Now, if someone has been missing for a month at this point, most likely they're dead. Part of the problem is that there's no bodies. Normally you could walk around after a disaster and count the bodies. But in this case, the bodies were burned up, so there are no bodies to count.

What has created a lot of controversy is that the death toll keeps changing. I explained that the FBI said that 385 people are missing. But two weeks ago, on August 21st, the Hawaii Department of Edu-

cation released a statement saying that 2,025 children were still missing. The local school in Lahaina had burned down in the fire. So all the children who went to that school had to be reassigned to other districts. As of August 21st, 2,025 children had either not reported or the school district had been unable to locate them. Where are the missing children?

The FBI is controlling the missing persons list. How is the FBI's getting their names of missing people? Have they checked on the 2,025 missing kids or are they ignoring them? Let's think about this. What do we know about the FBI? We know that they are liars. They have lied to the American people multiple times now to protect the Biden administration. Just as an example, the head of the FBI, Christopher Wray just went in front of Congress and lied under oath about a memo the FBI wrote about targeting Catholics as terrorists. Do you remember this? He apologized and claimed that the memo was a single product by a single field office out of Richmond. Well, after his testimony, a new version of the memo surfaced that showed the memo was a product of multiple field offices, including Portland and Los Angeles. This was a nationwide effort by the FBI to target Catholics. Christopher Wray lied about it in front of Congress and committed perjury. I think it is a possibility that the FBI is lying again. They could be hiding the number of dead kids so Joe Biden doesn't look bad. Can we at least get an explanation of why two government agencies are telling us vastly different numbers? I think it's likely that the death count is going to be a lot higher than their reporting and a lot of the deaths are going to be from children. Just like George W Bush was criticized for Katrina. Joe Biden has been criticized for Lahaina.

So how did this happen? There are still going to be investigations, but we do know that there are a number of things that went wrong. There were issues with the power lines. It is important to understand that there were two fires. There was a fire in the morning and then a fire later in the day that would burn down the town. The power company has admitted that they started the first fire. There were strong winds that blew down power lines and the sparks started the fire. Firefighters arrived and put out the first fire and then left. People do not know what started the second fire. The power company did turn the power back on to the lines which were still down so that could have sparked more fires. But the power company blames the fire-





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fighters for leaving before the fire was fully put out. The firefighters blame the power company. The power company has not explained yet why they would turn the power back on if they knew the lines were still down. However the 2nd fire started, it resulted in the town burning down.

Next, the children had been let out of school. This is what made the fire so devastating. Because so many children were involved. It was normal to send the children home because there were extremely high winds which had already knocked down the power lines and shut the power off. So many of the parents were away at work and the children were sitting at home while the fire burned. That is why so many children died.

The alarm warning system did not go off. The town has sirens that they test once per month. These were installed mainly in case of a tsunami, but they are used for other disasters as well. When the sirens go off, the residents know to go out of their homes because they may need to run for their lives. It turns out that a decision was made to not sound the alarm. Maui County's Emergency Management Administrator says he did not sound the alarm because he did not want people to get confused and run towards the fire. The problem was that if you were a kid and you're at home from school playing video games in your house, you're not going to know a fire is raging all around you. If the alarms had gone off, the people would have at least come outside their houses and figured out what was going on.

What is so infuriating is that this is still a problem. Since Lahaina there have been other wildfires in other parts of Maui. Those fires were not as devastating, but more buildings have burned down. And once again they decided not to sound the alarms. Why are they doing this? If a town is burning down, sound the alarms! We know it would have saved lives, so I don't understand why they're not doing it other than to try and justify their actions in Lahaina. But it is continuing to put more people's lives at risk.

Next, the fire hydrants did not work. So the firefighters showed up, but they could not get any water out of the hydrants. So far, we don't know the reason why. But we do know that the firefighters did not

do anything to try and stop the fire because they had no water. We also know that officials refused to release water to fight the fire. The deputy director of the Hawaii Commission for Water Resource Management received the request for more water to fight the fire. He initially refused the request in order to check if users downstream would be affected by the diversion. So rather than just release the water, this guy had to check to make sure it would be equitable for everyone. Meanwhile, people were dying. Permission was eventually granted 5 hours too late.

What made matters worse is that the police were blocking the roads out of town, trapping everyone inside. At least one account said that one road was blocked with chains keeping people from leaving. It is unclear who gave these orders and why. But there were people who were sitting in their cars trying to get out of town and the police were telling them to wait inside their cars. Everyone who waited in their cars was burned alive. Some of the people left their cars in the road, jumped in the ocean and survived. In this situation, all the people who complied with what the government was telling them to do died. The people who did not listen to the cops, stayed alive. All of these things together made this disaster so bad. The investigations are still ongoing and more information will likely be uncovered.

There's something else that I wanna highlight that I don't hear anybody else talking about. So, I've looked at a lot of these photographs of the ruins of Lahaina. And I noticed something interesting. Do you notice anything about this photograph?

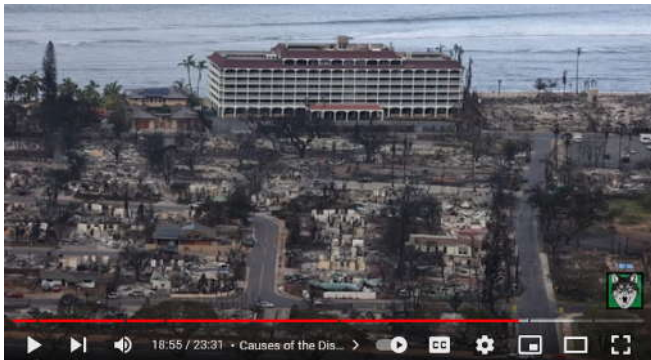


There is one large major building that was not destroyed by the fires. This is the Lahaina Shores Beach Resort and it's owned by Hyatt Hotels. It is a giant hotel that is in the middle of Lahaina right on the



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beach. And so it's curious to me that when the rest of the entire town burned down this building remains standing. How is that possible? You know, when we think about how the water in the hydrants had no pressure you have to wonder were the hydrants around this hotel working? And it could be the case (now I don't know this for sure), but it could be the case that water was routed to this hotel first before the rest of the town. And the water system could be designed this way. The water system could be designed to give favoritism to the big beach resorts. Maybe even the beach resorts paid for this. So it could just be something inherent to how the social structure of that city was developed where these big tourist hotspots would take all the water resources and not leave anything for the residents. Well, what would result would be this photograph where the rest of the town is devastated and this hotel remains standing.



I think this photograph is evidence of what's actually going on in Lahaina. And it doesn't even have to be anything suspicious. It's just that the hotels get preferential treatment and the residents get screwed.

Joe Biden continues to receive criticism for the fires. This time it is for the lack of support during the recovery process. The survivors of the fire are going to receive a one-time government check for \$700.00. That doesn't even cover one month's rent for people. These people have lost everything and it's confusing to me why the government is not helping. Meanwhile, Joe Biden just announced a \$250 million aid package to Ukraine. Just last week, the Pentagon announced a new \$600 million aid package to Ukraine. Also, Secretary of State Antony Blinken announced another \$1 billion in new military and humanitarian aid to Ukraine. Then Joe Biden has also an-

nounced that he wants to send an additional \$21 billion more to Ukraine that he wants Congress to approve.

As a reminder, we now have sent over \$113 billion to Ukraine. This is a lot of money going to Ukraine and he's only giving Hawaiians \$700.00? Joe Biden has given no explanation of why he's giving so much money to a foreign country while ignoring his own citizens. He's also not explained why Ukraine just happens to be the same country that his family has made millions of dollars from foreign business dealings. Now, when Joe Biden was criticized for only giving \$700.00, the response was that his hands were tied. There was nothing more he could do. \$700.00 was the cap. FEMA is only allowed to give up to \$700.00 to help survivors. But you and I both know that's just not true. You only have to look at the government responses from other disasters to see that there are other places that the President could have pulled money from in the past. Maybe he could have pulled some of this Ukraine money and given it to Hawaii. Once again, it looks like Joe Biden is a liar. Only this time his lies are causing the Hawaiian people to suffer.

However, to be fair, just last week Joe Biden says that he also wants to send \$95,000,000 to Lahaina as part of a new infrastructure law. But this won't be money to give to the residents. No, no, no. The people will not get anything. This money is only for the government. It's going to be controlled by the government to rebuild infrastructure. Joe Biden's going to install underground power lines and an updated grid controlled by artificial intelligence. He wants the government to design a new city infrastructure using the latest technology. It almost sounds like he's using the money to create a 15 Minute City.

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Be a Contrarian Investor Today



While most folks know that contrarian bets can pay off, putting this idea into practice can be frightening. But Joel Litman – chief investment strategist for Stansberry Research affiliate Altimetry – says today's uncertain market is creating a rare investing setup. And if you're bold enough to go against the crowd, you could secure massive gains moving forward...

Here is an article by Joel Litman explaining how the uncertainty clouding the markets today could create a slew of high-upside opportunities in the short term... and details how investors can position themselves to take advantage of this unique setup...

Note, this strategy is not suitable for investors who are risk averse and comfortable passing up some profitable opportunities to avoid a potential loss.

Professional investors know they can make money both in an up market and a down market by using the proper investment vehicles. Going against the crowd is generally more taxing mentally but usually results in quicker profits.

Anyway, for those interested, I hope you find it helpful.

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In Today's Market, It Pays to Be a Contrarian

By Joel Litman, chief investment strategist, Altimetry

Once again, the "Oracle of Omaha" is listening to this legendary investor...

We're talking about the "Oracle's Oracle" Howard Marks.

Back in May, we mentioned just how fond Warren Buffett is of the Oaktree Capital Management co-founder... Buffett reads Marks' letters before anything else because he always learns something new. And he was probably among the first to read Marks' recent thought piece in the *Financial Times*...

In that article, he discussed why investors should "exploit the differences between how things are supposed to work and how they actually [work]."

The reason is simple... We tend to rely on business fundamentals to determine how stocks should perform... And while that is a vital part of smart investment decisions, there is another piece of the puzzle... investor sentiment.

You can analyze a company to death, understand everything about it, and still lose money... if you don't take into account how other investors think.

Contrarians like Marks know that real investment success comes from market dislocations... That's where fundamentals and prevailing investor sentiment diverge.

Despite an unpredictable market, we can still capitalize on these conditions to reap financial rewards while avoiding big losses.

Today, we'll explain how Marks' investing framework can help us identify, and navigate, market dislocations within the current economic environment...

Investor sentiment often dictates key market moves...

To understand market dislocations, you have to be able to recognize market patterns...

Marks has more than 50 years of investing experience. And the more market history he covers, the easier it is for him to recognize historical patterns in today's market.

One pattern that repeats time and time again involves investor sentiment... Markets will often correct due to extreme investor sentiment in either direction.

To identify upcoming market corrections, we need to do three things: pinpoint the source of irrational investor behavior, identify market movements based on investor sentiment, and determine the extent of the bearish or bullish sentiment... and then figure out the divergence between sentiment and reality.

In order to make real money, we need to keep our finger on the pulse of investor sentiment, resist the temptation to follow the "herd," and keep our emotions in check.



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Simply put, when the market is bearish, you need to be bullish. And vice versa.

To get the most out of Marks' investment approach, though, we need to consider the broader market outlook...

Several macro signals are pointing to an "irrational" market...

In our monthly newsletter *Timetable Investor*, we summarize macro market signals and explain how they can help position investors for the next three to 24 months.

Two of those key signals involve credit and corporate investments...

Credit has us worried right now because it is continuing to tighten, and that could lead to a credit crunch by early next year.

Corporate investments show us whether companies are putting capital to work and help us project future earnings. Right now, earnings are forecast to shrink this year... and that's not great for the overall economy.

Knowing this context, we can use Marks' framework to figure out if investors are currently too bullish or too bearish and adjust our investment strategy accordingly...

With these two negative macro signals in play, it makes sense for investors to maintain a bearish outlook.

And that's what investors are doing right now...

We can illustrate this point by using the National Association of Active Investment Managers ("NAAIM") Exposure Index...

This index draws data from a weekly survey that tracks the proportion of assets members invest in equities. Results tend to fall between 0% and 100%... They can be lower than 0% if investors are shorting stocks or higher than 100% if investors are using leverage to buy assets.

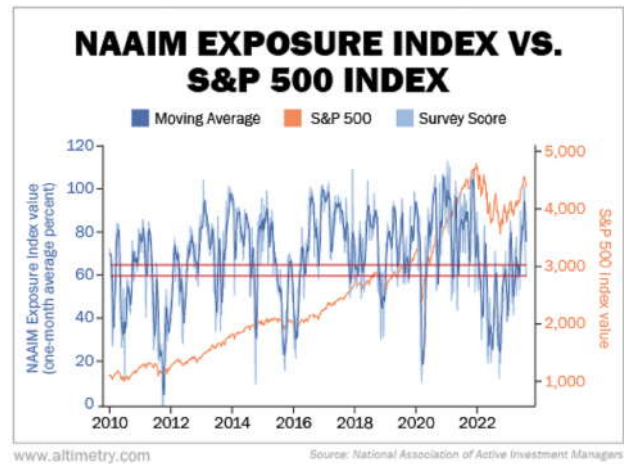
The long-term average allocation falls between 60% and 65%. That means active investors in an average market have 60% to 65% of their assets in stocks.

When allocations rise, investors are bullish, leading them to pour a lot of money into the stock market.

Right now, investors are remaining bearish.

Total equity exposure reached 102% at the end of July before falling to 60% recently. That's way above the long-term average, marked

with the red lines below...



Today's unpredictable market presents a unique opportunity for contrarians...

Marks would call this trend "irrational."

After all, investors seem overly optimistic at a time when key fundamental markers give us reasons to be more pessimistic.

Marks' framework also suggests that today's overall market is "irrational," meaning there's a clear dislocation between fundamentals and investor sentiment.

And when the market gets overly bullish, that means a negative correction could be coming soon. (We still think we're heading for a sideways market.)

That's exactly where we can apply Marks' contrarian approach... We can profit from current market conditions by going against the grain and getting bearish.

With a flat, unpredictable market on the horizon, though, we recommend a cautious investment approach over the next few months.

Regards,

Joel Litman



The Challenge of Attracting Global Talent to Japan



The following article is taken from a Quora post by Arlind Lama that was published Aug 14, 2023 entitled “It is impossible for Japan to attract global talent.”

Having worked with Japanese companies for the past 4 decades and personally experiencing the economy of Japan evolving and transitioning during that period, my own opinion is in sync with the author Arlind Lama. However, I do differ with his opinion that China offers a good alternative as a place to work compared to Japan. At this time, I don't agree with that. In any case, the article is well written in its own direct style and so I decided to post it here for your reading consideration. I hope you find it informative about the challenges the Japanese economy and society faced today.

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With Japan's population aging, many policymakers are considering diversity as the final option for Japan to open up and save its finances, potentially preventing a collapse in the 2040s. Japanese politi-

cians have finally realized that the country needs workers, but the question remains: does the workforce truly need Japan? While in the past, people may have been interested in moving to Japan, over the years, the Japanese economy appears to be weakening steadily, with no clear signs of improvement.

Several factors contribute to this situation. We can start with issues like wages, taxes, and the work culture in Japan, which hinder the nation's ability to attract workers, particularly from Southeast Asia. However, here I will highlight key points that indicate why Japan may struggle to attract global talent, especially when compared to places like Hong Kong or Singapore, which have the capacity to draw in foreign workers.

Weak currency



I have been keeping up with the news, and my predictions from 2022 have proven accurate: the Japanese currency's future isn't looking bright. The Japanese yen continues to depreciate, indicating that the currency is becoming cheaper. While this may aid exports to some extent, a weakening currency isn't advantageous for a supposedly developed nation like Japan. In fact, I'm already witnessing the Japanese media's panic in response.

Moreover, when considering Japan's efforts to attract global workers, the state of its currency is a significant deterrent. People emigrate with the aim of building a better life, and it's hard to expect Japan to suddenly become appealing to workers when its currency is weak. Many Southeast Asian workers, like those from Vietnam, are returning home because they see that Japan is no longer a viable country to establish a life. The glory days of the 80s are gone, and the notion that hard work in Japan leads to a better life is no longer realistic, not even for the average Japanese worker.

In the years to come, Japan's situation is likely to worsen further. It lacks the capacity to attract people, and this will make it even more challenging for its economic sectors to thrive without these workers. Regrettably, Japan is not only failing to become an attractive destination for talent, but it's also gradually turning into an emigrant nation.



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Japan doesn't have bright future



No one's really looking to settle down in Japan for the long haul and build a family. You might see some weebies talking up Japan, especially if they've worked in Tokyo, but most of these folks aren't planning to stay forever. They usually spend around 6 years or so in Japan and then move on. If Japan was so amazing, why did they leave? Well, because Japan isn't really a place for setting up a long-term life. Japan wants foreigners who'll stick around, but those kinds of folks are hard to come by

Also, Japan isn't exactly a place that promises a bright future. Its economy isn't doing great and it's expected to get worse. The high rate of suicides is a big concern. All of this shows that Japan isn't the best place, especially when compared to other Asian countries like China, where it's possible to find long-term success.

If you're looking to make money in Asia, there are better options than Japan. China, Hong Kong, Singapore, and even Vietnam offer more promising economic opportunities. These places are in a better position to attract talented people.

Japan's also facing some problems down the road. Its economy might face a crisis since it's struggling to manage rising pension costs. And get this – there's even a chance Japan could get involved in a conflict in the next five years because they're planning to support the US in the Taiwan situation. No kidding, it's already in the works.

The country will soon “export” talent to Asian countries.



Alright, what do I mean by this? Well, it's simple. When a country's economy worsens, what do people decide to do? They leave and look for a better life overseas. This is already happening, though not on a large scale yet. The numbers are going up, and many Japanese media outlets are saying that by at least the year 2035, the nation might have the highest brain drain in Asia, where people are seeking a better future abroad.

I've talked with several Japanese friends I have here in Thailand, and they've all told me that many people, especially the young ones, don't want to live in Japan anymore. The country has lost its ability to provide a good life. Many workers in Japan put in long hours and, in the end, don't earn much. That's why Japanese are heading to countries like Vietnam, Thailand, the Philippines, and Singapore to work in the service sector. The pay is higher, and the quality of life is much better, allowing them to save more money.

I'll delve even deeper into this topic in the next article, but regardless of what Japan does to attract foreigners, it's unlikely to succeed. Unfortunately, in the coming decade, Japan's international reputation will only decline, and people will start comparing Japan to countries like Thailand.

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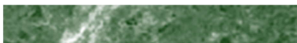
Most Dangerous Cities in the U.S.



This is an article released on the *Common Sense Show* on August 19, 2023. It is written by reporter Tyler Durden. The title reveals the subject. We notice that most of the cities in the top 22 are located in the South and Midwest.

D. Miyoshi





These Are The Most Dangerous Cities In The US



by Tyler Durden

NeighborhoodScout does an annual report on the most dangerous cities US per capita. Let's see what cities are on the list for 2023.



Data from the NeighborhoodScout, image from the Visual Capitalist

Please consider NeighborhoodScout's Most Dangerous Cities-2023 at

<https://www.neighborhoodscout.com/blog/top100dangerous>

Our research reveals the 100 most dangerous cities in America with 25,000 or more people, based on the number of violent crimes per 1,000 residents. Violent crimes include rape, armed robbery, and aggravated assault. The data used for this research are the number of violent crimes reported to have occurred in each city, and the population of each city. Based on the latest national data available at the time of publication, representing calendar year 2021 and released in October 2022, this report reveals interesting patterns about safety from crime in America.

This year, Monroe, LA was replaced by Bessemer, AL, dropping from its two-year ranking as the number one most violent city in America to the ranking of third. Bessemer has 33.18 violent crimes per 1,000 population, and the chance of being a violent crime victim is 1 in 30.

Many of the dangerous cities on the list this year have appeared on

past lists. For those who live in these cities, NeighborhoodScout can help you find the safest neighborhoods nearby any city using our Create feature. For example, by searching for the lowest crime rate within 15 miles of the number one most dangerous city, Bessemer, AL you can find the neighborhood of New Hope in Birmingham, AL is safer than 99% of neighborhoods nationwide.

Top 22 (of the 100 Most Dangerous Cities in the U.S.)

1 Bessemer, AL

Violent Crime Rate (per 1,000 residents): 33.1

Your chance of being a victim: 1 in 30

2 Mobile, AL

Violent Crime Rate (per 1,000 residents): 27.9

Chance of being a victim: 1 in 35

3 Monroe, LA

Violent Crime Rate (per 1,000 residents): 26.3

Chance of being a victim: 1 in 38

4 Saginaw, MI

Violent Crime Rate (per 1,000 residents): 25.1

Chance of being a victim: 1 in 39

5 Memphis, TN

Violent Crime Rate (per 1,000 residents): 25.1

Chance of being a victim: 1 in 39

6 Detroit, MI

Violent Crime Rate (per 1,000 residents): 23.0

Chance of being a victim: 1 in 43

7 Birmingham, AL

Violent Crime Rate (per 1,000 residents): 20.6

Chance of being a victim: 1 in 49

8 Pine Bluff, AR

Violent Crime Rate (per 1,000 residents): 20.5

Chance of being a victim: 1 in 48

9 Little Rock, AR

Violent Crime Rate (per 1,000 residents): 20.2

Chance of being a victim: 1 in 49



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10 Alexandria, LA

Violent Crime Rate (per 1,000 residents): 18.8

Chance of being a victim: 1 in 53

11 Cleveland, OH

Violent Crime Rate (per 1,000 residents): 17.1

Chance of being a victim: 1 in 58

12 Kalamazoo, MI

Violent Crime Rate (per 1,000 residents): 16.8

Chance of being a victim: 1 in 59

13 Milwaukee, WI

Violent Crime Rate (per 1,000 residents): 16.6

Chance of being a victim: 1 in 59

14 Albany, GA

Violent Crime Rate (per 1,000 residents): 16.1

Chance of being a victim: 1 in 61

15 Gadsden, AL

Violent Crime Rate (per 1,000 residents): 15.8

Chance of being a victim: 1 in 63

16 Danville, IL

Violent Crime Rate (per 1,000 residents): 15.8

Chance of being a victim: 1 in 63

17 Lansing, MI

Violent Crime Rate (per 1,000 residents): 15.7

Chance of being a victim: 1 in 63

18 Baltimore, MD

Violent Crime Rate (per 1,000 residents): 15.6

Chance of being a victim: 1 in 63

19 Springfield, MO

Violent Crime Rate (per 1,000 residents): 15.6

Chance of being a victim: 1 in 64

20 Spartanburg, SC

Violent Crime Rate (per 1,000 residents): 15.2

Chance of being a victim: 1 in 65

21 Rockford, IL

Violent Crime Rate (per 1,000 residents): 15.0

Chance of being a victim: 1 in 66

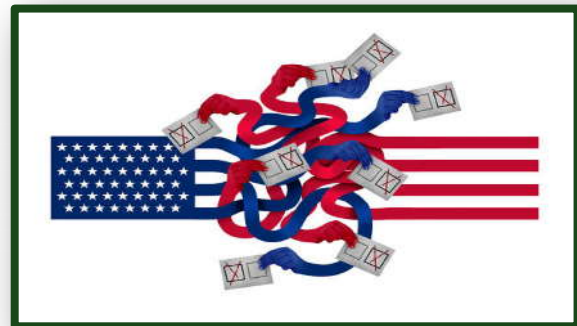
22 Wilmington, DE

Violent Crime Rate (per 1,000 residents): 15.0

Chance of being a victim: 1 in 66

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New Evidence of Election Fraud



The following is a direct transcript of the *Wolves and Finance* program on YouTube on August 20, 2023, hosted by business and economic commentator Zach Degregorio. The title of the program is self-evident of the subject, New Evidence of Election Fraud. I present it here for your edification and reading consideration.

D. Miyoshi



NEW Evidence of Election Fraud



New Evidence of Election Fraud

Huge breaking news this week about election fraud. Donald Trump was indicted in Georgia for a broad criminal conspiracy to commit election fraud.

Meanwhile the *Gateway Pundit* broke a story with the new evidence of election fraud and I am shocked, shocked that the mainstream media is covering the story about Trump but not the story about the election fraud. We're going to cover it all this week on *Wolves and Finance*.

Now I read your comments and I know there are people out there who do not understand why I talk about elections on a finance channel. I think this topic absolutely belongs on this channel. You cannot have finance without free markets and you cannot have free markets without freedom. Without elections you are not free. So, this is absolutely important to talk about.

So let us start with the new indictment of Pres. Trump in Georgia. This is a massive indictment. It basically throws everything at Trump including the kitchen sink. It claims that everything including tweets, phone calls, news broadcasts were part of the conspiracy to overturn the 2020 election. The problem is there does not seem to be a crime. These are all the same actions that many people have done before to contest elections. There cannot be a conspiracy without a crime. The crime was allegedly what Donald Trump calls the perfect phone call. But this call can be interpreted different ways. To convict someone, you have to convince a jury beyond a reasonable doubt that they are guilty. Well, if the phone call can be interpreted in different ways, that gives me some doubt.

It's not a crime to complain about an election. That's called free speech which is protected under the Constitution. It seems to me like this is an extremely weak case brought for political reasons. The craziest thing is that I think this case in Georgia will actually work to Donald Trump's advantage. He's been trying for years to adjudicate the 2020 election in open court. Now he's getting that chance. He will be able to submit evidence showing corruption in Georgia elections and discuss it in the court case televised to the world. Do the Democrats realize that they just gave Trump the biggest possible platform to tell his side of the story? I don't see how he can possibly be convicted after he presents his case that there was actual election

fraud going on. What Trump also has in his favor is that each week more evidence is coming to light about fraud in the 2020 election. Every time this happens it is proving Donald Trump right.

This brings us to the story published last week by the *Gateway Pundit*. They obtained a police report from Michigan. This was from an investigation that occurred roughly one month before the 2020 Election Took Place. The police were investigating election fraud. This was not some small investigation. This was a long and detailed report with the involvement of the Michigan Secretary of State and Atty. Gen.



According to the report, a city clerk noticed that a woman dropped off 8,000 to 10,000 new voter registration forms. That's strange. Why would one person possibly drop off so many forms for new voters? Not only that, when they looked at the forms it looked like the handwriting was the same on many of the forms and the addresses listed did not actually exist. Also, the signatures on the forms did not match the signatures on file with the Secretary of State. The police report explains that they showed the forms to an analyst at the Secretary of State's office and she confirmed that many of the forms were clearly fraudulent. This seems very suspicious. What's going on?

You have to realize the Atty. Gen. of Michigan Dana Nestle has been saying to this day that there is no evidence of widespread voter fraud in Michigan in the 2020 election. Why didn't she tell us about this police report? It seems like she is lying. Keep in mind, that this is the same Atty. Gen. who is right now trying to put Republicans in jail for creating an alternative slate of electors, something that has been commonly done in previous elections. So, she is prosecuting





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Republicans for fake election crimes but ignoring the Democrats for real election crimes. That is corruption.

So the police interviewed the lady who dropped off the forms. She explained that she was dropping off the forms as part of her job. She was paid \$1,150 per week. Her job was to find unregistered voters. Also strange, she explained that she was paid by pre-paid cash cards. I am not sure that's legal with the IRS. How are they paying their payroll taxes? So the police raided the offices of the company. They found a voter registration operation going on. There was a table covered with voter registration applications, computers, semi-automatic rifles and pistols. What? Why does a voter registration company need semi-automatic weapons? There was a whiteboard in the room with the writing that said hot topics. And then underneath it, it said weapons in the field. So they were using these guns in their operation to sign up voters. Was this voter intimidation?

The police investigation happened in Michigan but it was clear that this was a multistate operation. The case was turned over to the FBI which normally handles multiple state crimes. There is no indication the FBI continued the investigation. The Gateway Pundit contacted the Police Lt. who wrote the leaked police report and he stands by the report saying the report speaks for itself. So this is a confirmed instance of voter fraud that has been covered up by the FBI. The implications of this are very significant.

This operation was part of a company called GBI Strategies which was Democrat funded and operated out of 20 states during the 2020 election. The report states that the police found GBI Strategies received \$1,571,386 from the Doug Johns for Senate committee and \$242,133 from Joe Biden for President and they received a lot more than that. What is alleged is that rich Democrats were donating large amounts of money tax-free to voting related nonprofits. This money was then funneled to GBI Strategies to get Democrat votes. This is illegal. Political donations are not tax deductible. Why isn't the IRS doing something about this?

To be fair, Democrats have been saying that this story is overblown. The police determined that guns were legally owned and not related

to the voting operation. They say that the evidence shows how safe our elections are because we stopped the fraud. They explained that no arrests were made because the FBI took over the case. But here is the problem with what the Democrats are saying. There is actually no way to tell if they did stop the fraud. We need to check if those 10,000 voter applications were actually used in the election. But when the Gateway Pundit asked for the applications so they could check against the voter rolls, they were denied. Ten thousand voter applications are being held in secret by the FBI and they will not release them because it is a pending investigation. So these may actually have been fake votes that were cast in the 2020 election. We don't know and for some suspicious reason they won't let us check.

This is where things really get crazy. Since the FBI had this very detailed police report of election fraud why didn't they do anything? That means that both Christopher Ray and Bill Barr knew about this and sat on the information. It seems like election fraud on behalf of the Democrats was protected. I have a feeling that if Republicans had done this they would be in prison. Does anyone watching this video doubt that Republicans would have gone to jail? That is what it means to live under a two-tier justice system and it is not right.

It is stories like this that supports Donald Trump's argument that the 2020 election was stolen. At the very least, the Democrat leaders in Michigan have been lying that there was no evidence of voter fraud. So, when the government says just trust us there was no election fraud, I'm not sure we should trust the same people who have been lying.

I have more to say on this topic but unfortunately, I cannot say it on YouTube because they censor anything related to election integrity. This video is probably already getting censored. Isn't it sad that we no longer have freedom of speech in this country. I cannot speak freely about concerns about government corruption. Luckily, I have my own website where I can say anything I want so there is a part two to this video that is un-censored. It is on my website Wolves and Finance.com for members only.

Thank you for watching

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Who Destroyed San Francisco Part One



By Victor Davis Hanson

August 25, 2023

It should have been impossible to wreck San Francisco.

It is the world's most naturally beautiful city, with perhaps the most ideal bay, harbor, and ports of any coastal metropolis.

San Francisco is America's premier window on the East. It serves as the natural conduit of commercial and cultural exchanges with the rising wealth of Asia and its dynamic economies in China, Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan. During World War II, the Bay Area was the shipping point of supply to the Pacific Theater. The same role was true of the Korean and Vietnam wars, and could be again if China were to invade Taiwan.

The weather is mild year long. Mountains and shoreline are side-by-side. It is the gateway to the wine country of Napa, Mendocino, and Sonoma counties.

A mere decade ago, San Francisco downtown commercial property was among the most coveted and high-priced in the nation.

Prior generations had left behind once state-of-the-art clean and efficient mass transit. They built five majestic bridges across the 1,600 square mile sprawling bay and estuaries that connected the city and its environs to millions of suburbanites.

The city has access to the state's main freeways that head out eastward, northward, and southward. Our ancestors long ago solved San Francisco's water problems by importing vast amounts of potable water in aqueducts from the distant Hetch Hetchy and California Water Project mountain reservoirs.

Silicon Valley had slowly crept into San Francisco, suppling it with

some of its trillions of dollars in market capitalization. Not long ago, some of the nation's major corporations were based in the city itself, including Craigslist, the Gap, Levi Strauss, Lyft, PG&E, Charles Schwab, Salesforce, Twitter, Uber, and Wells Fargo.

Two great universities—UC Berkeley and Stanford—bookended the city. Both from their top-ranked graduate and professional schools turned out yearly scores of Bay-Area topflight engineers, computer scientists, doctors, lawyers, and business leaders.

Four Bay-Area California State University campuses—in San Francisco, Vallejo, Hayward, and San Jose—graduated thousands of teachers, nurses, businesspeople, and vocational professionals. The Bay Area Community College Consortium claims 24 of the state's best junior colleges in the greater Bay Area region.

In other words, San Franciscans inherited one of the most successful, multi-tiered, private and public higher education system in the nation.

San Francisco was of course also famous for its role in sparking social change from the Haight-Ashbury/Winterland days to the Gay liberation movement to the Green/Sierra Club/Planet Earth days. At one time, the city's cable cars, Golden Gate Park, Zoo, Palace of Fine Arts, Fisherman's Wharf, Ghirardelli Square, and Pier 39 drew in over 25 million tourists each year. Hollywood saw San Francisco as one of its favorite film sites.

It is that majestic inheritance that an arrogant, ignorant, and incompetent current generation of San Franciscans destroyed. The present hubristic elite took their inherited wonderland and, in a decade, finally turned it into a moonscape. And it was such a dystopia that many who created it soon wanted no part of it, and so headed off to Texas, Florida, Tennessee, and Idaho where they sought a pristine city to work their magic of destruction all over again.

The current elite certainly did not deserve the beautiful and functional city that they inherited from far better generations—only in their utopian egotism systematically to ruin it, rendering it now more unlivable than a Detroit.

Watch any on-site, live shots from films of the last seven decades, from the 1950s onward until the last decade—Vertigo (1958) to Bullitt (1968) to even Blue Jasmine (2013). And the incidental city shots reveal little trash on the streets. No blocks of empty windows appear on screen. Hordes are not seen living in filth in the sidewalks. Passersby seems normal and even well dressed.

Of course, film crews of those eras were not subject to serial smash-and-grab car break-ins, the swarming of stores, exempted and routine shoplifting, unpunished carjacking, and no-bail, same-day release of arrested violent offenders.





Who Destroyed San Francisco Part Two

By Victor Davis Hanson

August 29, 2023

Who were to blame for the San Francisco Inferno?

Anarchistic leftwing state laws and ballot initiatives that green-lighted criminal activity?

Grasping city, county, and state governments that both raised taxes to the nation's highest levels and passed crushing regulations—and yet gave the taxpayers mediocre services in return?

Radical and inept city attorneys who boasted about their new policies of nonenforcement of existing laws?

A mayor and city council who bragged about defunding the police?

A guilt-ridden Bay Area political, government, intellectual, and commercial elite who destroyed old customs and traditions, laws, protocols, and decencies, and then fled to their desert, Napa, Marin County, Lake Tahoe, or Pebble Beach tony getaways, to ensure they were never subject to the consequences of their own destructive ideology?

Identity politics pressure groups who, for example, for a time had destroyed meritocratic Lowell High School?

A narcissistic and atheistic culture of satisfying the appetites, deprecating the nuclear family, and ensuring a negative fertility rate that reflected the self-absorption of the single “emancipated” woman and cool metrosexual hipster?

“Community activists” who screamed about “reparations” from a historically liberal state that never permitted slavery, and yet demanded billions owed to the black community without ever noting that young black males were currently committing violent city crimes at twenty and thirty times their city demographics—without a whimper from leaders who were so eager to denigrate, stereotype, collectivize, and demonize every other ethnic group except themselves?

But who were the actual culpable who took paradise and rendered it purgatory? And why?

First there was a reign (2004–2022) of mediocre or sinister district attorneys—Kamala Harris, George Gascón, and Chesa Boudin—who collectively weaponized the city justice system by predicated the enforcement of laws on politics and ideology, on the theory of

redistributive social justice.

None were elected due to any prior record of successful prosecutions and professionalism. All ran for office on claims they either were blessed by the old-boy San Francisco liberal regime or spouted Marxist claptrap to entice an ignorant young cadre of voters.

No matter: deterrence was lost. The criminal was assured his violent crimes were understandable, if in theory directed against the well-off and successful. The victimized poor were neglected, the victimized middle class began leaving, and the victimized rich used their security details and distant fourth homes as an easy escape.

The homeless were romanticized as victims of the “system,” not as the mentally ill, the drug-addicted, and the criminal, who in the past were either institutionalized, incarcerated—or, if sane, drug free, and without a warrant, given a free ride out of the city to a clean and humane camping space far from the crowded downtown.

The larger cast of the culpable anarchists is enormous, whose policies, votes, appointments, and advocacies ensured the current chaos: the California leftwing supermajorities in both houses of the state legislature, the overwhelmingly Democratic congressional delegations, the two perennially Democratic U.S. Senators, and the cadres of Democratic statewide office holders.

Of course, in particular we should blame the leftwing San Francisco mayors, particularly of the last thirty years who sowed the seeds of destruction long ago that were harvested by an even worse cast of characters presently on the scene.

The last Republican mayor was George Christopher who left office nearly sixty years ago in 1964. His departure inaugurated the six-decade elite arrogance of “anything and everything” begun by Democrat John Shelly (1964–68).

We should fault especially the most recent mayors—Willie Brown (1996–2004), Gavin Newsom (2004–11), Bill Lee (2011–17), and particularly London Breed (2018–). Under the last three the city increasingly became filthy and rancid.

The homeless population not only exploded but became emboldened by the fact they ruled the streets and faced no consequences for defecating, urinating, fornicating, injecting, harassing, and assaulting the innocent in broad daylight on the streets.

Governor Gavin Newsom's Covid-19 lockdown of the city and state was a near coup de grace to an already hemorrhaging city. Predictably, both he and arch-quarantinist Nancy Pelosi were caught brazenly breaking their own Draconian mask and shutdown rules—Newsom eating at the ritzy French Laundry maskless with a pack of special interest lobbyists, and Pelosi sneaking maskless into a salon to have her hair secretly done.

The last California Republican governor was Rhino/liberal Republi-





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can Arnold Schwarzenegger who finished his gubernatorial term in 2011. California has not seen a true conservative Republican governor, however, in nearly a quarter century since the end of Pete Wilson's term in 1999.

In other words, bad mayors were empowered by bad legislators and bad governors—and ultimately bad voters—once millions who had voted for a Ronald Reagan, George Deukmejian, and Pete Wilson had long since left the state.

Who Destroyed San Francisco Part Three

By Victor Davis Hanson

August 30, 2023

So what happened?

In a word, too much astounding wealth and too much abject poverty created a medieval keep surrounded by a village of peasantry outside the high walls.

California in general, and in particular the Bay Area, ushered in the greatest concentration of wealth in civilizational history, with some nine-trillion dollars of market capitalization from Silicon Valley.

An eight-billion-person world increasingly all had an iPhone or Mac and ran Google searches or Facebooked or Tweeted—and their money ended up from Union Square to Sunnyvale.

As a consequence, twenty- to forty-somethings believed their astounding riches were proof of their astounding morality, genius, and deserved entitlement.

Their utopian legacy was a bankrupt high-speed rail system that will take a half-century and \$300 billion to travel quickly from Bakersfield to Merced. They gave us a fantasy world where the more a criminal steals, maims, and kills with impunity, the more the exempted lawbreaker will view such enlightened magnanimity by reciprocating with proper and civilized behavior.

Green religion has all but destroyed the once rich California timber, mining, and gas and oil industries and explains much of the strangulation of the middle class.

Bay Area voters and legislators ensured that in times of draught millions of precious acre feet of water flowed out to sea rather than were stored in reservoirs or used to grow food for a hungry state.

Only in California and only with the prompt of a Bay Area radical chic, would a state use \$500 billion, in part from a “water bond” designed to increase water storage, to blow up four dams and reser-

voirs that provided clean hydroelectric power, stored precious water in times of draught, ensured flood control during dangerously wet years, and offered recreation to thousands of the despised middle class.

On the opposite socio-economic scale came an influx of immigrants from south of the border and Asia. Over a fourth of the state's current residents was not born in America.

California hosted the largest number of unaudited and illegal aliens in the nation. It greeted them with the greatest sanctuary city and county protection racket in America. The state's schools and culture indoctrinated the newcomers with the paradox that their escape from poverty, violence, racism, and corruption was ironically to a nation and state supposedly even worse than where they came.

How odd that many of those who escaped violence and racism, and entered the U.S. illegally, arrived with demands on their hosts for previous bad treatment—on the prompt of the wealthy who had done so well in America.

The result of all this chaos is that the state and especially the Bay Area have the greatest number of billionaires in the nation, the most numerous rich zip codes and congressional districts, the highest cost of living, the most expensive homes, gas and power and food that are unaffordable—to accommodate the largest number of homeless people of any state, the greatest number of people who live under the poverty line, and the most numerous welfare recipients in the country.

Translated into the streets of San Francisco that means laws, regulations, and rules do not apply to the underclass since the sheer extent of noncompliance and illegality makes statutes unenforceable. But in financial and psychological recompense, all this statutory cargo most certainly does apply to the middle class who are harried, talked down to, and despised by the elite as a way of squaring the circle of their impotence through harassing the innocent, given they are unable to regulate, tax, and sermonize to the underclass.

Add the people, policies, and politicians up, and conclude that if one did not have a current San Francisco, California, one would have to invent it—given the present disaster is the logical and ultimate expression of the classical hubris of excessive pride and arrogance leading to atê of out of control behavior, culminating in nemesis, the inevitable divine retribution that brings warranted punishment for such haughty and arrogant egoists.

The final, the surreal paradox?

Gavin Newsom may well be the Democratic presidential nominee, edging easily out another San Francisco failure, Kamala Harris.

Newsom may well run on the campaign pledge that he wants to replicate for the United States what he did to San Francisco and Califor-



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nia. And he could win.

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The Storm before the Calm



I am writing this article in August in the midst of Hurricane Hillary bringing a storm to Southern California. So the timing is appropriate for writing an article entitled *The Coming Storm*. The storm I am referring to is the coming economic, political and social storm that has been envisioned by the renowned geopolitical analyst and commentator George Friedman in his book *The Storm Before the Calm* published in February 2020. I am taking my notes on this book from an article written by a friend of Friedman, John Mauldin who is himself a renowned economic commentator and whose publications I subscribe to.

Mauldin writes that everything about human life has a rhythm. It is literally built into our bodies: Your heart beats in a repeating pattern that keeps you alive. Your breath is another pattern. Repetition is natural for all of us individually and for the societies we create together. Every society has its own rhythms and traditions.

But there are larger, less formal patterns as well. Mauldin has reviewed Neil Howe's new book about the *Fourth Turning*. Mauldin's friend Friedman also wrote a book entitled *The Calm Before the Storm* about the geopolitical realm. Friedman's view of how patterns shape countries is different but not inconsistent with Neil's generational cycles.

The remarkable part in Mauldin's opinion, is how both point to a severe crisis later this decade or in the early 2030s. When these thoughtful people independently send the same kind of warning signal from different disciplines, perhaps we should be paying a great deal of attention. And planning for our own individual/family/company and even national responses.

The events predicted in *The Storm Before the Calm* are unfolding rapidly now, and the pace will only quicken as the crisis approaches.

Here is a short analytical synopsis of *The Storm Before the Calm*.

An Invented Country

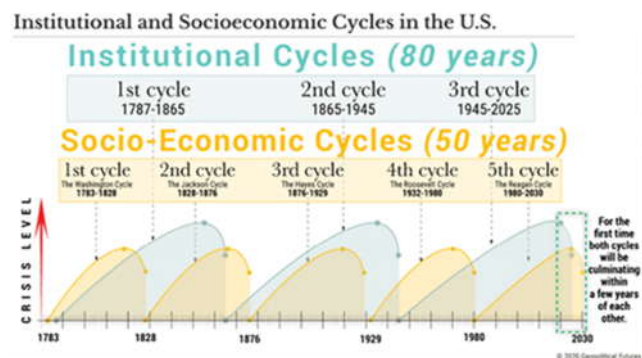
Let's begin with a distinction Friedman considers critically important: The United States isn't like other countries. Its uniquely powerful role in the world relates directly to its unique origins.

Other great powers can trace their "nationhood" back much further. France, for example, already had a distinct culture, language, religion, and national identity centuries before Europeans began settling in America and the New World. The European explorers found here a vast continent, populated by indigenous peoples who were eventually overwhelmed, either by force or by foreign diseases to which they had no immunity. It wasn't the prettiest of pictures. The various European groups along with slaves from Africa, some Asians, and the remaining Native Americans blended into something entirely new in a relatively short time. Two hundred years isn't that long in the major nation building process.

This is important because it makes comparisons fail. No large nation in terms of population has ever developed like the US has or with the kind of geography the US has. The US is truly unique in geopolitical terms, making its path through history unique as well.

Examining US history since independence, Friedman observed two repeating patterns: an 80-year institutional cycle and a 50-year socioeconomic cycle. Each cycle peaked with a defining crisis, and we are approaching a point in which both waves will crest at about the same time.

This is why Friedman sees a rough period coming. For the first time, we will have an institutional crisis and a socioeconomic crisis together.



Incidentally, this is a key difference in Neil Howe's demographic theory in *The 4th Turning*, which emerges from the human life cycle.



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The Turnings happen everywhere, though not every country is on the same timetable. The institutional and socioeconomic cycles Friedman describes are US-specific. They have global importance, however, because the US is so large and influential.

Two Kinds of Crises

In the book Friedman describes how US history unfolded through these cycles. As a history buff Mauldin found that part fascinating. As an investor and citizen, though, Mauldin wants to know what they mean for the near future.

It helps to compare the current cycle crests with their previous iterations. Let's start with the 50-year socioeconomic cycle. Friedman pegs the last peak in 1980, meaning the 1970s were the critical period.

What was happening?

On the social side, Friedman points to what we now (rather quaintly) call the "Sexual Revolution" as key. Changes in sex-related attitudes, marriage, no-fault divorce, abortion, birth control, women's rights, all combined into a huge social change.

Economically, the country faced inflation but also instability in what had been a national treasure, the automotive industry. Remember the Chrysler bailout? That was 1979, and it helped produce Reagan's 1980 win and begin a new cycle.

Now roll forward 50 years. Sex and gender issues are again leading the national discourse. The court ruling (Roe v. Wade, 1973) that helped launch the previous cycle has been reversed, leading to great controversy with political effects. Economically, we are seeing the crown jewel technology industry lose much of its shine. It will survive, just as the auto makers survived, but may never regain its previous exalted position. (Technology is always changing, of course. Railroads and electricity were once the cutting edge. Communications of all types changed our culture. But then while they remain important, they are no longer the dominant new thing.)

All that means the country is in social and economic turmoil at the same time as yet another cycle—the institutional cycle—is peaking, too. Friedman says this cycle runs about 80 years, beginning with the Constitution's passage. The first crisis came 78 years later with a highly destructive Civil War that settled not just the slavery issue, but also the federal government's supremacy over the states.

The second institutional crisis, again about 80 years later, was World War II. Combined with the various Great Depression programs, it redefined the federal government's role in the economy. With Bretton Woods it also reordered the global financial system, giving the US undisputed leadership—at least for a few decades.

This period produced "government by experts." FDR and then Truman (understandably, given the magnitude of their challenges) gave

unprecedented authority and influence to those thought to have special abilities. This persisted after the war, seen most recently when Presidents Trump and Biden both turned over COVID crisis management to experts who, while well qualified in their specific narrow fields, couldn't provide the kind of cohesive leadership the country really needed.

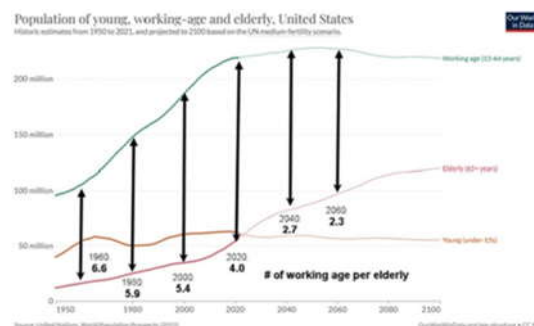
That failure may prove key to what lies ahead.

Failing Experts

As Friedman notes, we haven't seen the two cycles intersect in this way before. This makes anticipating events even more difficult but it seems likely we will face social crisis, economic breakdown, and structural political change—all at the same time. What will that look like? We should know soon.

Friedman points to one fundamental, overarching problem that encompasses both cycles. In the last 50–80 years we Americans have lengthened our lifespans while also reducing reproduction. This is wonderful in some ways but is also causing serious problems—socially, economically, and politically.

The economic part you probably know. The demographic changes produced a growing excess of retirement-age Americans, who (unless they keep working) are no longer productive but continue consuming goods and services. Here's a chart showing the ratio between elderly (65+) and working-age (15-64) Americans.



In 1980, the peak of the last socioeconomic cycle, the US had 5.9 working-age residents for each elderly person. That ratio will have dropped almost in half (to 3.1) by 2030. This is why Social Security and Medicare are unsustainable as presently structured. Something will have to change in the next 5–10 years, and any way we do it will produce a lot of anger.

Could this mark the socioeconomic crisis Friedman projects for this same period? Maybe. Or, if we're lucky, advanced biotechnology might solve some of the health challenges surrounding old age, reducing healthcare costs and enabling older people to stay in the workforce if they so choose. In that event, we would still have a crisis but for different reasons.





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In fact, Friedman summarized this view in his recent Friday morning essay:

“When I was young, the Armageddon that people feared was a population explosion that would overwhelm food supplies. No one at the time could have predicted the effects of birth control and the shift in gender roles. Reproduction became an elective project, and universities were filled with earnest students committed to reducing the population without mass murder.... How then does this end? I will stay with my original forecast that it will be solved by researchers developing solutions that keep the elderly productive until they die. If this happens, then the workforce can stabilize, and society doesn’t have to choose between well-being and barbarism [of abandoning the elderly]. I foresee a solution; the population will not eat us out of house and home. But until then there will be unrest. The solution to that problem has created a vast new problem that will end in a new crisis. People don’t act until the fear of the devil is placed on them and another crisis threatens everyone. Only the evil fail to see it.”

The institutional crisis is clearer, in Friedman’s view. He believes, as in the pre-Civil War period and the Great Depression, people will have a sense of catastrophe, a belief everything is failing—even the government itself.

In a recent conversation Friedman told Mauldin that COVID showed, again, how our government has problems dealing with emergencies. That’s not a partisan thing; it’s more a feature of our constitutional system. The Framers designed the government to be slow and inefficient. This has advantages but also leaves us vulnerable when something unexpected happens. We respond slowly.

Trying Everything Else

Now, combine this with the whole “experts” problem. COVID is only the most recent example. It also goes back to the War on Terror, the 1990s financial crises, Vietnam and McNamara’s Pentagon “whiz kids.” The 2008 financial crisis, too. Something bad happens and presidents call in the experts who tell them what to do. Their ideas don’t work, we try others, and eventually get it right.

Cue the Churchill quote: “You can always count on the Americans to do the right thing after they have tried everything else.”

But meanwhile as we try everything else, things get worse.

The Federal Reserve is a similar case. In 1913, after decades of severe banking and financial crises, it was decided we should have a central bank led by a panel of eminent, non-political experts. The sentiment wasn’t wrong; giving control of the money supply to Congress would have its own problems. But the experts are hardly infallible. This is now becoming obvious in many different ways.

And that non-political goal? It is morphing into an elitist, paternalistic (in the true meaning of that word) organization whose leaders wrongly believe they are wise enough to fine tune and control a large free market economy of 330 million people, let alone shape the global world around them. And whose views and philosophies are

increasingly, patently problematic. As an example, why is the obviously flawed Phillips curve still even mentioned in polite society? Any business that tried to adopt such an obviously flawed—if not failed—philosophy would soon go out of business. Yet we cede even more power to these “experts.” In the US, in our drive to “try everything else” first, typically the currently “easy” solution, which gives someone else the power to solve the problem, we do seem to make everything worse.

Friedman very recently wrote an epilogue to *The Storm Before the Calm*. It is a fascinating analysis of where we are today in Friedman’s typically blunt manner. Quoting a few paragraphs from the end:

“For this to happen, the federal government must be restructured. The post-World War II model of a deep interlocking of private life with a federal government helmed by experts, poorly overseen and managed by those who can’t see the unintended consequences of expertise, has been outstripped by reality. It is not the size of government that matters but its claim to authority....

“The first institutional cycle [the Revolutionary War] did not define the relationship between federal and state governments. The second [the Civil War] established the primacy of the federal government but did not set its limits. The third [WW2] created almost complete [federal] domination of the states. All were in their time what was needed.

“It follows that the next cycle will be one that accepts the federal government’s primacy but will necessarily require the creation and institutionalization of a new level of expert—the generalist—to make certain that the area experts are both effective and non-contradictory.

“The deeper problem is citizens’ access to the government. Here, I expect that the core relationship of government to states will remain, albeit with two notable changes. First, the states will have at least an informal role in federal decision-making. Second, the states, much closer and more sensitive to their citizens’ interests, will become a channel for allowing citizens to petition their government. This will, in turn, result in curbing unilateral federal authority over states, and shift the World War II model to one that is collaborative or adversarial, both of which achieve the same end.”

To Mauldin this is an important insight and one we should pay attention to as we try to navigate the rest of this decade. What we lack, in Friedman’s view, are “generalists” to weigh the competing interests and make decisions for the public good. They can and should get expert advice, but we have to separate that authority/expertise from decision-making over the breadth of society. The decisions should be made by someone responsible to the whole country and selected by the whole country—the president, in other words.

Friedman expects the president whom we elect (or reelect, if it’s Biden) next year to have a very difficult term, dealing with one crisis after another. The 2028 election, if he is right, will then bring a dramatic shift that clears out the system. He expects turbulence but then smoother sailing. Hence his book title, the “storm” before the



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“calm.”

Is all this necessary? No, but it's seemingly how we do it here. Friedman thinks the US is as wealthy and powerful as we are because we have these crises. Periodically we remove incompetent leaders and flush out the system, which lets us start over. And every time we start over it's from a higher base.

Here, we are only scratching the surface of Friedman's book. We should all read it (and his epilogue) to get the full wisdom.

Time will tell if Friedman is correct in his prognostications. Sufficient time always reveals the truth.

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Here is an account from US Political Daily that aired September 15, 2023, outlining why Soros hates Trump.

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Soros pouring every available resource into defeating Trump

Election season is upon us, and that means that woke extremist billionaire George Soros, and his self-identified “more political” son, Alex, who was recently named as the heir to his father's vast fortune and woke political empire, are ramping up their efforts to influence American politics.

But that's obviously nothing new for power-hungry, control freaks hellbent on world domination, like the Soros family.



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Soros' Open Societies Foundation (OSF) injects millions upon millions of dollars into every election cycle in the hope it will help achieve a favorable outcome for their Democrat allies.

The 2024 election is especially important to the Soros clan because they believe that Trump is an existential threat to their ideologies.

Townhall recently reported that "Soros [revealed] his plan if former President Donald Trump secures the 2024 GOP nomination."

OSF will be pouring every available resource into defeating Trump, and ensuring that the global ruling class elites retain control over the United States via President Joe Biden.

Democrats like to say that Republicans have simply made Soros – and now, his son, as well – into a "boogeyman."

But this quote from Alex Soros tells you everything you need to know.

The Soros fear Trump will "imperil" progress made in the Ukraine war

In an op-ed for Politico, Alex wrote that he is concerned "former United States President Donald Trump — or at least someone with his isolationist and anti-European policies — will be the Republican nominee..."

"I believe a MAGA-style Republican victory in next year's U.S. presidential election could, in the end, be worse for the EU than for the U.S.," he warned.

The entitled woke extremist heir to possibly the biggest political empire in the world sees this as a major threat to the world order preferred by the global, pro-one world government ruling class elites, and will do absolutely anything to stop the America First movement in its tracks.

"Such an outcome will imperil European unity and undermine the progress achieved on many fronts in response to the war in Ukraine," Alex said.

The scion said that OSF is "adapting," and will "be able to respond to whatever scenarios might emerge, on both sides of the Atlantic."

OSF's only hope is that "in its reconfigured form, [they] will be able to help the European project realize its full promise," and finish the "work" that needs to be done.

"Do the math"

Turning Point USA (TPUSA) founder Charlie Kirk said that this

should be a warning to Americans.



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Kirk added that Americans should wake up and "do the math."

TPUSA is standing with Trump and the "MAGA-style Republicans" that the Soros empire is seeking to defeat because they believe in peace and stability in Europe – not an endless war.

"Trump has promised to stop the killing and end the war [in Ukraine]," Kirk added. "I guess to the globalist crowd peace in Eastern Europe is bad for 'progress.'"

The Soros need to be stopped.

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Harvard Law Exposed

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Harvard Law Exposed: Courses Encourage Ape Behavior



The information you will read about Harvard Law School, is true. This is not The Babylon Bee.

Harvard Law offers course credit to students who study what a troop monkeys can teach us “for creating a culture free of male sexual coercion.”

The worst is yet to come.

This is the fifth part of PJ Media’s journey through the top ten law colleges in the country: Do They Teach Anymore?

Hans von Spakovsky and PJ Media (I) are listing the top ten law schools ranked by U.S. News and World Report and letting you know what future lawyers will be taught. You will be shocked by the militancy of the curriculum and its lack of usefulness.

Hans has already covered the number two law school, Stanford and Columbia, as well as Yale, which I have already exposed.

The outrageous course offerings so far show that elite law colleges are not training academies for competent and effective lawyers but for radical militants with law degrees. This affects not only your life, but also the country. They have a huge influence on government, the courts, academia and corporate America. These graduates have enjoyed a brand that is elevated, and are not subject to scrutiny by the majority of Americans.

It’s about time we reassessed the brand of elite law schools. It may be time that more conservative judges stop hiring clerks who attended these law schools.

Fasten your seatbelts. Take a look at the courses taught by Harvard Law School.

Critical Race Theory is a mandatory course at all elite law schools. Harvard is known as the People’s Temple of Critical Race Theory. As they were known at Harvard in the past, the “Critters” first promoted the radical notion that law was a neutral means to hold power over oppressed people. They believed that any power, including statutes, should be viewed with a focus on America’s original racist sins. Harvard’s course catalog:

Critical race scholars emerged in the 1980s and made a number of controversial claims regarding law and legal education. They claimed that race and racial equality permeated American law and society. They also said that structural subordination was endemic and that both critical and liberal legal theories marginalized racial minority voices.

Harvard Law students also study monkeys, or the values that humans can learn from apes. The Bonobo Sisterhood at Harvard Law is a one-credit course where future elites study:

The power and potential for female alliances to undermine patriarchal systems. We ask, through a legal and political lens, as well as a social, cultural, economic, and cultural one, what lessons bonobos, our close primate relatives with whom we share 98.7% DNA, can teach humans about creating a society that is free from male sexual coercion.

The textbook is *The Bonobo Sisterhood: Revolution Through Female Alliances*. Ashley Judd begins the forward to the textbook with:

This book offers you a vivid vision and a detailed strategy for forming revolutionary alliances with women, such as the ones typified by the Bonobos, the least-known of the great apes. . . . I’ve seized the Bonobo Call for myself.

Diane Rosenfeld, both as the instructor and the author of the textbook, is the professor of this class. Rosenfeld also teaches “Feminist Utopias,” a course that will teach future lawyers practical courtroom skills.

What impact will feminist governance have on society? What is more effective, reforming the current system or imagining – and building – an alternate one? Students will be able to create their own utopian ideas for a society with equal rights for men and women.

This description illustrates something Hans and I have repeatedly





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found in this series, namely that law is no longer taught at these schools in an effective way. Harvard and Yale are producing lawyers that don't understand how to be attorneys.

Recently, I asked a student from an elite school whether they understood the difference between a past memory recorded and a present memory refreshed. Most people are unaware of this, but lawyers use these rules to win or lose cases. Graduates of law schools such as the University of South Carolina or West Virginia University will be able to tell the difference. The student at the elite school had never heard of this topic.

This is the issue with elite law schools. It's no longer about graduating attorneys with basic skills that can help clients. They are intentionally graduating bad attorneys who are capable of fundamentally transforming the country towards progressive policies.

Why do they have such a strong brand? Another day, another question. The Harvard course catalog proves my point.

Take "Reforming the American Constitution" a course taught – to my mind – by Sanford Levinson, a true insurrectionist. You can call him the domestic enemy of Constitution. His works attack both the essence of the Constitution and its functional provisions such as the "undemocratic veto" power of the president. The course description is:

In 2006 I wrote a book called *Our Undemocratic Constitution* that focused on structural features that were not able to be justified by any 21st-century theory of democracy. . . . I served as the chair of a group that was brought together in 2020-21 under the auspices the journal *Democracy* to draft a new Constitution for the United States.

These people exist and teach Harvard Law students.

There are classes where Harvard Law students can relax if things get too intense. The course: "Thinking Like Yourself: Law, Poetry, and Social Justice." Berets are optional. The course:

The course will use poetry to explore and explode our understanding of fundamental concepts such as equity and governance. We'll also look at substantive areas, like criminal justice, emerging technologies, and how we see ourselves as advocates and lawyers.

This is not The Babylon Bee. This is the real deal.

If Harvard Law Students grow tired of reading poetry by a convicted carjacker for the "Thinking Like Yourself," class, they could move to Virginia Woolf's "Individuality?" and take that course. Virginia Woolf and Social Justice and Law.

Woolf's *Mrs. Dalloway*, and *To The Lighthouse* were both published nearly a century before. Each meeting will cover approximately 70 pages. In both novels, Woolf gives a magnificent portrayal-

al of the female protagonists as well as a multitude supporting actors. Both novels are dominated by male dominance, war, and social class. What can we say about this, as lawyers who are used to thinking of large groups and forces in our day and age? Can individuality as a value or experience survive?

There is also a course that is worth one credit called, "What should we believe?" It is taught by Professor Deborah Hellman. According to her Harvard faculty page:

Hellman's writings are divided into two major strands. The first is a focus on equal protection and its philosophical basis. She is the co-author of *When Is Discrimination Wrong?* . . . The second part of Hellman's work is devoted to the relationship between money, legal rights and campaign finance laws. It also includes articles about bribery, corruption and bribery law. Hellman challenges and explores the normative justification for current doctrine in this work. Her article, "A Theory of Bribery", won the 2019 Fred Berger Memorial Prize for Philosophy of Law from the American Philosophical Association.

Harvard Law School teaches "Art of Social Change."

This course examines different strategies for systemic reform of law and policy, with a focus on education, child welfare, (abuse, neglect, foster care and adoption) and juvenile delinquency/law-enforcement.

It is not the case that the professors are teaching the law, but what they wish it would be. It's called the utopian pedagogy, which is prevalent in elite law schools. This is a system built on arrogance, selfishness and egoism. They do not want to produce lawyers who are able to help clients with actual problems. Instead, they want to produce lawyers with a theoretical foundation to overturn the law. Harvard has more examples:

The course is entitled "Theoretical Issues in Anti-Discrimination Law" and instead of focusing solely on what the law actually is, you will be given credit for what it should be. This seminar will examine anti-discrimination laws from a philosophical perspective. After considering foundational issues about the nature of discrimination and its legal regulation in general, we will turn to a variety of more specific controversies—potentially including the proper role of disparate impact in establishing discrimination." I wonder if they will study the *Brnovich vs. DNC* decision that rejected this sort of nonsense.

The "Crimmigration Clinic" is a course that combines the history of immigration enforcement with the horrors associated with turning innocent migrants into criminals.

Students in the Crimmigration Clinic work on cutting edge issues relating to the intersection of criminal and immigration law. The clinical projects' content will be determined by the current legal and political environment at the time the student enrolls.



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The “political environment at the time” of enrollment is a code word for whoever the president may be.

What is a Republican? Crimmigration reaches its peak when families are separated, children are screaming, and prisons facilities are full. A Democrat? Crimmigration then is about Delta Airlines tickets to Boston from Brownsville, to settle hardworking migrants. Or evil Republican Governor Greyhound caravans going to Mystic in Rhode Island and Sheldon Whitehouse’s beach club.

Already, I have 1600 words. Not enough room for all the courses. A final lightning round:

The “Compromise”, a training course for future Democrat Debt Ceiling Negotiators, is based on the current polarization in American politics.

The course “Communication, Law and Social Justice”, will focus on the role of written, oral, and multimedia communications in the development and implementation of American laws and policies, with an emphasis on social issues and movements. We will examine how different change agents have used messaging and strategic framing to influence law and policy.

“Diversity & Dispute Resolution”: “In this course we will examine how various types of differences – such as race, class, gender, ethnicity, disability, religion, and sexuality – can impact our ability to negotiate and resolve conflicts, including the effect of intersectionality.”

Harvard Law’s course catalog includes “Nietzsche For Lawyers” to further inflate egos.

This course will be a reading of Nietzsche’s works [plus The Genealogy of Morals] with this spirit in mind. This course is based on the idea that this Master Provocateur’s provocation may be exactly what law students need.

This is not The Babylon Bee, I warned you. The nation’s top law schools are graduating waves of Ubermenschen who want to change the world.

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A fight at a pro-President Donald Trump rally and march at the Martin Luther King Jr Civic Center park, 4 March, 2017 in Berkeley, California (Credit: Leah Millis)

In November of 2021, the Pew Research Center issued a report citing the things that people around the world saw as good (and not so good) about America. The Center noted that the United States’ global reputation has shifted dramatically over the past two decades, often improving or declining depending on who is in the White House and the foreign policies they pursue. At the same time, they said many other factors have continued to shape how people see the U.S., including its vast cultural reach, its economic model and its divisive politics. A survey of 17 advanced economies highlights the complexity of America’s international image. People in other publics find much to admire about the U.S., but they see many problems as well. Americans, for their part, also see both strengths and weaknesses in their society.

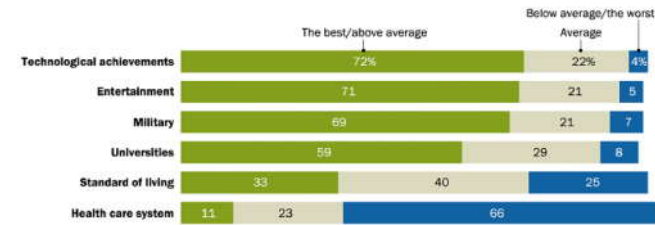
Here is a graph from that report.



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American tech, entertainment and military seen in high regard; few see the U.S. health care system as above average compared with other developed nations

% who say the United States' _____, compared with other developed nations, is/are ...



Note: Percentages are medians based on 16 publics.

Source: Spring 2021 Global Attitudes Survey, Q15a-f.

"What People Around the World Like - and Dislike - About American Society and Politics"

PEW RESEARCH CENTER

It's evident that the most positive elements of America's image are tied to some of its most famous exports, with the U.S. receiving considerable praise for its technology and popular culture. When asked to compare American technological innovations with those of other developed nations, the respondents gave the home of Silicon Valley favorable reviews. Across the 16 publics polled outside of the U.S., a median of 72% say U.S. technology is the best or above average. The U.S. is, of course, also home to Hollywood, and most of those surveyed gave the U.S. high marks for its entertainment, such as movies, music and television. A median of 71% think American entertainment is the best or above average.

But with the global public view as a contextual background, it is interesting to see what a world renowned American historian and conservative professor and scholar has to say about the problems now affecting America. The following recent article by Victor Davis Hanson reveals his views on the aspects of American life and culture that are now under assault. I think it's very informative and so I present it here for your own reading consideration.

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The Remaking of America



Victor Davis Hanson

August 7, 2023

We are in the midst of one of the most radical revolutions in American history. It is as far-reaching and dangerous as the turbulent years of the 1850s and 1860s or the 1930s. Every aspect of American life and culture is under assault, including the very processes by which we govern ourselves, and the manner in which we live.

The Revolution began under the Obama administration that sought to divide Americans into oppressed and oppressors, and then substitute race for class victimization. It was empowered by the bicoastal wealth accrued from globalization, and honed during the COVID lockdown, quarantine-fed economic downturn, and the George Floyd riots and their aftermath. The Revolution was boosted by fanatic opposition to the presidency of Donald Trump. And the result is an America that is unrecognizable from what it was a mere decade ago.

Here are 10 upheavals that the Left has successfully wrought.

Free expression. In large swatches of American society—particularly the corporation, the media, the government, the public schools, and the university—it is suddenly dangerous to speak freely. At a DEI workshop, politely object that “whiteness” does not account for all the challenges of “marginalized peoples,” and you will become either ostracized, reprimanded, or perhaps fired.

Suggest to a class that man-made climate change and





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the state remedies for it, are still under debate—and your career and livelihood are endangered. In 2020, state that Covid lockdowns would do more eventual damage than the virus—and your career was through. Express doubt that there are more than two biological sexes, and if an athlete or high school principal you will be shunned or rendered professionally inert.

The government, in league with social media, censors the news. “Liberal” universities often first require McCarthy-era type “diversity” statements for one to be hired. Commissars review syllabi to spot incorrect or improper speech or insufficient DEI zeal.

The Left now seeks to modify the First Amendment, and its empowerment of “hate speech,” defined as most anything impeding the progressive project. The state and the universities properly issue word lists of approved vocabularies.

The old ACLU or Sen. Church Committee would now probably be deemed rightwing. The methodologies of Joseph McCarthy and J. Edgar Hoover are the preferred models, once they were rebooted to the right cause.

The Weaponization of Justice. Administrations and their efforts to stock the justice department with supporters come and go. But in the last decade the Left has viewed the Department of Justice as a political extension of the party—whose unchecked power must properly be directed to hurt enemies and help friends. No wonder Eric Holder described himself as Obama’s “wingman” and became the first Attorney General to be held in contempt for ignoring a congressional subpoena.

Never in U.S. history have the Department of Justice and sympathetic state and local prosecutors indicted a leading opposition candidate and likely nominee of one of the two major parties, and at the beginning of a presidential campaign. Donald Trump is currently charged with nearly 100 felonies by at least two

prosecutors. He likely eventually will be hit with more than- 500 indictments, from four prosecutors, every one of the latter with a long record of either leftwing associations or Democratic service.

The mass murderer Charles Manson faced less legal exposure. No one believes Trump would have been indicted on such counts—most of them involving allegations from years past—were he not running for President.

One count that Donald Trump is not charged with is bribery, or taking money while in office, a crime cited as impeachable in the Constitution and germane to the accusations that Joe Biden and his family raked in millions from foreign governments due to the improper use of his prior Vice Presidency. For what reason did Joe Biden lie that he never discussed his son’s business? Why did Hunter complain to his daughter that Joe demanded half of his own grifting income? Why would a Vice President serially call disreputable American grifters and foreign corrupt oligarchs? Can Joe’s lifestyle ever be reconciled with his reported income?

Given such asymmetry in the application of the laws, conservative or even apolitical Americans are apprehensive that any political prominence will draw the attention of government in effort to either indict or bankrupt them with legal expenses.

The last four FBI Directors have either admitted they lied under oath, or preposterously under oath claimed ignorance or amnesia about events directly under their control. Or they simply stonewalled subpoenas and testimonies about alleged FBI crimes.

The former CIA Director admitted to lying twice under oath. The FBI hired social media corporations to suppress election-cycle news deemed unhelpful to the Left. The agency, along with Democratic operatives, helped hatch the election-cycle conspiracy of the 2015-2016 Russian-Collusion hoax, and the 2020 Russian disinformation laptop hoax. The FBI played a central role in many of the 2024 indictments. In





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other words, the FBI along with the DOJ, has sought to warp three presidential elections in a row.

On the prompt of a Joe Biden campaign official (and now Secretary of State) and a former interim CIA director, 50 former intelligence officials lied to the electorate that an authentic but incriminating Biden computer was a likely Russian plant—a fact known to be lie but not disclosed as such by the FBI.

The Attack on the Supreme Court. Once the Court achieved a more or less predictable conservative majority, the Left sought to diminish it in a variety of ways. It has called for packing the Court with leftist jurists to create a new 15-justice bench. Leftist law professors in the Ivy League, in neo-Confederate nullification and insurrectionary style, call for the nation to ignore Court rulings on abortion and affirmative action.

The Senate minority leader led a throng to the doors of the court, threatening justices by name: “You have released the whirlwind, and you will pay the price. You won’t know what hit you if you go forward with these awful decisions.”

Protestors now mob the homes of individual justices hoping to intimidate them and alter their upcoming opinions—confident that the Department of Justice will exempt them from any legal consequences of such felonious behavior.

The media routinely accuses conservative justices of improper or illegal behavior, without worry about the emptiness of the charges. A traditionalist justice now accepts that a controversial ruling can result in media charges that he is corrupt, in shrieking protestors mobbing his home, in a mob assembling at the doors of the Court, in disruptions during Court hearings, in politicians issuing threats to his person, in congressional calls to alter the century-and-a-half make-up of the Court, and in Ivy League law professors urging the country to ignore majority decisions.

In sum, a conservative jurist must be careful where

and when he goes out in public.

The Media-Democratic Fusion. If one were to listen during the last few years to NBC, ABC, CBS, NPR, PBS, MSNBC, or CNN, or read the New York Times, The Washington Post, The Chicago Tribune, or the Los Angeles Times, then one would have believed the following:

A) Donald Trump worked with the Russians to throw and win the 2016 election. As part of that skullduggery, frolicking amid prostitutes he urinated on a Moscow hotel bed to spite Barack Obama. B) He was mentally incapacitated as president and should have been removed under the 25th Amendment. C) In 2020, his campaign once more worked with the Russians to create an exact replica of Hunter Biden’s laptop, replete with dozens of lurid fake photos and hundreds of cleverly doctored emails to smear the Biden family and aid his own reelection effort. D) Trump as chief conspirator preplanned a violent and armed insurrection that sought to storm and permanently occupy the government, violently hijacking the balloting and seizing the presidency—resulting in the murder of a Capitol police officer and the subsequent deaths of other traumatized officers.

E) For the last eight years, none of Trump’s political opponents have ever destroyed subpoenaed evidence, conspired to hire foreign nationals to compile false and lurid files on him to subvert his political campaigns, or used their political offices to help solicit foreign money for family lobbyists. F) Trump is the first major candidate and politician who allegedly overvalued his real assets to obtain a loan that he repaid; the first to have concluded non-disclosure agreements with potential embarrassing liaisons; the first ex-president to remove sensitive files to his personal residence; and the first to phone a state official to whine about the integrity of the vote count. G) He is the first losing presidential candidate or major politician to question an election result or to seek redress through government agencies to rectify the purported corruption of the balloting.





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In sum, for the first time in American history, nearly all the major communication and journalistic networks have been fused with a political party. They believe the new role of the media is to advance a shared progressive cause, oppose and even defame common opponents, and feed their audiences things that are not, and cannot possibly be, true.

The Destruction of Common Law. By defunding the police in major cities, and by showering leftwing district attorney candidates with millions of dollars in campaign funding, the Left systematically eroded the law as we know it in our major cities.

As a result, downtowns are after-dark, no-go zones, as once great metropolises resemble veritable combat theaters. Cities are becoming depopulated as consumers and businesses no longer find it safe to conduct commerce. Criminals and homeless now routinely break the law with impunity. Public violence, defecation, urination, fornication, and injection do not even rate as misdemeanors.

The Left has redefined violent crime to such an extent that shoplifting is no longer actionable. Flash mobs that take over streets and swarm to loot stores are rarely if ever arrested. Security officers who apprehend thieves or intervene to stop violence are more likely to be prosecuted than criminals themselves. There is no longer any immigration law; it has been utterly destroyed by Joe Biden. Seven-million illegal entrants flood into the U.S. and, along with the Mexican government, make demands on their hosts to accommodate their illegality.

In sum, in blue states and at the federal level, leftwing prosecutors and justices decide to enforce or ignore statutes, pile up or reduce indictments, increase or decrease punishments not on what the law entails, or evidence directs, but on the race, class, or ideology of the perpetrator, usually in connection with the particular status of his victims. If asymmetry in race, class, or ideology is suggested, then the law must modulate in redistributive fashion to contextualize the crime and criminal as a victim ra-

ther than a victimizer. The result is the veritable destruction of law and order as we once knew it.

The Erosion of the Military. Rarely has the American people polled so little confidence in the U.S. military. It perceives the Pentagon mission largely one to greenlight social change through the rapidity of the chain of command, not necessarily to maintain deterrence, much less to win all its wars.

The Left has ensured that our armed forces are underfunded, short on munitions and weapons, and military officers are used to promote progressive social agendas. Officers expect to be promoted or stalled on the basis of their views on race and gender.

Those who traditionally died at twice their numbers in the general population in combat in Iraq and Afghanistan are ostracized and in near record numbers leaving, while their friends and relatives are no longer enlisting in the military.

Former Pentagon four-star officers violated the Code of Uniform Military Justice in attacking a sitting president with the harshest invective, invoking comparisons to Hitler and Mussolini, again predictably from a leftwing point of view.

The public expects the Joint Chiefs to be both appointed on ideological considerations, and from time to time even to free-lance to contact enemy counterparts should they feel a conservative president is dangerous to world peace.

There is no longer any social stigma or legal jeopardy for retired officers in working as defense contractor lobbyists or board members, after revolving from or soon back to the Pentagon.

Sexes. The heterosexual male and female, marriage, and the nuclear family are all to be suspect. There are three sexes or perhaps still more. English language pronouns are inadequate to reflect sexual di-





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versity.

So adherence to such ossified languages is career endangering. An epidemic of childlessness, singlehood, and collapsing fertility rates are either of no national importance or illustrate the preferred non-nuclear family model. Powerful hormonal drug regimens and permanent radical sex-change surgery should be the choices of minors alone who know best when they choose to transition to another sex. Graphic sex manuals and drag queen shows with simulated sex acts can perhaps acculturate preteens to the dangers of growing up in an oppressive “normative” binary society.

Sex, but not race, is constructed, and thus a matter not of biology but of individual choice.

Race, Not Class. Racial inequality and lack of parity are due to “whiteness.” Racial quotas, segregated dorms, graduations, workshops, and safe spaces are exempt from civil rights statutes given they are necessary to achieve equity. Integration and assimilation are the opiates of the masses. Apartheid and segregation are misunderstood modalities, and thus, if enlightened, sometimes necessary corrective measures.

Reparations are to supersede ineffective affirmative action. Wokeness liberates us to see how race explains everything in America, past and present. At universities and in popular culture “proportional representation” of various ethnicities and races is no longer sufficient remedy.

Instead reparatory hiring and admissions are required to atone for prior generations of discrimination. It is taboo to suggest that cultural conditions not just race accounts for inequality. Everything from meritocracy to promptness to physical fitness is racist in nature, requiring DEI experts to expose and inform about the systemic nature of American racism.

Debt is a Construct. Modern monetary theory proved that annual deficits and national debt are just

a state accounting challenge. So printing more money is an act that properly diminishes the value of existing capital improperly hoarded by parasitic profiteers. Spreading the ensuing cash wealth to the more deserving and victimized is long overdue social justice.

At any time, the national “debt” can be deconstructed by renouncing usurious bond obligations, appropriating private retirement accounts, or further inflating the currency—if governments are committed enough to social justice.

Universities. It is now heresy that universities should be places of disinterested inquiry and inductive investigation. They can properly instead become a valuable tool in ridding society of racist and sexist forces, platitudes about free speech and equality under the law, and the tyranny of private property, capitalist profiteering, and white, male heterosexual Christian oppression.

So the role of a university is to create a brief safe space in which graduates can leave with proper training about the terrible history of the United States and the ways in which it must be dismantled and then be rebuilt by the properly trained experts from the ground up. Counterrevolutionaries or deluded liberals and their quaint adherence to a racist and archaic Bill of Rights have no place on these islands of progressive resistance.

None of the above was true at the millennium; all are now—with more still to come.

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BASED ON CURRENT OBSERVABLE CONDITIONS, THIS MONTH OF OCTOBER PROMISES MANY MOMENTOUS EVENTS. OUR COUNTRY FACES A MULTITUDE OF CHALLENGES SUCH AS THE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN ON OCT 1, THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) NATIONWIDE



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EMERGENCY TEST OF ALL CELL PHONES, TV'S AND RADIOS (SCHEDULED FOR 30 MINUTES IN DURATION) ON OCT 4 AT 2:20 PM EST, THE BEGINNING OF STUDENT DEBT REPAYMENTS OWED BY OVER 40 MILLION PEOPLE, THE RAPID FALLING OF BUSINESS AND CONSUMER CONFIDENCE, THE CLOSURE OF BUSINESS MALLS, STORES AND RESTAURANTS, THE INCREASING CLOSURE OF BANKS, THE RAPID FALL OF THE STOCK AND INDEX MARKETS AND THE POSSIBLE INTRODUCTION OF CBDC (CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY). PERHAPS ALL THESE EVENTS WILL NOT OCCUR AT ONCE BUT IF THE GOVERNMENT EVER ADMITS WE HAVE ENTERED A RECESSION, THEN WE ARE LIKELY AT THE DOORSTEP OF A DEPRESSION. JUST REMEMBER, THE MAIN-STREAM MEDIA USUALLY REPORTS TO THE PUBLIC WHAT HAS HAPPENED. IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS GOOD CITIZENS TO DETERMINE THE REAL REASON WHY IT HAS HAPPENED.

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