



Financial Crisis Report

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Advancing in a Time of Crisis

“Any fool can know. The point is to understand.” Albert Einstein

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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.

Why is America Always at War?



As a Marine officer in Vietnam, I saw my share of war in the jungles outside of Danang. I still feel the dreadful effects of that experience. As a youngster I would read about the travails of Americans in WWII, Korea, and after Vietnam, in the Gulf, Iraq and Afghanistan wars. And now I listen to the war in Ukraine, the conflict in the Mideast and the rumors of war in the South China Sea.

For the past century the United States has been almost constantly at war and even now is involved in six different conflicts mostly in the Middle East. About 1.4 million Americans serving in the US military have lost their lives to protect our freedoms and keep us safe. During the past century the world has become more and more of a globalist and interventionist society. In other words, for America it is not enough just to worry about problems at home, it must worry about problems outside of home as well.

Some have asked me why America is always at war. I believe there are a multitude of reasons, but I think the following is the main reason.

In a word, it is called the military-industrial com-

plex. This term was coined by Republican Pres. Dwight D Eisenhower in his farewell address to the nation on January 17, 1961.



“In the councils of government, we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence whether sought or unsought by the military-industrial complex. We must never let the weight of this combination endanger our liberties or democratic processes.”

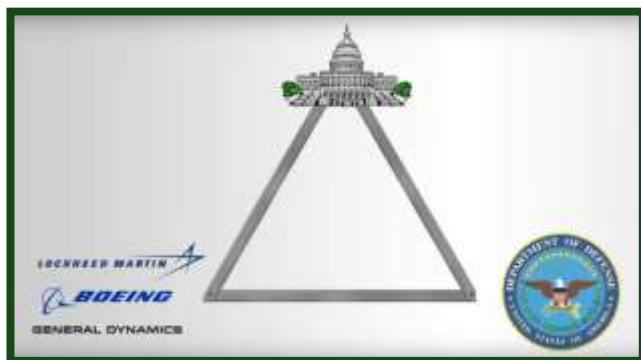
But what is this ever-influential military-industrial complex president Eisenhower was speaking about? He was referring to the coalition of the US military and its industry.... the defense industry. The government doesn't manufacture weapons, companies do.

In the 2017 fiscal year Lockheed Martin, Boeing and General Dynamics were the top three contractors of the federal government. These companies manufacture cargo planes and helicopters, fighter jets, cruise missiles and more for the US military. Lockheed Martin alone received 10% of the Defense Department's budget. The top three combined received \$90 billion from the government. At least 85% of Lockheed Martin's profits come from government contracts. They

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and all the other defense companies rely on the government to keep their business afloat or specifically they rely on the government being at war, so they have to influence the government to keep it that way. Groups that influence the government are known as interest groups. The defense industry is an interest group. The goal of an interest group is to create an iron triangle. An iron triangle is created when the interest group and the bureaucracy are getting mutual benefits. In our case the defense industries benefit by getting their money and the Defense Department of the bureaucracies benefit by getting their weapons. And the third vertex of the triangle is Congress. For the bureaucracy to spend money Congress must allow the money to be spent. So, the defense industry must influence Congress.

One of the biggest ways of doing this is campaign contributions. The defense industry has many PACs or political action committees that donate money to congressional, senatorial and even presidential campaigns. In the 2016 congressional election Lockheed Martin contributed a total of \$1.2 million to Democratic candidates and 1.9 million to Republican campaigns. The Clinton presidential campaign received \$150,000 from Lockheed Martin PACs and the Trump campaign \$43,000. With the military-industrial complex the defense industry contributes money to congressional campaigns which gives Congress incentive to declare war and allot funds to the Defense Department who buys weapons from the defense industry. This iron triangle may be the strongest one there is.



But is it a good thing or bad thing? There are both pros and cons to the military-industrial complex. One positive aspect is the technology that's come out of it. Transistors were not profitable prior to the military's purchase of them. Transistors would come to replace cathode ray tubes which would create modern computers and personal technology. Without it we live in a world of 1950s technology.

Another benefit is innovation. The military will only continue to buy technology if it continues to be innovative. The same way you only buy a phone, if it's better than the one you already have. This also creates jobs in the engineering field, which is great for the economy. There are many cons as well. First and

foremost are the lost lives of soldiers. Nearly 60,000 American soldiers have lost their lives in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The ethics of lobbying are also questionable. Critics say it's a form of bribery or even extortion. The national debt is also a huge concern. The US is \$21 trillion in debt at this time with about \$700 billion going to the military each year. Whether this is a good or bad thing is for you to decide. The defense industry can easily overcharge the government because of the iron triangle.

The revolving door effect is also an issue. Dick Cheney was the Secretary of Defense under Pres. George HW Bush and then became CEO of Halliburton an oil company in 1995. When he ran for vice president on a ticket with George W. Bush he retired from Halliburton. Then during his tenure as VP Halliburton was given a \$7 billion contract before the Iraq war. This is why it's called a revolving door. And that is the iron triangle of the military-industrial complex.

Some people say there's a 4th vertex, an iron quadrilateral with the fourth part being the media.



They say that the media promotes militarism and since it is a bipartisan opinion it applies to all networks. Until 2011 General Electric was the parent company of NBC. General Electric also happens to be a subcontractor for Tomahawk missiles and B-52 bombers which are both heavily used in the military. The organization known as (FAIR) Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting noted that "correspondence and pay consultants on NBC television praised the performance of US weapons. They are extolling equipment made by GE the corporation that pays their salaries" Also leading up to the Iraq war in 2003 MSNBC canceled their top-rated show Donahue hosted by Phil Donahue. Donahue would publicly speak out against the war on the show frequently which, leaks after the fact, confirmed was the reason for the cancellation.

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To conclude whether the military-industrial complex is a good thing or not is up to you to decide. But I think it is the main reason why America is always at war.

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How the Petrodollar End will Change the World



Just the other day, June 9th, 2024, the world changed. The 50-year agreement between the United States and Saudi Arabia and the Petro dollar officially came to an end.

But why? And what does the end of the Petrodollar mean for the rising new political order?

Here is a transcript of famed teacher, professor, political and economic commentator on the internet Dr. Steve Turley on his ideas of what the end of the Petrodollar means to the U.S. and the world.

I think you find this informative.

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Steve Turley, your patriotic professor here. We're going to find out precisely what's going on with the Petro dollar and how its end will affect us going forward with the end of the gold standard.

With the end of the gold standard In the 1970s, the United States struck a deal with Saudi Arabia to standardize oil prices, according to the US dollar. In many ways this deal, more than anything else, elevated the US dollar to the world's reserve currency, since with dollars you could buy oil and gas directly without going through some kind of exchange rate. So that's what a petrodollar in effect is. It's the pricing of oil, according to the US dollar rather than gold or some other currency.

But since then, the world, of course, has gone through a dramatic restructuring and nowhere was that restructuring more on display than in August of last year when 67 nations gathered together in the South African city of Johannesburg for the 15th annual BRICS summit. It turns out it was a summit like no other. The five foundational BRICS countries, Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa announced that they were expanding the pact with the integration of six new nations into the fold, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, the UAE, Iran, Ethiopia and Argentina.



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Now as you can see from the map, BRICS literally overnight transformed into the single largest economic and political bloc on the planet. The global GDP purchasing power parity, the new BRICS+ is now larger than the G7. BRICS controls nearly 40% of the world's GDP. And the block now encompasses nearly half of the world's population and among those were now the OPEC nations of Saudi Arabia, Iran and the UAE.

What this means is that BRICS+ literally overnight became an oil and gas superpower. According to INFOTECH, BRICS now controls 39% of global oil exports, 46% of proven reserves and 48% of all oil produced globally. One in every two barrels of oil produced on the planet comes from a BRICS member nation. Russian and Saudi Arabia alone account for 1/4 of the world's oil production. And Russia and Iran hold the world's first and second largest gas reserves in the world, respectively. This is an economic and commodity dominance that was not even imaginable a few short years ago.

So now with BRICS+ we've got all the ingredients, as it were, of a new global political and economic order, half the world's population, 40% of the world's GDP and an oil and gas exporting superpower.

So with that kind of global infrastructure, what's the next obvious logical step? Well, we didn't have to wait long for it. At the heart of that August summit,



Russian President Vladimir Putin called on all member nations to agree on a single settlement currency most likely backed by gold as the primary means of challenging the US Dollar in this new political and economic order. And that's precisely what these nations have been doing. In the end, the UAE signed a trade agreement in July of last year that settles transactions in rupees rather than dollars, which includes oil and gas. Saudi Arabia and China have also agreed to price some of Saudi Arabia's oil sales in the Yuan, the Chinese currency, rather than dollars or Euros. And a comparable deal was reached between Brazil and Saudi Arabia some months back as well. And so as you can see, as it turns out the Petro dollar has really been unraveling for quite some time now.

But what does all of this mean for us? Well, first and foremost, we have to understand that the Petro dollar in many respects was really at the heart of the US dollar functioning as the world's reserve currency. And we're already beginning to see that status wain. Take for example this headline in Forbes from just last week.

The Fed Quietly 'Admits' Gold Is Replacing The Dollar As Collapse 'Fear' Predicted To Trigger A \$15.7 Trillion ETF Bitcoin Price Flip

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BRICS nations, are starting to turn away from the dollar as the world's reserve currency. And so it's no surprise that central banks around the world are ditching the dollar and gobbling up gold like never before. And that's why the price of gold is expected to continue to climb. Because when all is said and done, more and more nations are turning back to the timeless value of gold and silver.

But what does the ditching of the US dollar in the end mean for us. Well, we have to understand is that the Petro dollar didn't just change the world, it actually changed our nation. For decades, nations were buying and selling oil in US Dollars then turned around and bought up US Treasury bonds. They didn't want to lose their dollars in the exchange process when it got turned back to their own currency. So the buying up of debt allowed our government to print up pretty much as much money as they wanted because they could in effect, distribute the dollars out to the rest of the world, again in the form either of US Treasuries or in the form of cash for them to continue to buy up oil.

But what happens when the world doesn't need that cash anymore? What happens when they've largely stopped buying our bonds? Well, without the world using dollars and buying up our debt, that diffusing mechanism largely disappears, and we're seeing what happens in real time with the printing up of more and more money without being able to spread it out to the rest of the world. Inevitably, inflation rates go up. Once inflation rates go up, the Fed tries to make it more expensive to borrow money here at home in order to knock the inflation rate back down which requires the raising of interest rates. Raising those rates has had an enormous stress in our banking industry which over the last 15 years has invested in a booming bond market assuming that low interest rates were the new norm. The sudden spike in our interest rates and the collapse of the bond market were one of the reasons we've witnessed the colossal financial collapses of Silvergate Bank, Silicon Valley Bank and the New York based Signature Bank.

And it's not just the financial system. Higher interest rates at the

banks means higher interest rates on credit cards, mortgages, car loans, and as you can see, day-to-day, we're living more and more in the midst of a cost of living crisis, where the prices of gas and groceries continue to surge.

Now there is some good news in all of this. With much of the world turning away from buying up US bonds our government is simply not going to be able to continue to print money so recklessly anymore. And without being able to print money recklessly it's going to be harder and harder to send money overseas, like with the insane funding we've been seeing with Ukraine. It's equally going to be harder and harder to maintain the mass spending in general which might mean that we might end up seeing our government have to begin to live within its means again. Also, the dollar remains very strong, far stronger than any other international currency and promises to remain the go to choice among international investors and their portfolios for the foreseeable future.

And like we saw earlier, this changing world order is causing a boom in the gold market, such that real money based on commodities and real estate is finally returning as a central part of a growing number of "patriot" financial strategies. The global economy is more and more returning to traditional economics.

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In 1972, John B. Calhoun built a utopia for mice. He called it Universe 25 and it was designed to cater for the well-being of its rodent residents, increase their lifespan, and allow them to mate. It was not the first time the ethologist had built a world for rodents. Calhoun had been creating utopian environments for rats and mice since the 1940s, with consistent results which were overpopulation that led to explosive violence and hypersexual activity, followed by asexuality, self-destruction, and extinction.



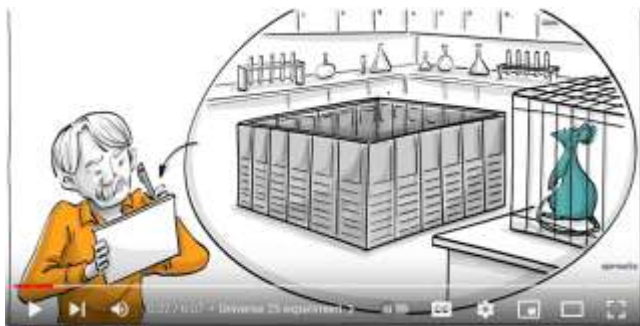
We wonder, does this apply to humans as well?

For your reading consideration here is the transcript of the Mouse Utopia YouTube video

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The Universe 25 Mouse Experiment

In 1972, John B Calhoun detailed the specifications of a utopia design for mice built in the laboratory.



Every aspect of Universe 25, as this particular model was called,

was designed to cater to the well-being of its rodent residence, increase their lifespan and allow them to mate.



There was abundant food, water and nesting material. The universe was cleaned regularly. There were no predators, the temperature stable, paradise or maybe not.



Four pairs of disease-free mice selected from the National Institute of Health's Elite Breeding Colony moved in on day one.



It took months for the rodents to familiarize themselves with their new world. Then they started to reproduce, and the population increased exponentially, doubling every 55 days. Those were



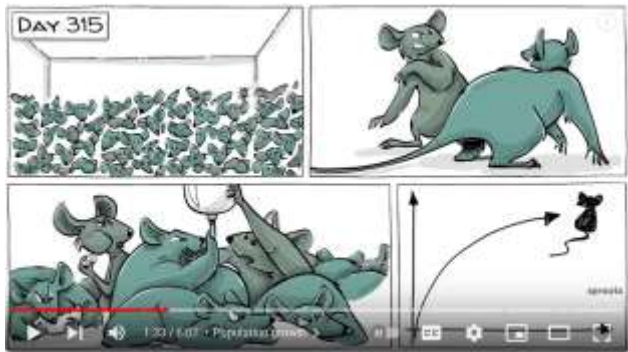


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the good times in Paradise.



Passed day 315, more than 600 mice now lived in Universe 25 rubbing shoulders on their way up and down the stairwells to eat, drink and sleep. Population growth slowed.



Young ones found themselves born into a world with far more mice than meaningful social roles. Males faced a lot of competitors to defend their territory. Many found that so stressful they gave up. Normal discourse within the community broke down, and with it the ability of mice to form social bonds.



The lone females retreated to isolated nesting boxes on pent-house levels.



Other males, a group Calhoun termed the Beautiful Ones, never sought sex and never fought. They just ate, slept and groomed, wrapped in narcissistic introspection.



Elsewhere, cannibalism, asexuality and violence became endemic. Mouse society had collapsed.



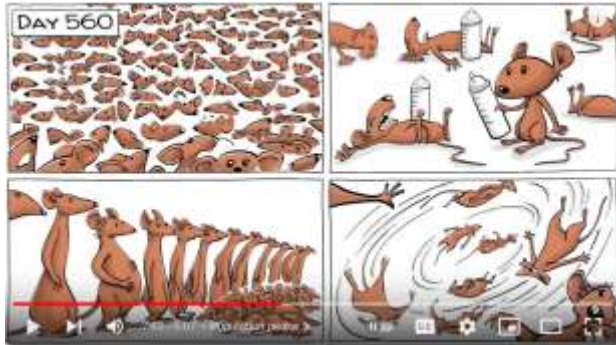
On Day 560, the population peaked at 2200 mice. A few mice survived past weaning until Day 600, after which there were few



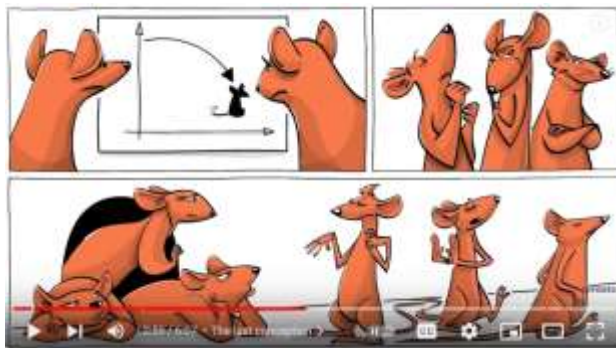


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pregnancies and no surviving young. As the population had stopped regenerating itself, its path to extinction was clear.



The mice had lost their capacity to rebuild their numbers. Many that could still conceive, such as the beautiful ones and their secluded singleton female counterparts had lost the social ability to do so.



On Day 920 was the last conception. The last mouse died on May 23rd, 1973, four years and 10 months after colonization.

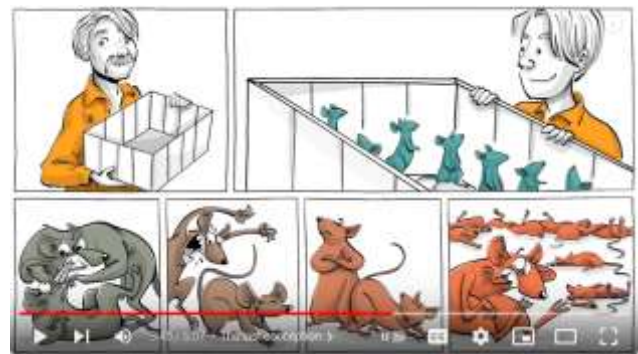


Calhoun later said that the creatures had died 2 deaths. The first

was that of their spirit and their society. The second death was that of their physical body.



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In his widely cited paper, *Population Density and Social Pathology*, Calhoun concluded no matter how sophisticated we are, once the number of individuals capable of filling social roles greatly exceeds the number of such roles, only violence and disruption can follow. He then referred to a phenomenon he called behavioral sink.





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Behavioral sync is our desire to be in the presence of others. To be conditioned, to seek to be near others, and to be drawn to the crowd in spite of the conflicts that this can generate.



Drawing from Calhoun's popular research, social scientists started to call for restrictions on reproduction as the only possible response to the world's rising population. Calhoun himself was more optimistic about our future. He argued, as our physical space declines, we are forced to extend a conceptual space, our network of ideas and technologies.



Later in his career, he turned to possible solutions and began to build creative universes that minimized the ill effects of overcrowding.



What are your thoughts? Is overcrowding a danger for mankind, or does it only affect rodents? And if so, what can save the human psyche, avoiding eye contact in crowded places is one strategy. But is that enough?

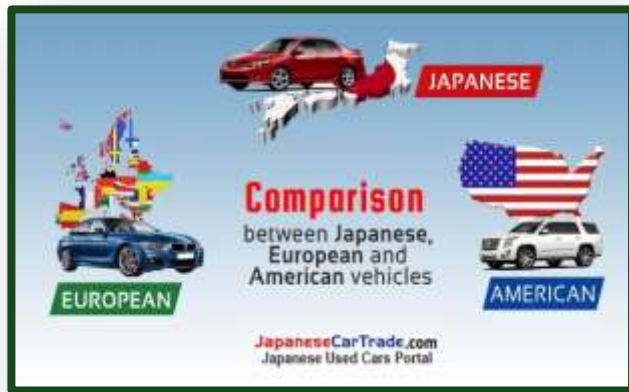


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Comparing European, American and Japanese Cars



Talk to any car enthusiast and they'll often have a favorite car region. Most often, you'll find fans of European, American or Japanese cars, irrespective of brand. Some believe the cars perform better, while others prefer them for their small differences, or looks.

However, is there weight to these preferences? Are European, American and Japanese cars so radically different? Since each of these regions has numerous car brands and manufacturers, can they be summed up under one banner?

The following is a report from *MotoNovo Finance* issued Jan 2024 explaining the key differences between these major car regions and attempts to settle the American vs European vs Japanese car debate.

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The benefits of European cars



Whether it's well-known brands like Aston Martin and Volkswagen, or smaller manufacturers like Renault, European cars have fans all over the world. Typically, European cars enjoy good fuel efficiency, with manufacturers having a penchant for building unassuming, reliable cars.

When judging European vs American cars, or European vs Japanese cars, it's always a tight race, and the final decision usually comes down to the driver's preferences. However, European cars do have several distinct benefits.

Top-quality interiors

From the luxurious leather of a BMW 5 Series to the delicate hand-stitching of a Mini Hatchback, European cars often have top-quality interiors.

It's not all looks, either. European cars feel comfortable to drive because of their cozy interiors, not solely due to their handling.

So, while some European motors may look a little boring on the outside compared to their American and Asian counterparts, the region proves it's the inside that counts.

Integrating high-level tech

Complementing the interiors is a focus on integrating the latest in -car tech. European cars usually come flush with neat additions such as top-of-the-class in-car infotainment, temperature control and intelligent extras to make the driving experience more enjoyable.

Safety

Ever since Volvo became the first producer of the three-point seatbelt in 1959, European cars have become synonymous with industry-leading safety. Worldwide, cars need to adhere to a set safety standard, but European models are known for a better-than-average focus on the driver's wellbeing.

From ergonomic seating to rigorous testing methods, European cars are thought to have put safety as a top priority.

Commonly, the safest cars are European or Japanese, with each region battling it out closely.

Fuel efficiency

Poor fuel efficiency is perhaps the biggest black mark against American manufacturers, and European cars usually fare well in this regard.

Outside of the Ford Focus, American models very rarely populate year-end lists for the most fuel-efficient cars, with European and Japanese models being the most highly rated.

The reason for this better fuel efficiency lies with fuel prices. Fuel costs, on the whole, are higher in Europe, leading to manufacturers prioritizing it during manufacturing; for American manufacturers, power and speed is a bigger priority for the market.





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As a result, European cars are built with a stronger focus on fuel efficiency.

The benefits of American cars



American cars have always been built on three tenants: style, power, and affordability. While the nation's manufacturers have faced tough times, they're still capable of producing stand-out models.

Style

American cars almost always have a certain look to them. Whether it's a Ford Fiesta or Mustang, the country is synonymous with distinct, strong-looking vehicles.

In cases like Chrysler, this is complemented by engines which sound powerful on the road. And while it may seem like a small factor, driving a stylish car can translate to a better, more confident driving experience.

Automatic performance

For many years, manual cars were the most popular choice in the US. Now, automatic cars rule the roost, leading to the region becoming one of the best producers of automatic cars in the world.

While driving manual cars is still incredibly popular in the UK, Europe and Asia, people are converting to automatic driving in spades.

Given the popularity of automatic driving in the United States in general, it may be better to opt for a car from this region if you prefer automatic.

Electric cars

When people think of electric cars, they almost always think of Tesla. The brand has become synonymous with this vehicle type,

and despite stiff competition from brands like BMW, Tesla still delivers the premier electric car experience.

Tesla is a California-based company, giving America a strong edge in the market. For those looking to make the switch to the cars of the future, considering American electric cars, namely Tesla, could be the way forward.

Size

American cars are the go-to for drivers who want to handle the biggest motors. Roads in the US tend to be much wider than roads in Europe or Asia, leading to comparatively huge cars.

For large SUVs, there is no better than American cars, such as the Chevrolet Traverse or the notorious Hummer. While they may struggle on some roads in the UK, if you're a driver who enjoys commanding the road, then buying American could be the best option.

Economical prices

Following the struggles of American car makers in the late 2000s, manufacturers needed to find a way to differentiate themselves from other major car regions. One way they managed to do this was to offer economical, affordable cars.

There is a reason why Ford is immensely popular in the UK – it's cheap to buy and run. While Europe and Japan managed to get an edge in reliability and technology, American car makers decided to make their cars as economical as possible without sacrificing quality.

So, if you need a bargain, then definitely consider buying American.

The benefits of Japanese cars



Japan has a reputation for sublime craftsmanship. Known as the leader in all types of manufacturing, Japan excels in everything from carpentry and musical instruments to electronics and vinyl. One of the things that drives this reputation is the nation's com-





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mitment to creating consistent motors.

Almost all Japanese businesses operate under the philosophy of “Kaizen”. This means they aim to continuously improve all aspects of the business, from the CEO to the production line.

The “Kaizen” mentality is one of the reasons Japanese car manufacturers have slowly risen from middling to being considered amongst the best in the world, with several stand-out areas.

Reliability

The major selling point for Japanese cars is their reliability. The Toyota Corolla is the most popular car in the world for this reason – when most people are spending money on a car, they want to know it’s going to last for the long term.

So, why are Japanese cars so reliable? Well, it has to do with the country’s working culture. Punctuality is incredibly important in Japan, and this has translated to car factories in the country operating like a well-oiled machine.

Combined with a commitment to using the highest-quality parts, it translates to reliable, almost error-free cars.

Driving experience

Japanese cars are known for being fuss-free drives. While the cars have a lot of bells and whistles in the interior, the actual driving experience is easy and precise.

For new drivers or motorists who prefer easy handling, Japanese motors could be the way forward.

Fuel efficiency

With a reputation for producing high-quality hybrids, Japanese car manufacturers know how to create vehicles which focus on fuel efficiency. Each year, Japanese carmakers try to make their cars more efficient, and the best place to focus their efforts on this is with fuel efficiency.

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Most of the colleges in the United States that started over 300 years ago were Bible-proclaiming schools originally. Harvard and Yale (originally Puritan) and Princeton (originally Presbyterian) once had rich Christian histories.

Harvard was named after a Christian minister. Yale was started by clergymen, and Princeton’s first year of class was taught by Reverend Jonathan Dickinson. Princeton’s crest still says “Dei sub numine viget,” which is Latin for “Under God she flourishes.”

In the United Kingdom, the earliest university-type establishment was probably the College, established by the Celtic preacher St. Illtyd in about AD 500. Oxford University was established by various religious orders. Likewise, Cambridge University was established in 1209 by Christian leaders. Saint Andrews, Scotland’s oldest university, was founded principally for the teaching and study of theology. The commitment of these religious founders might be suspect, but many of the later colleges were founded by Bible-believing Christians. The University of Edinburgh had a thoroughly evangelical beginning, being founded under Presbyterian auspices.

So what happened to cause so many schools to abandon their Christian roots?

Could it be due to an ever growing progressive mindset among social thinkers that the West has become fundamentally corrupt, imperialistic, exploitative, racist and dominated by white heterosexual men?

In his 1967 book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, famed theologian Herbert Armstrong warned of this happening when the world cuts out knowledge of God and God’s law.





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Abraham Blondeau expounded on Mr. Armstrong's prophecy in a recent article published in *The Trumpet* "He Was Right About Modern Education" I present this article here for your reading consideration.

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We are witnessing firsthand the implosion of modern education. Elementary schools are filled with perverted teachers who want to push radical transgender propaganda. Universities teach young people to loathe the Western world. History courses are discarded in favor of teaching activism. Admission costs are so expensive, students rack up debt that they will be paying off for the rest of their lives, and more and more graduates find that expensive degrees do not guarantee good jobs. Most of all, despite modern education our societies are afflicted with rampant drug use, depression, personal debt and incompetent leadership.

Education was not always this way, but over time it has transformed. This has created many other widespread problems in society. What is the cause of this deadly change?

Melanie Phillips recently wrote:

The Times reported this week on the deeply alarming findings of a survey it had conducted at Britain's universities.

It found that 10 of them, including three from the elite Russell Group, had started removing books from reading lists or made them optional to protect students from "challenging" content, and had applied trigger warnings to more than 1,000 texts in case they "caused students harm."

This censorship is happening all over the world as classic works of literature that expose human nature are removed from education.

The Times wrote: "Some of Britain's most influential authors—including William Shakespeare, Geoffrey Chaucer, Jane Austen, Charlotte Brontë, Charles Dickens and Agatha Christie—are among those whose works have been deemed concerning enough to require warnings. ... Academics attempted to block this newspaper from discovering details about changes to their reading lists, using social media to encourage each other not to comply with requests for information." This censorship is impeding the teaching of critical thinking and is encouraging knowledge regurgitation.

"These findings are shocking," continued Phillips, "but no one who has been paying attention to what's been happening to education in both Britain and America will find them surprising. On both sides of the Atlantic, the universities—with some exceptions, and with 'hard' science departments exempt to some extent at least—have been steadily substituting knowledge and rational thought by 'victim culture' and ideological identity politics on race and gender, turning themselves into left-wing bastions of propaganda and the suppression of dissent." The censorship, bias and victim culture are all leaning hard left ideologically.

Over the past three generations, the left has gained control over the educational institutions. Matthew Goodwin wrote: "Since the 1960s, the ratio of left-wing to right-wing academics has jumped from 3 to 1 to 8 to 1 today. [Other studies] similarly find that fewer than 20 percent of academics today vote for right-leaning parties while 75 percent vote for Labor, the Liberal Democrats or the Greens. Last year, in my own work, I found that 76 percent of my colleagues in the world's most elite institutions identify on the left while 21 percent of that group identify as 'far left.' Just 11 percent put themselves on the right. In America, where this ideological bias is especially pronounced, it is simply no longer unusual to find some departments with not a single registered Republican." This is a complete takeover of education, and the radical policies being forced onto students today are a by-product of this systematic conquest.

"This hijack of education has been building up for decades," continued Phillips. "Back in the '60s and '70s, a mindset became the progressive orthodoxy that the West was fundamentally corrupt—colonialist, imperialist, exploitative, racist and dominated by the 'patriarchy'—i.e. white heterosexual Western men were to blame for all the ills of the world. Western society therefore had to be reconfigured, and the way to achieve this was by the 'long march through the institutions'—of which the universities were key—to turn Western values inside out. This has now been achieved to the letter." This way of thinking dominates our political leaders, lawyers, business and military leaders—basically every level of society. These left-leaning universities have produced generations of left-leaning leaders.





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This left-leaning domination of education was predicted by the late Herbert W. Armstrong over 70 years ago. This phenomenon in modern education is a result of a Communist infiltration of our institutions, particularly universities. These anti-Western, anti-God ideas embraced by the leftists in charge have been spawned by communism. Writing about communism in 1956, Mr. Armstrong wrote: "It's a kind of warfare we don't understand, or know how to cope with. It uses every diabolical means to weaken us from within, sapping our strength, perverting our morals, sabotaging our educational system"

He further wrote in the November 1968 Plain Truth:

But when I say "Communist" in this case I mean, specifically, just that. The Communist movement operates in ways most people do not recognize. It is well organized and efficient. It injects trained Communists into many movements and societies—themselves not Communist—and subtly influences them into moves and actions that secretly are Communist-planned and directed. Yet the officers, and most members of such organizations are not, themselves, Communist and do not realize they are being used.

Today Communists appear on college and university campuses under the guise of "the New Leftist Movement." The student revolt movement, exploding on so many campuses into violence, is actually a carefully planned, and expertly organized effort to overthrow the governments of nations!

Modern universities have become one of the chief sources of societal instability. They are actively teaching young people to overthrow their own government by subverting the laws and religious foundation of the West, particularly the United States. Trumpet editor in chief Gerald Flurry expands on this warning in Great Again:

In the 1960s and '70s, America had many problems with rioting and violence on college campuses. Educators would ask who was in charge, and in almost every case, there was nobody in charge except the people who were rioting.

Soon, the New Left began to infiltrate these institutions and gain control. It was in the educational system that the left got its foothold into the nation: first in colleges, then high schools and even elementary schools. It is from the educational system that a nation gets its leadership. Where did the ideas of America's leaders today come from? From our educational institutions.

Today, the saturation of Communist thinking is complete. The Communist infiltration has been stunningly successful. Phillips wrote: "The corruption of the universities is at the core of most of our society's ills. Knowledge and rationality have been replaced by ideological propaganda. Instead of teaching young

people how to think, the universities have been instructing them what to think." Universities have been instructing students how to be Communist revolutionaries, instead of how to think for themselves. We are living through the calamitous consequences.

Yet the infiltration could only happen because of two major reasons: 1) the false premise that modern education is based upon and 2) the collective sins of the people. As Mr. Armstrong taught for over 50 years, modern education rejects the foundation of all knowledge, the Bible, and without that right premise, was destined to fail. By cutting out the knowledge of God and God's law, sins multiply and are even taught by education as good things. These sins are the cause of multiple curses on our nations (please read The United States and Britain in Prophecy for a full explanation). This evil cycle is consuming the English-speaking nations.

Mr. Armstrong not only warned of the Communist infiltration and the flaw with modern education, he also taught the solution. While Communists were taking over the educational system, Mr. Armstrong established Ambassador College, which used the Bible as the foundation of knowledge and taught young people how to live. This legacy is continued in Herbert W. Armstrong College, which has two thriving campuses today. This is the mustard seed beginning of the ultimate solution to this deadly crisis in education. Mr. Armstrong was right, and he showed the world the way forward.

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Here is a report on what may happen if the Federal Reserve does get to do what they are now playing to do with our money. It is a revealing as well as troubling report on what the central bank can soon do to our money, our economy and our freedom. It is written by Brandon Smith and was recently published on Alt-Marlet.us.

I think you will find it informative.

D. Miyoshi

Central Bank Digital Currencies Are Coming – What Will The Consequences Be?

Currencies are the lifeblood of trade and the economy; if a currency fails, the entire economy fails. Yet, most people rarely think about the health or buying power of the money in their pocket. People don't research how often currencies actually falter and how common it is for inflation or stagflation to strike nations. They just assume that the money they have will be as useful tomorrow as it is today. They also assume that money will never change in a dramatic way.

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Former Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan once openly admitted that the central bank "answers to no one" and does not follow orders from the government. They do what they want when they want.

This attitude should concern you because it is a long held argu-

ment among critics of the Fed that they are an unelected body with ultimate power to destroy the economy and the dollar at will if they want to. Sure, the US President gets to "choose" the next successive chairman, from a list of candidates that is given to him by the Fed, of course. And Congress could conceivably call for a full audit of the Fed's financial actions and policies, but they never do because it would never be allowed by the banks or their political partners. The central bank is the most powerful institution in our nation by far. They are completely unaccountable and uncontrollable.

There is only ever the question of public reaction; this is the one thing the bankers fear. They are afraid that the public will learn who they are and what the central bank does. They are afraid that their actions and policies will anger the public enough to inspire rebellion. They are afraid that the torches and pitchforks will one day come out. So, they divert blame as much as possible for the damage that they cause.

Apologists for the Fed claim that the central bank only creates money from thin air when the government asks them to, and so it's the politicians that are to blame. This is a lie. The politicians go begging to the Fed for more money, and the Fed usually obliges while also creating tens of trillions of dollars on the side for their friends in the corporate world.

For example, only ONE TIME in recent history has a Fed policy action been investigated by the Government Accounting Office. This audit was of a single set of bailouts enacted by the bank, and it was only allowed because the public was starting to get wise to the bank's activities (thanks to Ron Paul's presidential campaign). The audit was designed to shut people up. But, what was found was startling, and so the media swept the info under the rug. Over \$16 trillion in fiat money had been conjured by the Fed in the span of a few years, while the original claim was that mere billions had been created for the bailouts starting in 2008.

Keep in mind that this audit was limited only to a particular set of bailouts; it was not a full audit of the Fed's entire operation. We truly have no idea how many dollars the central bank has created out of thin air since the credit crash began. We can only reference the Fed's own data, which is probably not very honest.

The only thing that limits central banks from total monetary dominion is the fact that physical dollar holdings and even digital bank transfers can be accounted for. Once those dollars are out in the ether there's not much the central banks can do to hide them and eventually, inflation will reveal the truth.

The bankers need a new system which allows them total control of every single penny from creation to circulation. They want the ability to make money appear or disappear in real time. More than that, they want the ability to track every single dollar, including who has them and what they are using them for. They





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want to be able to micromanage trade, and thus achieve a financial totalitarian empire.

Enter Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs) based on blockchain technology...

Ever wonder why the mainstream media has been hyping up cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin for the past few years? Ever wonder why major banks like Goldman Sachs and JP Morgan have been pumping billions of dollars into crypto infrastructure and research in private while at the same time bashing crypto in the news? Ever wonder why central banks have been dismissing crypto as dangerous while at the same time developing their own cryptocurrencies?

It is because they are easing the masses into the notion of a fully digital trade system in which physical money no longer exists. Central banks might act like they are suspicious of crypto – but in reality they LOVE it.

The Bank for International Settlements (BIS), also known as the “central bank of central banks,” recently released a survey which states that at least 81 central banks around the world have been accelerating plans to release their own cryptocurrencies. Many excuses are given, including the covid pandemic, but they were actually working on these digital products well before the pandemic began.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has been talking about developing a global cryptocurrency system tied to their Special Drawing Rights basket for years. Numerous globalist institutions have been pursuing the technology and it’s nothing new. What IS new, though, is banks openly admitting to the plan.

The BIS, one of the most clandestine globalist organizations that still has a public face, has even admitted that it is developing CBDC tech. And what this tells me is that we are very close to a sea-change in our economic environment. Generally, criminals will not reveal their criminality unless they think it’s too late for anyone to do anything about it. With stagflation hitting our economy hard this year we have to question if the behavior of the banks suggests much worse conditions to come?

The public would never readily accept CBDCs as money unless their existing money lost most of its buying power and the current system was in the gutter. This is how new levels of empire are born; a major crisis allows for the elites to consolidate control while the people are distracted by their own private disasters. The big picture is changed while each person is terrified by their own small picture calamity.

In the US, markets and mainstream economists are just praying

that the Fed capitulates on interest rate hikes, because they think this would save stocks from collapse. However, even if the Fed did this there would still be the problem of inflation/stagflation. If they don’t back off of rate hikes (I predict they will not capitulate or reverse course anytime soon) then there will be recession on top of price inflation. There’s no way that the current speed of rate hikes is going to slow down inflation from tens of trillions of fiat dollars flowing through the global economy. As I’ve warned for a long time now, the Fed has created a Catch-22 scenario in which the economy crashes no matter which policy decision they make.

But what if this was all by design?

With the introduction of CBDCs in the wake of a stagflationary crash, the central banks could call for a new global network of currencies to “stop such a crisis from ever happening again.” The BIS and the IMF will be ready and waiting with the SDR basket, or something very similar. The bankers will remove all physical money over a short period of time and a global digital system will take over. All privacy in trade will be gone, except for those people involved in barter, black markets and commodities.

The advent of CBDCs could also mean that money and economic participation will become privileges, not rights. Digital trade could be tied to a social credit system, much like the one that exists in communist China.

Want access to your checking and savings accounts? Better not say anything critical of the establishment, or you could be reported by a neighbor or stranger by cell phone app and have your money disappear in seconds. The onus will then be on you to prove that you are “loyal” and get access back. You are guilty until proven innocent. Maybe you don’t want to take the next untested mRNA vaccine for the next dubious pandemic threat? You’ll have little choice if your ability to function economically is controlled digitally.

This is the world we are facing if we allow central banks to fully digitize money and trade. It is a nightmare environment of complete authoritarianism. The public at large is mostly unaware of the incredible danger inherent in CBDCs and they must be educated before the current crisis grows so large that they can no longer focus on anything other than their own problems.

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The Lost Generation of Japan



In most countries, graduating from university is traditionally met with the expectation that graduates can land stable jobs and advance their careers in a competitive and hierarchical employment system. Japanese culture, in particular, emphasizes the importance of higher education and the young professional's career path. With one of the best educational systems in the world, why is Japan's middle-aged population now burdened with limited job prospects and isolation from society?

When I got my first job in 1974 as a young attorney in a law firm in Tokyo, Japan was at the beginning stages of becoming an economic powerhouse. Japanese companies were purchasing assets globally at an astronomical rate. These prosperous times were to continue for a couple of decades and in 1989, the Nikkei Stock Average culminated at a record of almost 40,000. But then all too suddenly the booming economy met with turmoil as Japan's asset bubble maxed out, resulting in disastrously low property prices. My own attorney work in international business plummeted precipitously. A significant amount of work migrated abroad to escape Japan's economic downturn. The 1990s unexpectedly became a dark time for eager graduates awaiting a coveted position at major companies. To cut costs and protect older workers, companies offered only a scant amount of jobs, shutting recent graduates out of the workforce. The labor market entered an employment "ice age." To this day, those shut out of Japan's job market in the 1990s are still struggling. They make up what is known as the "Lost Generation" the subject of this report.

The Lost Generation began as a large population of "hikikomori", a Japanese term used to describe adolescents who withdraw from society and confine themselves to their bedrooms. Failure to find employment resulted in 1/3 of the now 40-year-old population becoming shut-ins, or hikikomori. Today, there are around 613,000 hikikomori, according to a government survey in March 2019. The Lost Generation also presents the "80-50s Problem", which entails middle-aged, reclusive and unemployed Japanese in their 50's still dependent on their elderly parents in their 80's for housing and financial assistance. Social worker Reiko Katsube identified the 80-50s Problem and strives to cultivate connections among this community through the Toyonoka

Council of Social Welfare. Katsube recognizes that shut-ins deserve acceptance and a place within society. Katsube began reaching out to this community after the 1995 Kobe earthquake that left hundreds of thousands of people displaced. "Since the quake, we have been striving to nurture connections in the community to prevent lonely deaths," Katsube says. Hikikomori have endured societal isolation and a discouraging labor market for far too long. Unfortunately, the Covid-19 pandemic has exacerbated these issues.

Prior to the pandemic, the Japanese government realized the Lost Generation was in dire need of assistance after a May 2019 knife attack. A middle-aged man who had been without a job and living with his parents committed this brutal attack, killing two, injuring 18 others and subsequently stabbing himself to death. Japanese media alluded that this man had been suffering from the 80-50s Problem, indicating that shut-ins may be a "ticking time bomb."

The 1990's employment ice age had extended into multiple decades and its consequences prompted the government to finally take action. Former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's government announced plans to create over 300,000 jobs within three years.

Government action, however, is untimely. Experts predict that another major employment ice age will occur due to the pandemic. 2020's April to June quarter indicated a 28% dip in the Japanese economy – the most drastic during the postwar period. According to Recruit Works Institute's statistics, the class of 2021's ratio of jobs per graduate will drop from 1.83 to 1.53. In an employment system characterized by the saying, "The doors only open once," graduates may face a futile job market. Japan's Chamber of Commerce reports that 78% of small to midsize businesses will cut back the number of new hires because of the pandemic. How will the Japanese government save its Lost Generation while preventing another one?

Government intervention should include not only job creation but also psychological assistance. The government largely ignored psychological disorders until 2004, when a law was passed to support those with developmental disabilities. Many shut-ins struggle with hypersensitivity, compulsive tendencies, and lack of social awareness. If the government had addressed these disabilities earlier on, then the 80-50s Problem would not be as pervasive today. Many elderly parents of these middle-aged shut-ins regret treating their children terribly because they were unaware of the psychological inflictions from long-term unemployment. Japan's social welfare system must pursue efforts towards creating communities for shut-ins to share their experiences and network for employment opportunities, even if the pandemic limits connection to an online platform.

Approximately 1 million Japanese in their mid-30s to mid-40s are experiencing long-term unemployment. Boosting incomes while meeting the domestic demand for labor requires significant





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cooperation among local and national governments and companies. Former Prime Minister Abe's cabinet expressed willingness to use flexible macroeconomic policies, hoping to raise the minimum wage to 1,000¥ (\$9.20) and create over 300,000 jobs. However, these measures entail real sacrifices. Securing economic stimulus funds requires serious social security reforms, including increasing revenue from wealthier older people and raising the age to receive public pension from 65 to 70 years old. Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga was fairly popular among Japanese citizens. In an interview with Japan Forward, Abe described Suga as a "results-oriented politician" who will continue the policies of the previous administration. But now, how will Prime Minister Kishida fare?

Thousands of people apply for a national public service job, knowing that it provides a steady income. Not just any unemployed Japanese person can be granted a government-created job. To be hired as national public servants, the "ice age" generation must first pass government exams. Those who pass the exam must then undergo interviews. Out of the most recent 5,634 applicants who took the exam, only 157 will be offered a position, signifying a competition rate of 35.9 applicants to one job. This system seems much more cutthroat than the 1990s post-graduate job search, which may not resolve the problem.

Japan's ambitious plans for economic revival may flounder given the current circumstances. Emphasis on a flexible macroeconomic policy has entrenched Japan in a debt-to-GDP ratio of over 200%. Experts worry that government safety nets will hinder structural reforms from advancing economic development, causing companies to lose profit in the long-term. In order to escape and prevent another employment ice age, Japan must shift its focus to reducing trade barriers, attracting more foreign direct investment, and expanding the labor market.

As the workforce dwindles due to the aging population, the Lost Generation deserves a second chance to establish a career for themselves and repair Japan's stagnant economy.

I hope the Kishida administration takes the initiative and provides the support the Los Generation needs to help it become a productive element of society before it is too late for them.

D. Miyoshi

Was Germany or Japan the bigger enemy to the U.S. in WWII

This is an interesting question. Here is an answer proffered by John Dewar Gleissner, a well-known writer on WWII. His answer was published back on June 24, 2017 but the question is timeless so his answer should still be relevant. I offer it here for your consideration.

D. Miyoshi

In WW2, which was the greater enemy to the Allies, Germany or Japan? Why?



This exact question was answered by two top generals in the immediate aftermath of Pearl Harbor. Army Chief of Staff General George Marshall (above) concluded that the greater enemy was Germany. When General Dwight Eisenhower reported to Marshall, Marshall asked him to outline the approach to take relative to the two new enemies of the USA and to let him know which country should be the first priority to defeat. Eisenhower was given several hours to draw up his plans for winning the war relative to the two war theaters at opposite ends of the earth.

Eisenhower came up with the same conclusion Marshall had already reached, namely that Germany was the greater enemy and that the USA should focus on defeating Germany first and foremost. Eisenhower's independent review of the situation confirmed Marshall's opinion, and this was the recommendation



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they made to the president.

Germany was fighting Britain and the Soviet Union and was threatening to defeat one or both of them. At that time, Hitler and the Axis powers had taken more of Europe than any conquerors in history. Germany was much closer to the USA than Japan, and their U-boats could threaten the Atlantic seaboard and Gulf Coast. Russia and Britain could not help the USA in the Pacific much, but the USA could help both of them avoid defeat in the European Theater. **Supporting the other two major allies and keeping them in the war had to be the priority.**

Japan had expanded about as far as it could expand given its resources and was a Pacific Ocean away from the USA. The USA did not have the ready supplies, ships, planes or troops to send to the Philippines, which was under attack. The war in the Pacific would require many more ships to be built before the USA could effectively attack the Japanese mainland. In the meantime, Japan was not in a great position to threaten the USA, had decided not to attack the USSR and had already done maximum damage to the British in Asia. The USA was in position to bomb Germany, but would not be in position to bomb Japan for several years.



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Wokeness has become the “in” word for the ideology or mentality of radical leftist activists on college campuses, at protests, and on social media.

But wokeness has not been limited to just a handful of activists. It’s becoming a dominant mindset in the American workplace and the meeting halls, in both the public and private sectors, as a method to promote “anti-racism.”

Some clients and many associates of mine have asked what really is wokeness. Personally, I believe its genealogy stems from classical Marxism. But my background in politics is woefully insufficient to give an adequate treatise on the subject. Being conservative in political perspective I therefore looked for a respectable conservative authority in academia that could provide me reliable guidance on this question. I found that authority in Victor Davis Hanson, one of America’s leading contemporary thinkers on conservative political thought. Here is an article he wrote in January 2022 on Wokeness. It’s a bit scholarly, but its informative.

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Wokeism Is a Cruel and Dangerous Cult

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By Victor Davis Hanson



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Wokeism has been described by its critics as the omnipresent use of race—and to a lesser extent, gender—to replace meritocracy and thus ensure equality of result. What follows from implementing that ideology are reparatory actions to reward those of the present by atoning for the injustices done to others in the past.

Some see it as an update of 1960s cultural Marxism fads. Others scoff that it is just a return to 1980s-style political correctness.

Still more see it as the logical successor to 1990s-type race, class, and gender obsessions—albeit with a shriller and more dangerous Jacobin, Soviet, and Maoist twist. Wokeism’s hysteria also invites comparisons to the Salem witch trials and McCarthyism.

But few have described wokeism as the cruel creed that it is.

Wokeism’s natural logic is to destroy the lives of people of both genders, of all races, and—if need be—those of every age, all to leverage an otherwise unworkable ideological agenda. It is nihilist and destroys everything it touches. It tears apart foes and friends alike, whether by fueling media-driven hatred of Donald Trump or faux-deification of the disaster that is now Joe Biden.

Woke’s Victims

Defunding law enforcement and defaming police resulted in record numbers of murders in 12 U.S. cities. A wave of violent crime is even hitting America’s suburbs.

Without much fear of arrest, indictment, conviction, and incarceration, emboldened violent career criminals for the past year have robbed, assaulted, and killed the innocent with impunity.

The victims at the bus stop, the subway, or in the furniture store do not seem to warrant media or progressive attention, much less sympathy.

They are the ignored—the unnamed, and the forgotten collateral damage from the grand experiment of redefining crime as a social construct. The guilty are the elite academics, activists, and billionaires like George Soros who are untouched by what they birthed.

We have all seen videos of the vast expanse of flotsam and jetsam strewn by train thieves along the Union Pacific tracks in Los Angeles. Yet the Wild West mess is still more than just the concrete manifestations of Los Angeles County district attorney George Gascón’s unhinged efforts to excuse criminals from legal consequences.

The packages thrown along the ground by thugs and gangsters represent, among other things, lost COVID-19 test results of the ill. Presumably, they unknowingly are waiting still by the window for the delivery of results that never arrive. The package in the dirt was, perhaps, a key tractor part eagerly awaited, in vain, by the broke farmer in the Central Valley. The mess included the life-saving medicines shipped to the sick that disappeared.

And our elected leaders did what in response? Governor Gavin Newsom apologized for using the insensitive word “gangs” to describe those who plunder, loot, and trash railcars.

Always In Search of Targets

It is a cruel thing to indoctrinate children with the lie that they are innately guilty of oppression due to their skin color. One accurate definition of racism is collective ill-treatment of an individual due to his innate appearance—on the pretext that such bias is deserved, given the target is deemed mentally, spiritually, or morally inferior because of said traits. But that, in a nutshell, is the essence of critical race theory: the destruction of all human traits and unique characteristics, as demonized individuals are reduced to stereotyped, faceless members of a collective.

For over a half-century, female athletes have sought to achieve parity in society’s attitudes to sports. Title IX forced universities to ensure rough equality for both female and male sports.

But the woke effort to redefine transitioning biological males as identical to biological women will assuredly destroy the life work of thousands of pioneer athletes.

Ironically, the sexist woke movement has allowed men to take hormones and undergo surgery to become females—even as their immutable skeleton frames, muscularity, or organ characteristics ensure an unfair and asymmetrical contest.

The lives of thousands of young female athletes will likely be





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diminished. Each sprinter, every swimmer, and all female pole-vaulters will now inevitably at some future date have a rendezvous with career implosion—defined by losing to a transgendered female/biological male.

Records are being rewritten, the very nature of individual women's sports changed, and soon there will no longer remain an idea of "women's sports" at all.

The Forgotten Broken Eggs of the Woke Omelet

The green wokeists postulate that they are saving lives by radical efforts to restrict gas and oil production, to raise fuel prices. They want to force Americans to buy high-priced alternative sources of wind- and solar-generated power and battery-powered cars. But away from the faculty lounge, millions of Americans are colder and less mobile this winter, paying far more to heat their homes and to drive to work.

Most of the woke climate change activists rarely see the poor trying to empty their purses to scrounge combinations of cash and credit cards to leverage over \$100 to fill their cars' gas tanks. Tesla drivers might be the architects of last year's war on carbon fuels. But real-life victims pay for their piety—those who have no such options to buy high-priced electric cars.

For the cosmopolitan woke, the border is many things: a mere xenophobic construct, a racist barrier, a nationalist tic.

But the thousands who live near the Mexican border see their homes and farms overrun with drug traffickers—and during a pandemic thousands of unvaccinated and possibly sick illegal aliens. They suffer firsthand from daily violence as all security disappears.

For the American poor, who rely on government health clinics and state entitlements, the influx of thousands of illegal aliens into their communities becomes a zero-sum game. The more noncitizens put demands on such already oversubscribed services, the fewer citizens there are who will have access to quality care.

The woke lecture that colleges and universities must now go beyond their former de facto racial quotas for admissions and hiring, already mostly based on proportional representation and disparate impact. But now a sort of reparations system emerges. It is what the Left itself used to call in derision "overrepresentation."

Equity in our Orwellian world is not equality, but payback. Again, it is the idea of making the current generation pay for the

supposed sins of the long dead of centuries past.

Aside from the destruction of merit by the substitution of racial criteria, millions from a discarded generation will have doors slammed on their careers—simply because of the color of their skin. And they will never forget that.

The woke do not even make the effort to admit that class matters as much as, or more than, race. By doing so, they doom millions of poor white and Asian students, who managed in poverty to achieve excellent grades and test scores, from being admitted to top-tier schools. Their actual achievement, despite their absence of wealthy, college-educated, or well-connected parents, means little.

Once a morally bankrupt society—for naïve, utopian, or ignoble reasons—begins to calibrate graduation ceremonies, dorm space, roommate selection, achievement, and grading standards based on race, then it not only will lose its standard of living, but it will deserve to. And it may have a future date with the violence of Rwanda, Iraq, or the Balkans.

Power, Not "Equity," Is the Creed

In sum, wokeness is not about kindness, equality, fairness, or morality.

It is the power agenda of the elite of all races. For differing reasons, they rig the game in their own interests, without a care about who suffers.

Rich white people assume that they possess the money, the influence, the networking skills, and the connections to navigate around the very exclusionary rules they make for others. For them, there are seldom costs. But they win apparent psychological gain at feeling spiritually superior while driving a Range Rover.

They get high on the sense of power they wield to engineer the lives of millions deemed less important than they. And to the degree they feel guilty about their own monopoly of wealth and leisure, such transient superficial remorse is alleviated by abstract caring for the "other."

If they can ensure that 50 percent of TV commercials highlight African Americans, then they worry little about the nation's existential crisis of 800 blacks murdered in Chicago this year. And no such television execs have a clue—or likely a concern—about how to stop it.





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The woke take out a medieval contract that all their material indulgences can be balanced by virtue-signaling caring for the less fortunate—although always at someone else's expense.

Woke = Wealthy Careerists

And for the millions of the affluent, elite nonwhite? The resurgence of racial obsessions conveniently destroys the old idea of class, even though now it is the far more precise calibration of inequality.

For all the woke talk about “constructs” of gender, race is somehow alone exempted and declared innate, definable, and immutable. One's appearance becomes the permanent victimized refuge—even of NBA multibillionaires and billionaire rappers alike.

A Ward Churchill or Elizabeth Warren can desperately seek to leverage a career in becoming Native American, apparently as if they were almost trapped in their own white bodies. Yet they can still not manage to construct such assumed identities in the manner of Bruce/Caitlyn Jenner.

If race is now the sole immutable barometer of who is a victim, who a victimizer, then LeBron James, Jay-Z, Kanye West, Chris Rock, Michelle Obama, and Oprah Winfrey are always to be among the eternally oppressed. The enormous influence, power, status, and wealth they wield never negates their victimhood, despite a nation three generations into affirmative action.

In the immoral calculus of woke, the poor white or Southeast Asian offspring of poorly paid high-school dropouts constitute “the privileged.” And a multimillionaire racist like the TV anchorwoman Joy Reid claims to be the perpetual victim, not the inner-city African American retiree who in 2021 has lost local police protection.

No wonder the woke elite and the affluent leftists fixate on race, given they are now the ruling class. Otherwise, their own privilege would be the obvious target of the once-beloved “Revolution.”

So, they fear that by their own prior left-wing standards, they too could end up on the wrong side of their moral Maginot Line. Wokeism's obsessions with ferreting out “white privilege” are a way for rich people to head off (so to speak) the fate of Marie Antoinette.

Totalitarian Wokeism

A final note. We know wokeism is both contrary to human nature and antithetical to democracy and constitutional government.

Without public support, it has instead embraced an entire array of cruel, Soviet, and Maoist means to achieve its own self-interested ends. Woke talk about “racists” eerily emulates Soviet boilerplate about “counterrevolutionaries.” Today's wokeist spouts things that could come right out of the mouth of the novelist Boris Pasternak's character Army Commissar Strelnikov, or Mao's Little Red Book concerning “suppression of counterrevolutionaries.”

No wonder the woke, so-called “humanists” are the first to resort to Trotskyization and iconoclasm. They are masters of censoring, blacklisting, scapegoating, deplatforming, ritual humiliation, doxxing, cancel-culture, ostracism, and disbaring.

Wokeism's logic is the eternal one of the bully Jacobin with his guillotine lists of the revolutionary unpure, the 19th-century lynch mob storming the frontier jail, the Red Guards hounding the counterrevolutionary, and the forced mental hospitalizations of the Soviet Union.

But above all, wokeism is a cruel cult—created by and for the careerist benefit of the privileged.



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Genesis 12: 1-3

"I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

This is called the Abrahamic Covenant. It states God's immutable promise that any country or individual who blesses Israel, will be blessed and those who curse Israel will be cursed.

The following is a transcript of a recent *YouTube* program by Jonathan Cahn, renowned Messianic Rabbi and multiple New York Times Bestselling Author, explaining how the Abrahamic Code has, throughout human history, consistently impacted the nations of the world in accordance with their treatment of Israel and its people.

What he says is very revealing and begs the question, how will America fare as it continues to support Israel in the current Palestinian conflict in the Mid-

east. As of late June Israel is spreading the conflict into Lebanon against Hezbollah. Will America continue to support Israel and what will happen to it and Israel if it does not?

At this very moment America can be at a critical crossroads regarding the Abrahamic Covenant. After Biden's very underwhelming debate against Trump on June 27, we wonder if this will result in a Trump victory and lead to America assuming an overwhelming support of Israel? It also begs the question, does Trump subscribe to the Abrahamic Covenant? Interestingly, at this very moment it has been leaked that a prominent US congressperson has revealed that a powerful foreign Israeli lobbying group has been influencing the Republican party for its support. We can only wonder how much influence that lobbying group has over the Democratic party. But only time will tell what the level of American support for Israel against its enemies will be and the ultimate impact of the Abrahamic Covenant on America's destiny. Things are going to get wild.

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In Genesis, God promised to Abraham, "I will make you a great nation and the whole world will be blessed in you. And whoever blesses you, I will bless and whoever curses you I will curse."

This means that whatever person or power or empire





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or individual blesses Israel or the Jewish people will be blessed in some way. Whoever curses them will be cursed. But it means more than that. It's also the law of reciprocity meaning, how do you bless or curse Israel. Whatever you do to Israel will be done to you and that includes people. I can say I've never met a person in my life who loved Israel, loved the Jewish people and wasn't a blessed person. Never.

And I've never met a person who hated the Jewish people who wasn't cursed. Never. That's true for people and it's true for nations, even for America.

I'll give you a quick overview of the ancient world.

About 3,500 years ago, the center of the world was not New York City, it was Egypt with the Pharaohs and the Egyptian Empire. It ruled the known world. But around 3,200 years ago, Egypt turned against the Jewish people. They oppressed them, enslaved them, exploited them and that led to the Exodus. All of a sudden, the Egyptian Empire collapses, becomes nothing and never rises again.

The Empire existed for thousands of years, then comes against the Jewish people, curses them and suddenly it becomes a secondary power. I will curse those who curse you. Hmmm.

The next big nation is Assyria (today's Syria) who were the Nazis of the ancient world. They are the inventors of terrorism, and they utterly destroy the Northern Kingdom of Israel (the Ten Tribes). You never see the Northern Kingdom and the Ten Tribes of Israel ever again. That is where you get the Ten

Lost Tribes of Israel. When you see the Jewish people today, it is only the Southern Kingdom of Israel. What you do to Israel, will be done to you.

Suddenly Babylon rises and attacks Syria and wipes them off the earth. So much so that there is no trace of Assyria left. Nobody knew where Assyria was until the 1800's. When Alexander the Great marched through the area, he never saw the remains of the capital city of Ninevah because it was buried so deep. As you do to Israel it will be done to you.

Babylon not only attacked Israel, but they also depopulated Jerusalem and exiled the people to Babylon in the great Babylonian captivity. Jerusalem became a ghost city.

Then Babylon is attacked and defeated by Persians and Babylon becomes a ghost city. The Babylonian people are depopulated and taken to another city. As the Babylonians did to Israel it was done to them.

We read about the next great power in the Book of Daniel. The Persian Empire.

What does Persia do to Israel? They do something that is unique. They're the only power, up to that point, that in a way, blesses Israel. They allowed Israel to return to the land. Kings Darius and Cyrus allowed the Jews to return to Jerusalem, rebuild it but





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on a smaller scale as a province, never to its former glory.

What does God do to Persia? Persia collapses but God allows Persia to rebuild its empire. It became the Parthian empire, but it's smaller than it was before. Then it falls again and becomes the Sasanian Empire. God allows the various Empires to continue into the 21st century and we know it today as Iran. That's why Iran exists.

And it's the only reason it still exists. Iran hates Israel, but it doesn't realize it exists because of Israel. Because back then, under Kings Darius and Cyrus they allowed Israel to continue in a smaller way. So, God has allowed Persia to continue on in a smaller and smaller way. Iran has continually tried to regain its glory but never regained it. God has preserved Iran as a nation only because they preserved Israel and that is the only reason Iran exists today.

We should think about that. It's amazing. And Iran is now trying to destroy Israel. What will that mean for Iran in the future?

Next comes Greece. Greece was against Israel, not so much physically, but spiritually. Greece tried to end the religion of Israel and make the Jewish people turn away from the God of Israel to the God of the Greeks. And they used Greek culture and the Greek language to get the Israeli people away and apostatize them. Well, what happened to Greece? Very interesting.

Antiochus the Greek King, who is considered a symbol of the Antichrist, in his last year of reign, drops dead. His empire collapses within a few years and he is no more. But beyond that, what God does to Greece is what they did to Israel. God causes the Greeks to turn away from their own gods and turn to the God of Israel. And the Greek language that was supposed to get the Jews to apostatize, God uses it to spread the Gospel. That's why the New Testament is in Greek.

The next Empire is Rome. What does Rome do to Israel? It destroys it, shatters it, spreads it across the world. Rome spreads the Jewish people all over the world. That's why you have Jewish people in Hollywood, Jewish people in New York, Jewish people in Branson Missouri. It's because of Rome. Rome spread them across the world. And what does God do to Rome?

Rome is scattered across the nations of the world. Rome, in some ways, never ended because the Roman government is all around the world. The senates throughout the world are from Rome. The position of president is from Rome. The capitals throughout the western world all look like the Roman buildings. Our language is Latin based. The language was shattered, became French, Spanish, Portuguese. Italian and even parts of English. So, Rome actually was scattered over the entire world in so many ways.

After the ancient world came a great power called





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Byzantium or the Byzantine Empire. It is strong, but all of a sudden there comes Emperor Justinian. He passes all sorts of laws against the Jewish people called the Code of Justinian. The laws are a sort of war against the Jewish people. They can't read the Bible in Hebrew, the laws take property from them, and oppresses them in many ways. Right after he does this, the Plague of Justinian strikes. It's the Bubonic plague. It's the Black Death.

And it returns to every generation in Byzantium for centuries, and within about a century and a half, Byzantium is shattered, has almost nothing left. It becomes a shadow of itself.

Then the Jewish people start being persecuted by Europe. What happens is Mohammad and Islam rises. Now I want to say something here. Sometimes God allows powers to rise up as a judgment, not that he's for that power, but he allows them to be a judgment on the others. And so even when we see the rise of Islam now against Europe and against America, as America and Europe are turning away from God, this other power rises up. Well, it happened back then as well. God actually allowed the Islamic empire to rise up. Europe was oppressing the Jewish people. But the Islamic Empire, not so much. So he allowed them to prosper for a time. So, God can even use these enemies of God for his purpose.

But in Europe, what happened in the Middle Ages?

Europe starts persecuting the Jews. I mean, big time, they expel them. England, France in the 1,300's all sorts of persecution befalls the Jewish people. In that same century, the black plague happens again. The same thing that happened with Justinian, the bubonic plague returns to Europe. Then comes the 100 Years War between England and France. They also expel the Jews. It becomes the worst time in history for the Jews.

One other key empire to mention is Spain. The Jewish people go to Spain. They are blessed there and prosper there. There are hundreds of thousands of them there. And what happens to Spain? It rises and rises to become the Spanish Empire. But just as it's rising, a guy named Torquemada comes into power. He orders an inquisition. The Inquisition was launched against the Jews, and he convinces Isabella and Ferdinand to order all Jews out of the country by a given date. The order is you either leave or you get killed. So the Jewish people have to leave Spain. Well, Spain was in power at the time and controlled the entire new world and should have been the leading power for centuries. But what happens is Spain starts deteriorating until it becomes a second-rate power. Soon there is nothing left of the Spanish Empire. It all collapses as Spain turned away from the Jews.

And the thing is that at that time there was another power the Jewish people fled to from Spain. It was Amsterdam. The Dutch people welcome the Jewish people and say we're going to bless you. Amsterdam





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blesse the Jewish people, allows them to prosper and what happens to Amsterdam? The unlikely city becomes a world empire. The Dutch Empire spreads all over the world. God just raises up this unlikely region. They become the great Dutch Empire and they, with Jewish people involved in everything help found America. New Amsterdam becomes New York City. I will bless those who bless you. You know, t's like clockwork.

I mean, and it's going to become much more dramatic depending upon what happens in the American Empire.

More recent regional examples of the effect of the Abrahamic Covenant involved the 2016 Israeli prime minister election.

Netanyahu was up for election, and it was clear that Obama didn't want him to win the election because if Obama could get Netanyahu out, Obama's plan for the Middle East would likely happen. So, what happened? The lesson is you do not interfere in another country's election.

If you remember during that election, news article after news article came out about the Obama Administration using taxpayer dollars to campaign against Netanyahu and that Obama's campaign team arrives in Israel to defeat Netanyahu. All the polls were saying that Netanyahu was going to be defeated. If you remember, all the news organizations were gloating

because they hate Netanyahu. And then two days before the election, all of a sudden, the news goes silent. A news blackout. They didn't report anything more about what happened.

People were asking what's going on in Israel? And despite all the polls, Benjamin Netanyahu won the election. And when he won the election, the news did not report it. Finally, Netanyahu said, listen, if nobody's going to report it, I'm going to report it. And so he did.

Obamas interference in that election came to nothing. But the Abrahamic Covenant still operated.

Whatever you do to Israel will be done back to you. If you intervene in the election of Israel, God will intervene in your election.

In the 2016 US presidential election, Obama's administration was speaking about how there was intervention in this election by the Russians. It's the Russians, it's the Russians. Well, whether the Russians, did anything or not. God is in control of all these things.

Obama sought to end the agenda of Benjamin Netanyahu and his position and instead Obama's agenda in the US and his legacy was stopped.

Obama had done much of these changes not through the Congress but through executive action. So if you bypass Congress and violate the Abrahamic Covenant by executive action you will die by executive action.





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In other words, if Hillary Clinton had won the election, then all of the executive actions of Obama would have been instituted for years. It would have become American policy. But if you get another President who is not for those policies, then all those things such as abortion and border security would cease. Because Obama went against the Jewish people God intervened and stopped his legacy and his policies.

Now, not everything Obama did has been undone. But in the very first days of Trump's administration, he signed executive orders undoing many things.

Incredible. Very few people expected Donald Trump to win that election. But God's word is true. Four Thousand years ago, God's word was true, and his word never changes. Administrations come and go, but the word of God endures forever.

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