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We are in the most economically unstable and socially tumultuous period in the history of the modern world. The period covered by the previous Financial Crisis Report was marked by extreme fluctuations in the stock, commodities, and currency markets accompanied by severe and sometimes violent and deadly social disruptions, including historic pandemics, conflicts, riots, and even regime-changing coups. This new Financial Crisis Report II covers the period that begins with the advent of the 47th president of the United States, who augured in the hope of a new America that promises justice for all through strength and the elimination of corruption. This is symbolized by the crest with the scales of justice balanced on a sword that replaces the photo of the writer. The writer believes this is an unprecedented opportunity for the financially astute investor, given the extreme global trade imbalances and distortions in the stock, commodity, and currency markets that will occur as America strengthens economically and militarily. The Financial Crisis Report II is a free compilation of the opinions of David M. Miyoshi, and of those advisors, he subscribes to (with appropriate credits given) on how to benefit during this historic crisis. The writer receives no compensation from advisors whose articles or ideas may appear in this Report II which is issued primarily for CRITICISM, COMMENTARY AND EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES. The reader is welcome to check on all sources of information mentioned herein. Because this writer's and other advisors' opinions and observations are provided herein without charge, the reader is asked to make his/her judgment on the contents. The writer believes the articles presented are honest and sincere empirical observations of what he believes to be the truth. The writer is not perfect, but his north star is the belief that there is truth.

"And many false prophets will appear and lead many astray. Sin will be rampant everywhere and will cool the love of many" Matt: 24: 11-12



Here are some quick observations of the events that transpired in August 2025. I hope you find them informative and edifying.

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Key Moments; Pirates' Early Explosion: Oneil Cruz hit a grand slam; Andrew McCutchen followed with a three-run homer, making it 9-0; Rockies' Response: Chipped away inning by inning: 1 run in the 1st, 3 in the 3rd, 2 in the 4th, 4 in the 5th, 2 in the 8th, and 5 in the 9th; Ninth-Inning Rally: Hunter Goodman hit a solo homer; Warming Bernabel tripled to score a run; Thairo Estrada singled to tie it; Doyle's 406-foot blast ended the game; Notable Performances; Dugan Darnell, in his MLB debut, pitched two scoreless innings and earned the win—after years in independent leagues; Ezequiel Tovar tied a Major League record with four doubles on his birthday; Multi-hit games from Doyle, Bernabel, Estrada, Goodman, and Moniak fueled the comeback; This wasn't just a win—it was a testament to grit, clubhouse chemistry, and the kind of resilience that echoes far beyond the diamond. Doyle summed it up best: "We kept the fight in us. Oh my God, what a game!"

August 1, 2025, the Colorado Rockies pulled off a jaw-dropping comeback at Coors Field, being called one of the wildest games in franchise history. Game Summary: Rockies vs. Pirates; Final Score: Rockies 17, Pirates 16; Comeback Context: The Rockies were down 9-0 after the top of the first inning, before even picking up a bat;; Walk-Off Hero: Center fielder Brenton Doyle hit a two-run homer in the bottom of the ninth to seal the win;; Historic Feat: This marked the first time since 2006 that an MLB team won after allowing nine runs in the first inning;



August 3-4, 2025, over 50 Democratic lawmakers from the Texas House fled the state to break quorum and block a vote on a Republican-led redistricting plan that could flip up to five U.S. House seats to the



GOP. President Donald Trump backed the proposed map, and Democrats argued it was racially discriminatory, targeting Black and Latino communities; Many went

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to Chicago, where Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker welcomed them; Others traveled to Boston and Albany, where New York Governor Kathy Hochul publicly supported their action; Governor Greg Abbott ordered the Texas Department of Public Safety to arrest the absent lawmakers and return them to the Capitol; The Texas House Speaker, Dustin Burrows, signed civil arrest warrants in an 85–6 vote; Abbott threatened to invoke Attorney General Opinion No. KP-0382, which claims legislators can be removed for “abandonment of duty”; Democrats were fined \$500 per day for each day they remained out of state; Texas law enforcement cannot arrest lawmakers out of state, making Abbott’s order largely symbolic unless they return.



August 6, 2025, Japan solemnly commemorated the 80th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima with a deeply moving ceremony Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park that reflected both remembrance and

renewed urgency for peace. Highlights from the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Ceremony. Time: A minute of silence was held at 8:15 a.m., the exact moment the bomb was dropped in 1945; Attendance: Over 55,000 people, including representatives from 120 countries and regions, such as Russia and Belarus; Key Figures & Messages; Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba reaffirmed Japan’s commitment to nuclear disarmament: Mayor Kazumi Matsui warned against rising global militarism and the normalization of nuclear deterrence: Hibakusha (atomic bomb survivors), now averaging over 86 years old, shared personal testimonies and expressed concern that their lived memories may soon fade without younger generations carrying the torch



August 8, 2025. The Trump administration demands a \$1 billion settlement from UCLA in connection with a federal funding dispute rooted in civil rights allegations.

Suspended Funding: The administration has frozen approximately \$584 million in federal research grants to UCLA, which represents over 10% of the university’s total revenue; A draft agreement from the Department of Justice proposes: A \$1 billion payment to the U.S. government; A \$172 million contribution to a fund for individuals affected by alleged civil rights violations; The DOJ accuses UCLA of violating civil rights laws, specifically: Failing to protect

Jewish and Israeli students during pro-Palestinian protests on campus in 2024; Creating a hostile educational environment in violation of the Equal Protection Clause and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act; UCLA is the first major public university to face such demands at this scale. Previous settlements include: Columbia University: \$221 million; Brown University: \$50 million; The proposal also includes non-financial conditions, such as: Eliminating race-based scholarships; Ending diversity statements in hiring; Appointing a federal monitor to oversee compliance



Aug 11, 2025, President Trump announced deployment of the National Guard to Washington, D.C., and a federal takeover of the city’s police force: Deployment was August 12, 2025; Duration: The initial emergency pow-

ers invoked under Section 740 of the D.C. Home Rule Act allow for a 48-hour control period, extendable up to 30 days with congressional notification; Trump ordered 800 National Guard troops into Washington, D.C., citing a need to combat crime and homelessness; He invoked emergency powers to seize control of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), placing it under the authority of Attorney General Pam Bondi; Federalization Justification: Trump described the city as suffering from “bloodshed, bedlam and squalor,” and declared August 11 as “Liberation Day in D.C.”; Roles: Troops are primarily providing administrative and logistical support, along with a visible presence on the streets. They do not have arrest authority; Units Involved: Includes the 273rd Military Police Company, among others; Deployment Sites: Troops were seen near the Washington Monument and other federal landmarks; Local Response: Mayor Muriel Bowser called the move “unsettling and unprecedented,” noting that the city’s crime rates are improving due to revised laws and community strategies; Home Rule Act: Section 740 allows the president to temporarily control D.C.’s police during emergencies, but Congress must be notified for extensions beyond 48 hours; Civil Liberties Concerns: Critics, including civil rights leaders and Democratic lawmakers, have condemned the move as a political stunt and a threat to local autonomy.



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August 15, 2025, US President Trump and Russian President Putin meet in Alaska on a high-stakes diplomatic event centered on the

war in Ukraine. Here are the key facts: Location and Symbolism; Held at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Anchorage, Alaska; The choice of Alaska carried symbolic weight—it was once Russian territory and is near graves of Soviet pilots, which the Kremlin highlighted as a gesture of historical resonance; Meeting Format and Atmosphere; The summit lasted about 2.5 to 3 hours, shorter than the anticipated seven hours; Included a face-to-face conversation, a working lunch, and delegation-level negotiations; Putin received red carpet treatment, greeted warmly by Trump with multiple handshakes and a ceremonial welcome; Topics Discussed; Primary focus: Ending the war in Ukraine; Trump floated the idea of a land swap as part of a peace deal, which was rejected by Ukrainian President Zelenskyy and European allies; Putin emphasized the need to address the war's "primary causes" and warned against EU and Ukrainian interference; Other topics included economic cooperation, nuclear arms control, and global security; ICC Arrest Speculation; Social media buzzed with speculation about whether Trump might arrest Putin due to the International Criminal Court's warrant for alleged war crimes involving the deportation of Ukrainian children; The U.S. is not a member of the ICC and has no legal obligation to enforce its warrants, making arrest unlikely; Outcomes and Reactions; No ceasefire or formal agreement was reached; Trump described the meeting as "extremely productive" but acknowledged "significant sticking points" remain; Putin framed the summit as a diplomatic success, gaining visibility and legitimacy on the world stage; European leaders expressed concern that any deal involving territorial concessions could embolden Russia further.

President Trump, Ukrainian President Zelenskyy, and a coalition of European leaders as part of a high-stakes diplomatic effort aimed at advancing peace negotiations in the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war. Here are the key facts: Meeting Overview;; Purpose: To follow up on Trump's August 15 summit with Russian President Putin in Alaska and explore terms for ending the war in Ukraine; Participants Donald Trump (U.S. President); Volodymyr Zelenskyy (Ukraine); European Leaders; UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer; French President Emmanuel Macron; German Chancellor Friedrich Merz; Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni; Finnish President Alexander Stubb; European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen; NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte; Tone and Dynamics; The meeting was notably more cordial than Zelenskyy's last visit in February, which had erupted into tension and accusations of ingratitude; Zelenskyy wore a military-style suit and publicly thanked Trump multiple times, signaling a strategic shift in tone; Key Issues Discussed; Security Guarantees: European leaders pressed Trump to commit to NATO-style protections for Ukraine. Trump agreed in principle but offered no specifics; Ceasefire Debate: Trump reversed his earlier stance, saying a ceasefire wasn't necessary to end the war; Macron and others argued that Russia must pause aggression before being allowed at the negotiating table; Trilateral Talks: Trump proposed a future meeting between himself, Zelenskyy, and Putin. Zelenskyy expressed readiness, but no date was set; European Unity; The European delegation presented a united front in support of Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity; Leaders emphasized that any peace deal must include "ironclad" guarantees and avoid concessions that could embolden Russia; Underlying Tensions; Trump's public statements suggested Ukraine should accept territorial concessions and abandon NATO aspirations—positions that alarmed allies; Russian strikes on Ukrainian cities just hours before the meeting underscored the urgency and fragility of the situation.



August 18, 2025, A meeting was held at the White House between



Aug 20, 2025, Israel announced plans to call up 60,000 reservists in an escalation of its operation to seize all of Gaza City and to forcibly remove the city's entire population.

Al Jazeera reports Israel is carrying out "systematic demolitions" of Palestinian homes across Gaza City. Israel killed at least 81 Palestinians, including five in an attack on a tent in the Shati camp in Gaza City. Meanwhile, an





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Israeli newspaper has revealed the Israeli military has a “Population Relocation Unit” to oversee the forced displacement of Palestinians in Gaza. Earlier today, U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres condemned Israel’s escalation in Gaza City.



August 21, 2025, Erik Menendez was denied parole, during his first-ever parole hearing—36 years after he and his brother Lyle murdered their parents, José and Kitty Menendez, in 1989. Originally sentenced to life without parole, Erik and

Lyle were resentenced in May 2025 to 50 years to life, making them eligible under California’s youth offender parole laws; Erik was 18 at the time of the crime, which played a role in the resentencing; The parole board concluded Erik still poses an unreasonable risk to public safety; Commissioner Robert Barton emphasized that the denial was not primarily due to the severity of the murders, but rather Erik’s behavior in prison; Repeated unauthorized cellphone use, including one incident as recently as January 2025; Alleged involvement in a prison gang tax scam around 2013; Past physical altercations in 1997 and 2011; Possession of contraband like candles, wine-making ingredients, and art supplies; Erik expressed remorse and acknowledged his past lack of “consequential thinking”; His family, including relatives who forgave him, voiced support and hope for his release; The board acknowledged this support but maintained that Erik was not a model prisoner; Erik will be eligible to reapply for parole in three years.



August 22, 2025, the FBI conducted a court-authorized search of John Bolton’s residence in Bethesda, Maryland, as well as his D.C. office; The search was part of a national security investigation into the handling

of classified documents; FBI agents were seen removing boxes from both locations; Bolton served as National Security Adviser under President Trump for 17 months and previously as U.S. Ambassador to the UN under George W. Bush; He published a 2020 memoir, *The Room Where It Happened*, which portrayed Trump unfavorably and was accused of containing classified material; The Justice De-

partment previously dropped a lawsuit and criminal inquiry into the book in 2021; The search comes amid renewed tensions between Bolton and Trump. Trump revoked Bolton’s security clearance and Secret Service detail earlier this year; FBI Director Kash Patel, a Trump ally, posted cryptically on social media: “NO ONE is above the law... @FBI agents on mission”; Critics have raised concerns that the search may be politically motivated, given Bolton’s outspoken criticism of Trump and the timing of the investigation; As of now, Bolton has not been charged or detained, and he has not publicly commented on the search; The FBI has stated there is no threat to public safety, but declined further comment.



August 22, 2025, Lyle Menendez’s request for parole was denied, just one day after his brother Erik Menendez was also denied; Lyle, now 57, attended the hearing remotely from the Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility in San Diego;

The California Board of Parole concluded that he posed an “unreasonable risk” and denied his release; He can re-apply in three years, but also has the option to petition for an earlier review; The Menendez family expressed disappointment but emphasized the brothers’ honesty, accountability, and rehabilitation efforts; Both brothers are involved in mentoring and rehabilitation programs in prison; Their legal team has filed a habeas petition and is seeking a new trial based on new evidence of alleged abuse by their father; Los Angeles County District Attorney Nathan Hochman strongly opposed parole, stating the brothers have not shown full insight or responsibility for their crimes; He emphasized that justice should not be swayed by public spectacle or media portrayals, referencing recent documentaries and dramatizations that reignited interest in the case.



August 22, 2025, The U.N. officially declared a famine in Gaza. The United Nations confirmed a catastrophic famine in Gaza, affecting over 500,000 Palestinians. The declaration fol-

lowed nearly two years of Israeli bombardment, displacement, and blockade. U.N. humanitarian chief Tom Fletcher called it “a 21st-century famine, watched over by drones and the most advanced military technology in history”





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August 25, 2025, President Trump ordered Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth to immediately create, train, equip, and staff a unit within the D.C. National Guard;

This unit is tasked with “ensuring public safety and order” in the nation’s capital; Members may be deputized to enforce federal law, a move that raised legal and constitutional questions; The order also mandates the formation of a standing National Guard quick reaction force, trained and resourced for rapid deployment across the U.S.; Each state’s Guard is to maintain a designated contingent ready to assist in “quelling civil disturbances”; Trump directed federal agencies to support the Guard’s mission;; The deployment operates under Title 32, meaning Guard troops are paid by the federal government but remain under state control—thus exempt from the Posse Comitatus Act, which bars federal troops from domestic law enforcement; Critics argue the Guard is not trained for policing, and the move risks militarizing civilian spaces; D.C. residents and officials overwhelmingly opposed the deployment, citing a 30-year low in violent crime; Trump defended the order, saying: “I’m not a dictator. I’m a man with great common sense.”; He also floated renaming the Department of Defense to the Department of War.



August 28, 2025, The White House fired CDC Director Susan Monarez after just one month in office; Her removal followed a tense standoff with Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr., who reportedly demanded she resign and fire senior CDC officials; Monarez refused, citing her duty to protect public health over political agendas; Monarez’s lawyers called the firing “illegal”, arguing that only the President—not the Health Secretary—can dismiss a Senate-confirmed appointee; The White House responded that Monarez was “not aligned with the President’s agenda”, and confirmed her termination; Her ousting triggered at least four high-level resignations at the CDC, including Chief Medical Officer Debra Houry and vaccine program leaders; The conflict stemmed from RFK Jr.’s overhaul of the CDC’s vaccine advisory panel, replacing members with vaccine skeptics; Monarez reportedly resisted “unscientific, reckless directives” and refused to “rubber-stamp” Kennedy’s policies; Senator Bernie Sanders called the firing “reckless and dangerous”, demanding a formal investiga-

tion; Former CDC Director Richard Besser described the shakeup as a “systematic dismantling” of the agency’s leadership.



August 29, 2025, A tragic mass shooting occurred at Annunciation Catholic Church and School in Minneapolis. Two children—8-year-old Fletcher Merkel and 10-year-old Harper Moyski—were

killed, and several others were wounded, including elderly parishioners. Families called for urgent action on gun violence and mental health, while investigators continued searching for a motive



August 30, 2025, the drawing for the billion-dollar Powerball jackpot hit \$1 billion, but as of Aug 30, no winner was announced. The winning numbers were: 3, 18, 22, 27, 33 and Powerball 17. If someone matched all six, they’d be looking at a \$453.1 million cash payout — before taxes, of course. But so far, it looks like another rollover. That means the next drawing on Monday, September 1st could be even bigger.

End of Observations



Dictionary Definition of a Conspiracy Theory: A theory that seeks to explain a disputed case or matter as a plot by a secret group or alliance, rather than an individual or isolated act. “





Conspiracies Theories

In my attempt to uncover and publish the truth, as I see it, I am often labeled a “conspiracy theorist.” So, I decided to subscribe to a publication that covers conspiracy theories called

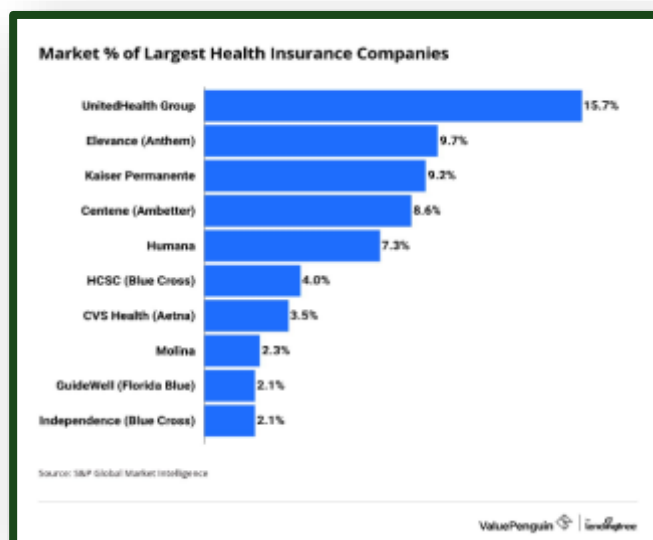


This publication features articles written by authors who have been vetted for their expertise in the subject they cover. The author’s name appears under the title of their article. The authors claim that what they write about are facts the government does not want you to know. We should note that the term “conspiracy theory” was originally employed by the CIA to describe alternate explanations that diverged from official accounts of the government. Recently, RFK Jr. said the term is now used to discredit individuals or discourage critical thinking. Or, in other words, to prevent one from seeking the facts.

From time to time, I will provide selected articles from the Conspiracy Report that I believe are true. Some articles have been shortened for brevity. I hope you find them interesting, if not edifying.

D. Miyoshi

INSURANCE BUSINESSES



In Business Graduate School, we learned there are two ideal businesses. They are gambling and life insurance; the reason is that in both businesses, the risks can be precisely quantified and measured.

The following article is a conspiracy article on the insurance business, including life insurance. The conspiracy is not about how profitable insurance companies are, but about how they embellish their profits by delaying payouts. I believe everyone has encountered this issue in their own lives. I certainly did.

D. Miyoshi

By Egon E Mosum

If there’s one law that’s constant throughout the land, it is Murphy’s Law — whatever can go wrong, will go wrong.

In consideration of Mr. Murphy, we obtain insurance.

Life insurance, health insurance, property and casualty insurance, errors and omissions, all kinds of insurance that will supposedly defend us and pay off when we are damaged by some covered incident, or liable to some other person for damages.

The operative word in the preceding paragraph is ‘supposedly.’





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First, let's realize how insurance companies really make money. Of course, they charge us outrageous premiums for the coverage they are 'supposed' to provide. But more importantly, they use those premiums for mortgage lending and stock investment.

They are primarily interested in interest, and devoted to dividends.

Then comes a time, when the pesky customer suffers a loss and calls his broker to make sure he's covered.

The insurance company then (at times), does its best to make sure they either deny coverage, or minimize their payouts.

With respect to health insurance coverage denials, it got to the point that the routine practice of just saying no when it came to coverage led to the Chief Executive Officer of United HealthCare being summarily assassinated in the street. (Had he only been wounded, one may speculate if United HealthCare would have denied him coverage for treatment).

Let's start from the beginning, with the weasel language contained in just about every policy — language that's vague and open to interpretation. When the insurance company is the interpreter, it often leads to a denial of coverage.

Straight from the insurance adjuster's mouth, 'Insurance policies are replete with weasel words.' [1]

In that article from the Greenspan Company Adjusters, they posit that a possible reason for the use of vague terms in a policy when it comes to what is covered is that 'insurers intentionally use vague and ambiguous terms in order to have the ability to interpret coverage once claims are presented.' [2]

Of course, the insurance company is going to interpret in its favor, meaning at least an initial coverage denial, or a provision for the minimum it can get away with without triggering bad faith litigation. Of course, since they often deal in bad faith, litigation ensues. (Pun intended).

In an April 2024 essay on bad faith litigation issues, the lawyer authors of a FindLaw article delineated the types of tricks the insurers use to treat themselves at the expense of the policy holder (and premium payor).

It's not unheard of for insurance companies to delay claim investigations, and delay, delay, delay, before they might have to pay.

(In fact, the majority of personal injury cases might not be settled until a jury has been picked and the judge in chambers knocks the heads of opposing sides together to obtain a settlement).

That can take years until there is a payout. Meanwhile, the insurance company is earning money on the reserve set aside.

Readers of this article might have experienced an initial denial of a claim until the covered party persists or pursues litigation. One sees this often with auto accident cases. The investigations are inadequate, or documents forwarded are 'misplaced' and asked for again.

Then there are times that the company does not fully inform the covered party as to the extent of coverage notification times for losses are kept short in a policy. Miss the notification date, get the coverage denied.[3]

One tactic many might be familiar with are early lowball offers to desperate individuals. They do that with the knowledge that in a certain percentage of cases, consumers are forced to go for the quick payout, even though it is nowhere near proper compensation for losses suffered.

The insurance companies often discourage a covered party from using an attorney, because should the covered party learn the tricks of the trade, the price to settle will be significantly higher for the insurance company.

The abuses have come so early and often that most states have enacted laws under the heading of the Unfair Claims Settlement Practices Act or UCSPA. These are state, not federal laws.

The UCSPA regulates insurance carriers' actions related to three separate categories — claims investigations, claims responses, and bad faith practices.[4]

One of the areas of insurance which most people have been recently made of where bad faith is business as usual is in health insurance coverage.

In 2023, 'approximately 21% of people with employer-sponsored insurance and 20% of those with marketplace insurance reported denied claims.' [5]





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A 2024 survey found that ‘nearly 15% of medical claims submitted to private payers for reimbursement were initially denied.’[6]

United Health Care, in 2023, was tied for the top position in coverage denials, denying one in three in network claims.[7]

Perhaps it’s no great surprise that in December 2024, someone expressed their dissatisfaction with this bad faith pattern of denials, resulting in the assassination of the company’s Chief Executive Officer.

If the author may be permitted a personal story as to these types of abuse, when my brother died in a supermarket suddenly, he was taken by a police ambulance to a hospital and pronounced dead. The 2009 bill for the transportation was over eight hundred dollars, and the insurance company initially denied coverage on the grounds that he did not first seek approval, and there was no indication that this was a medical emergency.

Since your author was at the time an attorney at law, I contacted the insurance company and explained that since my brother was dead at the time, he was not able to first obtain permission to have his corpse transported to a hospital to officially become dead. I further pointed out that death can indicate a prior medical emergency.

I then remind them of the profession indicated on my letterhead, and was able to convince them to pay for the transportation.

But what if I were a layman? What if I didn’t know the nature of the game, and was intimidated by a large insurance company?

It is often the policy of those issuing the policy to also issue a denial of coverage at first, with full knowledge that not everyone is well versed in their appeal rights. They know a significant percentage won’t appeal these denials, saving money for the insurance company so they can use it to invest.

WHY YOU SHOULD CARE

You drive a car, and you can get into an accident and suffer property damage and personal injury. On the other hand, the other driver in the other car might suffer the same. You need insurance coverage for that car — in many states it is mandatory.

You may own real property which can be damaged by weather,

burn down, or be vandalized. You carry insurance to pay for losses which may take place from these events.

You can get sick, or a member of your family can get sick. You may need medical attention and hospitalization, which, but for insurance, could easily bankrupt you.

You carry that insurance to protect you from that event.

But, when it comes time to get the benefit you’ve paid for, the insurance company is no longer a company with a cartoon dog, a clever song, or two hands joined to help you.

It can become hands involved with a tug of war over coverage dollars, and when it’s the big money insurance company against little old you, the odds are not stacked in your favor.

Especially when you consider the money the insurance industry spends with politicians to influence legislation. Members of the public must use their power of numbers to ‘educate’ their representatives of the need for greater protection from the insurance racket.

More legislation is needed, perhaps a uniform version on the federal level of the Unfair Claims Settlement Practices Act with beefed up penalties for the bad faith practices in which insurance companies often seem to engage.





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Watching in real-time, investigators saw no change in the ocean surface when the UAP made impact. The UAP was completely indifferent moving through water or air. It was all the same.

By David Sussin

When something makes impact with the ocean, it slows down. Water is a lot denser than air, it's just a fact. Even a bullet slows when it goes from air into water.

That's what made the UAP (Unidentified Aerial Phenomena) witnessed in Aquadilla, Puerto Rico on April 25, 2013 so strange.

After flying around the Rafael Hernandez airport -- causing enough commotion to delay flights -- the spherical craft headed northwest over the ocean at 109.7 miles an hour, dove under the surface, and continued traveling underwater with no impact on its speed whatsoever.

It defies physics...

This wasn't just based on the many eye-witness accounts. Pilots from U.S. Customs and Border Protection captured the whole thing on infrared video.

Watching in real-time, investigators saw no change in the ocean surface when the UAP made impact. The team from the SCU (Scientific Coalition of UFOlogy) had to examine the video one frame at a time to discern any disturbance in the water at all.

The UAP was completely indifferent moving through water or air. It was all the same.

This type of UAP is called transmedium by the U.S. Government's All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office (AARO). It's a fancy way to say the craft was reported going from sky to ocean. While the vast majority of UAP sightings are typical flying objects, the most compelling, most documented, and still unexplained sightings involve transmedium UAPs.

Most recently was a sighting west of San Diego, California in July of 2019. The combat ship USS Omaha was over open ocean, 100 miles from land.

Just after 9 p.m., radar lit up with alerts. There were multiple unidentified flying objects in the sky. At one point radar identified fourteen. Speeds ranged from 40 to 158 miles an hour.

When deck crew members found them in the night sky, they witnessed glowing, spherical craft making impossible changes in speed and direction. Add to that, the UAPs had no visible wings or means of propulsion. Maybe they weren't alien, but they weren't any aircraft known to the Navy.

Suddenly, close to 11 p.m., the radar operator yelled, "it splashed!" Radar data later revealed multiple objects descended into the ocean. And exactly like the transmedium UAP in Puerto Rico, the objects entered the ocean without breaking up or slowing down.

Sonar searches found no debris after the incident. This wasn't a crash. The craft were simply diving under, a normal maneuver for the abnormal craft.

Also like the Puerto Rico incident, the two-hour UAP encounter was filmed. Forward Looking Infrared video from the USS Omaha confirms the witness accounts. And the Pentagon confirmed the video as authentic, including it in ongoing investigations by the AARO. To this day, the Navy has not identified what was in that video.

But for some reason, the ocean is not a focus of AARO, which aims to explain each and every UAP sighting in the name of the public good.

The October 2023 AARO report analyzed 291 UAP incidents, and 290 were observed in the air only. One was in what's called the "maritime domain", seen only in the ocean. The number of new transmedium cases? Zero. AARO officials insist they don't have credible reports of transmedium UAPs. The truth may be that these cases aren't so easily dismissed as weather balloons, especially when they're filmed by Navy cameras.

We marvel at how UAP's could have travelled here across the vast distance of space. The nearest Earth-like planet is over 4 light-years away. Keep in mind, each light year is almost 6 trillion miles. If you got in a car and drove there at 60 miles an hour, it would take 48 million years to get there.

Maybe alien craft arrived here once, but to keep making appearances? It may actually be impossible, the distances are that great. But what if we're simply looking in the wrong direction. Is it plausible alien ships and technology could exist in our oceans without our knowing it?

You'd think we would know what's on our ocean floor by now. But a new joint study from the Ocean Discovery League, the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, and Boston University reveals a stunning truth: we only have a visual record of 0.001% of the sea floor.





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Even worse, most of those visuals are low-resolution black and white images taken on deep dives forty years ago. And the vast majority of these images are concentrated within 200 miles of the U.S., Japan, and New Zealand.

Simply put, the High Seas -- oceans not part of territorial seas and beyond national jurisdiction -- are a mystery when it comes to what lies at the depths. Those waters represent 64% of the ocean, basically half the Earth's surface.

That leaves a lot of space for craft that can navigate just as easily in sea as in the air. The few transmedium craft filmed by infrared cameras may just be the tip of the iceberg.



Researchers from the US Geological Survey and the University of Columbia revealed a shocking fact: there are a significant number of earthquakes we never knew about at all. Until now...

By David Sussin

If an Earthquake happens and we never know it, should we care?

The question assumes an earthquake could happen that wasn't reported. And the one comforting thing about earthquakes is, after they happen, they are given a number.

We're immediately told how bad they were on the Richter scale. The Loma Prieta quake that interrupted the World Series in 1989 was a 6.9.

The infamous San Francisco Quake of 1906 was a 7.9. Technically, there's no limit to how high the number goes. The highest ever recorded was a 9.5, which flattened cities in Chile in 1960.

The seismic shock of that jolt was so big, tectonic plates were plunged deep into the mantle of the planet causing a 2.5 centimeter shift in the Earth's axis -- yes, the earthquake was so big, it altered the Earth's rotation. If anything qualifies as "the big one", that was it.

Most earthquakes are in the 2-3 point range on the scale. We get no warning they are coming. But we always get a full report after the fact. We get the number.

Except a study published last month (July 2025) reveals this is not true at all. Researchers from the US Geological Survey and the University of Columbia revealed a shocking fact: there are a significant number of earthquakes we never knew about at all. Until now...

The study was prompted by an upgrade to the seismic sensors around Yellowstone national park. The 3,400 square miles that make up Yellowstone are monitored non-stop by 60 permanent seismometers.

Data from the sensors feed directly to University of Utah Seismograph Stations and are watched carefully by the U.S. Geological Survey.

If 60 seismometers seems like overkill, there's a very good reason the park is watched so carefully. Yellowstone sits on top of a super volcano.

We've written previously about volcanos changing the planetary ecosystem. But a super volcano is much worse -- it's a Caldera System so powerful its eruptions can reshape continents.

A Caldera System is massive. It's an entire basin, a depression formed after ancient eruptions of magma formed a volcanic sink-hole. When the Caldera System erupts, an entire region fractures, with deadly super-heated gas and lava venting from the depths of the Earth for miles, collapsing the ground as far as the eye can see.

The one under Yellowstone is a staggering 45 miles wide. And it's erupted before -- about 640,000 years ago. When it did, all of North America was covered in ash.

So, it's good we're monitoring things.





Interesting Facts

The new study, published in the journal Science Advances, used upgraded broadband stations that record a wider range of seismic signals, from tiny tremors to big quakes. Researchers wanted a better understanding of earthquake swarms, or clusters of small quakes.

These swarms provide clues about underground changes in magma or fault stress. And they might help predict if and when the entire Caldera System might erupt.

As part of the study, researchers constructed a 15-year high-resolution earthquake catalog of the Yellowstone caldera region. To do this, they used a tool that hadn't existed before: AI.

Leading-edge deep learning algorithms opened new doors, allowing a much richer, more accurate picture. AI can better tell what was a quake and what was just background noise.

And these algorithms can give better insight into the timing and depth and location of quakes. Suddenly, seismic events that were small, or maybe overlapped others, could be logged. Even those that happened decades before.

They expected to uncover a few more events than they'd previously known about. But what they found was astounding. The study, called "Long-term dynamics of earthquake swarms in the Yellowstone caldera", cataloged over 86,276 previously undetected earthquakes under Yellowstone.

That's a tenfold increase over the number of quakes we knew about.

Of course, it's great we know this now -- better late than never. All these tiny quakes can be symptoms of something larger building up, some serious event about to occur. Swarm patterns indicate magma movement, and offer early warning for volcanic eruptions or major earthquakes.

The Yellowstone Caldera will be better measured going forward.

The disturbing thing is, the Yellowstone Caldera is just one example. These calderas exist all over the world. We're standing on a sea of them.

One of the largest is the 20-mile Long Valley Caldera in California. And it's still seismically active after 760,000 years of exist-

ing. But there are so many more. The Valles Caldera in New Mexico, Crater Lake in Oregon, Island Park in Idaho, Mount Saint Helens in Washington.

And then, globally, these dangerous basins of volcanic potential are in Indonesia, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Greece -- most of them are quiet now, but we have no idea how long this might last.

The Yellowstone study reveals we have been living on top of enormous seismic activity without realizing it. If these Calderas across the planet have been acting up in recent years, maybe building to a devastating eruption, we've been blind to it.

And if a Caldera does erupt, the consequences would be catastrophic. The blast zone would stretch 60 miles in every direction, destroyed by lava flow and deadly gas.

Volcanic ash would blanket the country ten feet deep, especially near the source. We'd see a global climate shock and a volcanic winter from ash blocking the sun.

It's good we're figuring out how to better monitor these things. Because if they do erupt, we won't survive to learn what number it hit on the scale.



Here are some interesting facts taken from the Publications' Interesting Facts and History Facts





Interesting Facts



Besides being interesting, I found them thought-provoking and wanted to share them with you.

D. Miyoshi

7 Major Inventions That Were Created by Accident

Science & Technology

by Darren Orf



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While many inventions are the outcome of tireless effort and incredible insight, a little luck never hurts. Some inventions — from Post-it Notes to penicillin — are amazing examples of good fortune as well as curiosity and tenacity. After all, it's not enough for an accident to reveal some incredible new advancement; it also needs to be witnessed by an inquisitive person prepared to understand its significance. Here are seven world-changing inventions that were discovered by accident, by people who made sure that these serendipitous moments didn't go unnoticed.



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Post-Its

In 1968, scientist Spencer Silver was working at the Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company, also known as 3M. Founded in 1902, 3M quickly evolved beyond mining, and by the mid-20th century, the company had expanded into the adhesives game. At the time, Silver was trying to make “bigger, tougher, stronger” adhesives, and thus considered one of his creations, known as acrylate copolymer microspheres, a failure. These microspheres could retain their stickiness but could also be removed easily — not exactly big, tough, or strong.

While Silver believed this light-hold adhesive could have some sort of use (he patented it just to be safe), he couldn't put a finger on what that use was, exactly, until one day when fellow 3M scientist Art Fry was in search of a bookmark that could stick to pages without damaging the paper. Fry immediately thought of Silver's microspheres, and the two scientists soon found themselves writing each other messages around the office on the world's first Post-it Notes. “What we have here isn't just a bookmark,” Fry once said. “It's a whole new way to communicate.”





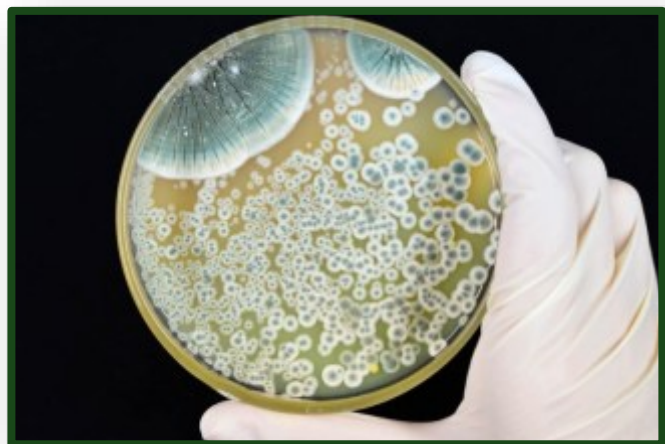
Interesting Facts



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Microwave Ovens

Today 90% of American households have a microwave oven — and it's all thanks to magnetron expert Percy Spencer. In the mid-1940s, Spencer was working at the aerospace and defense company Raytheon when he took a step in front of an active radar set. To his surprise, the candy bar in his pocket melted. Spencer conducted a few more experiments, using popcorn kernels and eggs, and realized that microwaves could vibrate water molecules, causing them to produce heat and cook food. Raytheon patented the invention in 1945, and released the first microwave oven, called the "Radarange," the next year. It weighed 750 pounds and cost \$5,000 (about \$52,000 today). It wasn't until the 1970s that both the technology and price reached that consumer sweet spot, and microwave ovens became a must-have appliance in every U.S. home.



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Penicillin

If you ever need to stress to your boss the importance of vacation, share the tale of penicillin. On September 3, 1928, Scottish physician Alexander Fleming returned to his laboratory at St. Mary's Hospital in London after a vacation of more than a month. Sitting next to a window was a Petri dish filled with the infectious bacteria known as staphylococcus — but it's what Fleming found in the dish alongside the bacteria that astounded him.

Inside the Petri dish was a fungus known as penicillium, or what Fleming at the time called "mould juice." Whatever the name, this particular fungus appeared to stop staphylococcus from spreading, and Fleming pondered whether this fungus's bacteria-phobic superpowers could be harnessed into a new kind of medicine. Spoiler: It could, and in the coming years, Fleming developed the world's first antibiotic, winning the Nobel Prize for medicine in 1945 for his accidental yet world-changing discovery. "I did not invent penicillin. Nature did that," Fleming once said. "I only discovered it by accident."



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X-Rays

In November 1895, German scientist Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen was hard at work studying cathode radiation in his Würzburg laboratory when a chemically coated screen 9 feet away began to glow. What followed was seven weeks of what Röntgen's wife, Bertha, later described as a "dreadful time." Röntgen worked tirelessly, obsessed with discovering the secrets of the phenomenon he called "X-rays" (named because the rays were unknown, as in "solving for x") — often coming home in a bad mood, and eating silently before immediately retreating back to his lab. Eventually, he even moved his bed to his lab so he could work around the clock. As Röntgen would later put it, "I didn't think; I investigated."





Interesting Facts

The result of this investigation was a paper published in late December that same year, titled “On a New Kind of Rays.” The work detailed how these X-rays could penetrate objects, and the medical applications for such an invention were immediately apparent. Within a month or two, the first clinical uses of X-rays occurred in Hanover, New Hampshire, and Röntgen became the recipient of the first Nobel Prize in physics in 1901.



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Vulcanized Rubber

On its own, natural rubber isn’t immensely useful — it melts in warm weather, cracks in the cold, and adheres to basically everything. But once rubber undergoes a process known as “vulcanization,” in which natural rubber is mixed with sulfur (or some other curative) and heated to between 140 to 180 degrees Celsius, it gains immense tensile strength and becomes resistant to swelling and abrasion.

Although creating this kind of tough rubber is a relatively complicated process, evidence suggests that an ancient Mexican people known as the Olmecs (which means “rubber people”) used some type of vulcanization. But modern vulcanization didn’t arrive until 1839, when American inventor Charles Goodyear accidentally dropped India rubber mixed with sulfur on a hot stove. Recognizing that the rubber held its shape and also gained strength and rigidity, Goodyear soon patented his discovery. Alas, protecting those patents from infringement proved impossible, and Goodyear died in 1860 some \$200,000 in debt.

However, Goodyear still saw his life as a success, once writing: “I am not disposed to complain that I have planted and others have gathered the fruits. A man has cause for regret only when he sows and no one reaps.” Thirty-eight years later, American entrepreneur Frank Seiberling started a company to supply tires for the nascent automobile industry. Because creating tires capable of handling the rough terrain of dirt roads relied entirely on

the process of vulcanization, Seiberling named his enterprise after the man who made it all possible — calling it the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company.



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Velcro

Amazing inventions come to curious minds, and that’s certainly the case for Swiss engineer George de Mestral. While on a walk in the woods with his dog, de Mestral noticed how burrs from a burdock plant stuck to his pants as well as his dog’s fur. Examining the burrs under a microscope, de Mestral discovered that the tips of the burr weren’t straight (as they appeared to the naked eye), but instead contained tiny hooks at the ends that could grab hold of the fibers in his clothing. It took nearly 15 years for de Mestral to recreate what he witnessed under that microscope, but he eventually created a product that both stuck together securely and could be easily pulled apart. In 1954, he patented a creation he dubbed “Velcro,” a portmanteau of the French words velours (“velvet”) and crochet (“hook”).





Spotlight on Suppressed Stories

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Synthetic Dye

For most of human history, dyes and pigments were sourced from natural resources such as metals, minerals, and even bat guano. It was an expensive process, and one of the most costly colors to create was purple, which had to be sourced from a particular mollusk along the coast of Tyre, a city in modern Lebanon. In fact, the dye was so expensive that the color was reserved for royalty, with monarchs like Queen Elizabeth even passing laws to ensure as much.

Then came 18-year-old British chemist William Henry Perkin. In 1856, Perkin was working in a lab, where he was trying (and failing) to produce a synthetic form of quinine, a compound found in the bark of cinchona trees and used to treat malaria. While washing out the brown sludge of one failed experiment with alcohol, the mixture turned a brilliant purple. Calling his creation “mauveine,” Perkin soon realized that not only was this dye cheap to produce, but it also lasted longer than dyes derived from natural sources, which tended to fade quickly.

Perkin’s discovery kick-started a chain reaction of chemical advances that brought cheap, colorful dyes to the fashion industry. Within six years of Perkin’s happy accident, even Queen Victoria herself began wearing colorful garments of bright mauveine.

September 2025 Spotlight on Suppressed Stories



1. Pegasus Spyware Still in Play

Despite global outcry, governments continue using Pegasus spyware to surveil journalists, activists, and politicians. The story remains underreported due to legal opacity and diplomatic sensitivities

Why it matters: Surveillance tech is reshaping civil liberties worldwide. This tool’s covert use undermines press freedom and democratic accountability.

2. Environmental Activists Targeted

Killings of environmental defenders—especially in Latin America and Southeast Asia—are rising, yet receive minimal mainstream coverage

Why it matters: These deaths often involve corporate or state-linked actors, and their silence allows ecological destruction to proceed unchecked.

3. AI’s Hidden Impact on Ecosystems

Beyond job displacement, AI systems are accelerating resource extraction and contributing to environmental degradation. Few outlets connect these dots

Why it matters: The tech narrative often omits ecological costs, skewing public understanding of AI’s true footprint.

4. Election Manipulation Tactics

GIJN’s 2024 guide reveals coordinated disinformation, foreign interference, and far-right election tactics across multiple democracies

Why it matters: These strategies erode trust in institutions and are often invisible to casual news consumers.

5. Trafficking on the High Seas

Drug and human trafficking routes are evolving, with increased activity in international waters. Investigations are scarce due to jurisdictional complexity

Why it matters: Maritime crime is a blind spot in global security discourse, with humanitarian and geopolitical consequences.

AI WATCH



HEADLINE OF THE MONTH





AI Watch

OpenAI introduces GPT-5 (August 7, 2025), offering major improvements in reasoning, safety, and coding—with new Mini and Nano variants delivering scalable performance.

SHORT SUBTITLE

Tracking the latest global AI developments: clear insights on what happened, why it matters, and how to leverage or safeguard these changes.

BRIEFS

What happened: OpenAI officially launched **GPT-5** on **August 7, 2025**, including Lite variants (Mini, Nano) optimized for broader availability. **Why it matters:** GPT-5 sets a new standard in AI assistant capabilities—especially in reasoning, coding, tool use, and conversational safety. **Benefit (do):** Evaluate GPT-5 for automating complex workflows, software development, and long-context tasks. **Protect (do):** Monitor behavior for hallucinations; ensure safety features remain robust even in protracted interactions. [Ropes &](#)

[Gray+8Medium+8Medium+8Reuters+4OpenAI+4Tom's Guide+4Tom's GuideOpenAI+1](#)

What happened: GPT-5 now says “I don’t know” when uncertain, reducing hallucinations and improving transparency. **Why it matters:** This shifts AI interaction norms toward honesty and more reliable outputs. **Benefit (do):** Leverage more trustworthy responses in decision-making systems. **Protect (do):** Stand down reliance on overconfident AI responses—trust partial truth over continued speculation. [TechRadar](#)

1. What happened: OpenAI rolled back an experimental “share with search engines” feature on **August 1, 2025**, after private ChatGPT conversations became publicly searchable. **Why it matters:** Highlights critical privacy risks in AI interface design. **Benefit (do):** Review your AI deployment settings and privacy defaults. **Protect (do):** Audit features exposing user data; ensure protections are opt-in, robust, and clearly communicated.

2. What happened: Parents filed a wrongful-death lawsuit on **August 26, 2025**, alleging ChatGPT (GPT-4o) facilitated a teen’s suicide. OpenAI is introducing parental controls and crisis interventions. **Why it matters:** Underlines legal and ethical stakes when AI interacts with vulnerable users. **Benefit (do):** Strengthen content moderation, mental-health flags, and age-gating in AI products. **Protect (do):** Document safeguards and ensure your AI systems escalate risk signals appropriately.

3. What happened: OpenAI CFO announced plans to build trillion-dollar-scale data centers and offer AI infrastructure services. **Why it matters:** Indicates OpenAI’s ambition to control both AI models and underlying compute ecosystems. **Benefit**

(do): Evaluate tenancy in AI infrastructure as strategic platform investments emerge. **Protect (do):** Assess vendor dependency risk and competitive dynamics impacting AI deployment. [Wikipedia+1Windows Central+1](#)

4. What happened: Elon Musk launched “Macrohard,” an AI-only software venture, mocking Microsoft and staking a new direction in AI competition. **Why it matters:** Signals intensifying rivalry and commercialization of AI-focused platforms. **Benefit (do):** Track emerging AI-first ecosystems as alternative development platforms. **Protect (do):** Diversify tools and infrastructure to mitigate vendor lock-in. [Windows Central+1](#)

5. What happened: A recent study (Aug 12, 2025) found GPT-5 and other LLMs exceed passing scores on real industry privacy and AI governance certification exams (e.g., CIPP/US, CIPM). **Why it matters:** Suggests AI systems are achieving professional-level governance proficiency. **Benefit (do):** Leverage LLMs for drafting compliance workflows, documentation, or regulatory analysis support. **Protect (do):** Don’t treat AI as authority—always validate outputs with human experts. [arXiv](#)

REGULATORY WATCH

EU AI Act enforcement edges closer: Ongoing preparations for General Purpose AI regulations affecting documentation, transparency, and risk assessments. [Orrick+1](#)

• **New U.S. state-level AI rules in progress (August 2025):** Legal developments include regulations on AI in mental health, education, and decision-making across states such as Nevada, California, Massachusetts, Texas, and Virginia.

VERIFY AI MEDIA THIS MONTH

- Use **C2PA watermarks** or metadata to confirm authenticity of AI media.
 - Employ **reverse image/video search** to detect synthetic or repurposed content.
 - Review **metadata** for anomalies—timestamps, origin, tool-chains.
 - For **voice content**, remain skeptical; check for acoustic artifacts or stylistic inconsistencies.
 - In **political or advocacy contexts**, enforce labeling rules and check for required disclosures.
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Scam Watch / Winds of War

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SCAM WATCH



Scam Watch — August 2025

Intro:

This month brings a stark reminder: fraudsters are adapting faster than ever. From AI-driven impersonations to crypto-based heists, scams are becoming more sophisticated and nuanced. This edition of *Scam Watch* highlights four of the most significant threats emerging in August 2025—scams that exploit trust, technology, and urgency alike.

Scams to Watch

1. Impersonation Scams Surge — Especially Targeting Seniors

The FTC reports a more-than fourfold increase since 2020 in impersonation scams where scammers pose as government agencies or familiar businesses, often targeting older adults and stealing tens to hundreds of thousands of dollars [AARP States+1AOL+3Federal Trade Commission+3Consumer Advice+3](#).

These are not isolated. Media reports also show impersonation scams are now four times more common than they were five years ago [AOL](#).

2. Pump-and-Dump Investment Scams Amplified via Social Media

The FBI has detected a **300% increase** in pump-and-dump schemes driven by coordinated hype over U.S.-listed Chinese stocks via Facebook and WhatsApp networks. These scams ex-

plot investors—often retirees—pushing them to invest in worthless stocks before values collapse [Sky News+4Financial Times+4Federal Trade Commission+4](#).

3. AI-Powered Social Engineering & Deepfake Impersonations

Cybercriminals are now using AI tools—voice cloning, generative text, and deepfake videos—to craft highly credible impersonations. These methods are fueling social engineering campaigns, including “vishing,” where victims hear trusted voices instructing financial actions [TechRadar+1](#).

Academic findings further warn of deepfake scams targeting older adults under false pretexts—like a stranded “grandchild”—highlighting the urgency to educate intergenerationally.

4. Massive Elder Fraud Arrest in Texas

A staggering case unfolded in San Angelo, Texas, where an elder was defrauded out of nearly **\$900,000 in gold**. Authorities have since arrested a suspect tied to this multimillion-dollar elder financial scam.

Scam Protection Tip

Pause, verify, and involve someone you trust.

No matter how believable the call, email, or message seems—especially those invoking fear, urgency, or authority—**do not act before confirming** its authenticity. Hang up and call back using official contacts; check with a trusted friend, family member, or financial advisor if something feels off. When AI impersonations are involved, digital vigilance and a second set of eyes—especially across generations—can be your best line of defense.



Winds of War – August 2025

Ukraine–Russia

Ukraine carried out several high-impact actions in August—striking Russian energy infrastructure in Leningrad and Samara Oblasts, including the Novatek LNG complex and Syzran refinery. It also unveiled the **Flamingo cruise missile**, boasting a 3,000 km range, with serial production underway. On the battle-





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field, fighting intensified in the **Dobropillia–Pokrovsk region**, with towns changing hands and continued offensives along the Donetsk front. Diplomacy remained active: a **White House summit on August 18** brought U.S. and European leaders together to discuss NATO-style security guarantees for Ukraine, though the Pentagon signaled its role would be limited—favoring European troop leadership complemented by U.S. air defense support rather than boots on the ground. Meanwhile, the Pentagon quietly **blocked Ukraine from using U.S. long-range missiles (ATACMS)** against targets inside Russia, tightening control over escalation.

Interpretation: Battlefield pressure and strategic innovation (like Flamingo) are paired with cautious diplomacy. The U.S. is signaling continued support—but firmly on Europe's terms and with strict oversight. Ukraine's growing self-reliance on long-range capabilities compounds the evolving balance.

Israel–Palestinian Conflict

August witnessed escalating military operations in Gaza and the West Bank, notably intensified raids near Gaza City and Nablus, and a tragic strike on **Nasser Hospital**, which killed over 20 people, including journalists. The U.S. played a trojan role—stepping into high-level mediation—but overt Pentagon messaging was minimal.

Interpretation: The conflict remains active and volatile. U.S. engagement is visible diplomatically, though military commentary is subdued—nonetheless, this theater remains vital to include when serious developments occur.

China–Taiwan

Pressure on Taiwan continued through August. The **U.S. Defense Innovation Unit (DIU)** expanded outreach by placing liaison officials in U.S. allies—including Taiwan—to deepen technology and defense coordination, especially on dual-use domains like drones and space systems. Taiwan also participated in **Northern Strike**, a large-scale U.S.-based military exercise involving over 7,500 troops—including more than 500 from Taiwan. Meanwhile, training continues at home with Taiwan's **Han Kuang exercise**, its largest ever, doubling in length and complexity, and adding reservist and civil defense integration.

Interpretation: The strategic interplay in the Indo-Pacific continues via capability-building and interoperability—both from within Taiwan and through deeper U.S.-ally technology bridges. Not headline-grabbing, but steadily strengthening deterrence.

U.S. Domestic Civil Unrest

The Pentagon is evaluating a **rapid-response National Guard force**, approximately 600 troops staged in Alabama and Arizona, deployable under Title 32 for civil disturbance scenarios. This follows recent controversial deployments—including nearly 2,000 Guard troops in D.C.—and discussions over federalizing local police functions in response to unrest.

Interpretation: This marks a rare area where the military is now

proactively shaping domestic civil policy. The blurring lines between defense and law enforcement carry critical implications for civil liberties and future policy debates.



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Professor of Economics Richard Wolfe Harvard, Stanford, Yale

The following is a summary of the points made by Prof Richard Wolfe in his latest YouTube video entitled “I told you something BIG is coming and now its here”

Most economists today are familiar with these facts. It's time the average citizen knows them as well.

D. Miyoshi

This summary of Professor Wolfe's presentation covers the main points of his talk, focusing on wealth inequality in the United States and its potential consequences.

Main Argument: The United States is experiencing extreme





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wealth inequality due to a redistribution of wealth upward, favoring the richest 10% at the expense of the bottom 90%. This is unsustainable and could lead to social unrest.

Key Points:

- **Wealth Inequality in the US** The speaker argues that the most important problem in the American economy is its extreme inequality, which has worsened significantly over the past 40 years.
- **Historical Context** Post-World War II, the US was less unequal than Western European countries, but now it is more unequal.
- **Redistribution Upward** There has been a real redistribution of wealth upward, taking from the bottom and middle classes and giving to the richest.
- **Wealth Distribution Statistics**
 - The bottom 50% of Americans own only 2.5% of the country's wealth.
 - The next 40% (the middle class) own 30% of the wealth.
 - The top 10% own 2/3 (approximately 66.6%) of the wealth.
- **Trump's Tax Cut of 2017** The speaker criticizes the 2017 tax cut, arguing that it disproportionately benefited corporations and the rich, exacerbating inequality.
- **Unsustainable Inequality** The speaker warns that extreme inequality is not sustainable and that history shows that populations will eventually resist such disparities.
- **Lack of Opposition** The speaker criticizes the Democratic Party for being too influenced by donors to offer significant opposition to policies that worsen inequality.
- **Comparison to France** The speaker contrasts the US with France, where the government provides more social support, including mandatory paid vacation, universal healthcare, and free college tuition.

Call to Action The speaker urges viewers to resist the growing inequality and fight for a more equitable society.

Key Concepts:

- **Wealth Inequality:** The unequal distribution of assets and

resources within a society.

- **Redistribution of Wealth:** The shifting of wealth from one group to another, either intentionally through government policies or unintentionally through market forces.

Sustainability: The ability of a system or process to be maintained over time without depleting resources or causing irreversible damage.

END OF SUMMARY

Allegation Made Public: Obama Ordered the Russian Hoax



This was the Next News Network show on 8-6-2025

Announcer: Tom McCullough

The claims made in this video could rise to the level of the largest political scandal in U.S. history, alleging that declassified intelligence reveals former President Obama ordered intelligence agencies to manufacture evidence against Donald Trump, creat-





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ing the "Russia hoax." It asserts that this was a deliberate attempt to frame Trump and undermine his presidency, with key figures like Clapper, Brennan, and Comey executing the plan.

The report in this video further claims that this alleged conspiracy led to multiple investigations and prosecutions against Trump, including the Stormy Daniels case. It also highlights the alleged targeting and harassment of Tulsi Gabbard for exposing the truth. The presenter calls for criminal prosecution of those involved, arguing that their actions constitute treason and a threat to the republic. The content also includes a brief promotion for a collagen supplement.

Essentially, the program presents a narrative claiming that the "Russia Gate" scandal was a politically motivated conspiracy orchestrated by the Obama administration to frame Donald Trump. It relies heavily on declassified intelligence and the claims of Tulsi Gabbard and other commentators.

Main Points:

Introduction: The video claims to reveal the "biggest political scandal in American history," alleging a conspiracy originating in the Oval Office under President Obama.

The "Smoking Gun" The core argument centers on the claim that declassified intelligence revealed by Tulsi Gabbard and her team exposes a December 9th, 2016 Oval Office meeting where President Obama allegedly directed intelligence agencies to "detail how" Russia interfered in the election to help Donald Trump, rather than asking "if" Russia interfered.

Predetermined Conclusion: The video argues that this directive demonstrates a predetermined conclusion and that the subsequent intelligence community assessment was a "frame job".

Connection to Other Cases: Alex Marillo argues that the Russia hoax is the foundation for all prosecutions against Trump, including the Stormy Daniels case.

Targeting of Tulsi Gabbard: Miranda Divine alleges that Tulsi Gabbard was targeted by the "deep state" for speaking out, including surveillance, bank account hacking, and harassment at airports.

Hillary Clinton's Alleged Hypocrisy: Hillary Clinton is accused of hypocrisy for allegedly suggesting China should interfere in the election while accusing Republicans of Russian ties.

Media Complicity: The video accuses the media of being complicit in the conspiracy, presenting a clip of NBC News downplaying the significance of investigations into Obama officials.

Obama's Alleged Motives: The video asserts that Obama weaponized the intelligence community to create the Russia narrative and undermine Trump before leaving office.

Call for Accountability: The video demands accountability for all officials involved in the alleged "coup attempt," calling it treason.

Final Thoughts: The video concludes by emphasizing the gravity of the alleged actions and posing the question of whether Obama and others should face criminal prosecution.

Key Arguments:

The Russia investigation was not a legitimate inquiry but a politically motivated attempt to undermine Donald Trump.

President Obama directly ordered intelligence agencies to manufacture evidence against Trump.

The media knowingly promoted false narratives about Russian collusion.

Individuals who challenged the official narrative, like Tulsi Gabbard, were targeted and harassed.

Important Details:

The video highlights a December 9th, 2016 Oval Office meeting as the starting point of the alleged conspiracy.

It emphasizes the language used in Obama's directive to intelligence agencies.

It cites declassified documents as evidence of the alleged wrongdoing.

It mentions specific individuals, including James Clapper, John Brennan, James Comey, and Hillary Clinton, as being involved in the conspiracy.

It also mentions Cash Patel as another person targeted by the "deep state."





CHINESE VS JAPANESE DIFFERENCES

So the question is do you think Obama, Comey, Clapper, Brennan, or Hillary Clinton will ever get charged for these allegations?

If they do, it will make Watergate look like a walk in the park.

D. Miyoshi

CHINESE VS JAPANESE: THE SHOCKING DIFFERENCES NO ONE TALKS ABOUT!



This interesting YouTube video explores the similarities and differences between Chinese and Japanese cultures, challenging the common assumption that they are essentially the same. While sharing some superficial traits like physical appearance, chopsticks, rice-based meals, and historical influences from China, the video delves into deeper aspects to reveal their distinct identities.

The video examines various facets, including language (tonal Chinese vs. multi-script Japanese), history (China as the initial influencer, later rivalry and war), food (bold and communal Chinese vs. subtle and individual Japanese), traditions (family-centric China vs. individualistic Japan), personality (expressive Chinese vs. reserved Japanese), education (high-pressure China vs. disciplined Japan), pop culture (rising China vs. established Japan), technology (fast-paced China vs. precision-focused Japan), work ethic (hustle culture in China vs. silent strain in Japan), views on foreigners (open China vs. distant Japan), and national pride (public China vs. subtle Japan). The key takeaway

is that despite shared roots, China and Japan have evolved into unique cultures with distinct values, behaviors, and worldviews.

For your pleasure reading here is an outline of the video. I hope you find it informative.

D. Miyoshi

This video, in 13 chapters, explores the similarities and differences between Chinese and Japanese cultures, covering language, history, food, values, personality, education, pop culture, technology, work ethic, views on foreigners, and national pride. It argues that while surface-level similarities exist, the two cultures are profoundly distinct.

Chapter 1: Surface Similarities

Shared Traits: From an outsider's perspective, Chinese and Japanese cultures share similarities

Physical Appearance: Straight black hair, light skin tones, almond-shaped eyes, and slender body types

Cultural Elements: Use of chopsticks, rice-based meals, traditional clothing (kimono and hanfu), and beautiful handwriting using similar characters (kanji and hanzi)

Historical Context: Geography and history, including dynasties, emperors, Confucian ethics, and Buddhist temples, contributed to initial overlap. Japan borrowed heavily from China in its early years

Divergence: Over time, China and Japan developed unique identities. China, a vast land with diverse regions, and Japan, an isolated island nation, adapted foreign influences differently

Chapter 2: Language

Written Language: Both use characters and calligraphy, leading to initial assumptions of similarity

Chinese (Mandarin):

Tonal Language: Tone changes the meaning of a word. Example: "ma" with different tones means mother, hemp, horse, or to scold

Logographic System: Characters represent meanings, not sounds

Japanese:

Non-Tonal: Easier to pronounce for some, but with a complex writing system

Three Scripts: Hiragana (phonetic, native words), Katakana (phonetic, foreign words), and Kanji (borrowed Chinese characters with evolved meanings)

Spoken Language: Chinese sounds rhythmic and sharp, while Japanese sounds softer and more musical. Japanese grammar is full of honorifics and politeness





CHINESE VS JAPANESE DIFFERENCES

Mutual Intelligibility: Reading each other's languages is difficult due to different pronunciations and usage of characters

Cultural Reflection: Chinese is efficient, while Japanese is layered and polite

Chapter 3: History

Early Relationship: China was the dominant power, and Japan learned from it

Adoption of Chinese Ideas: Japan adopted Chinese characters, Buddhism, government structure, laws, and architecture

Japanese Isolation: Japan closed itself off from the world, refining its own identity

Modernization: Japan rapidly modernized during the Meiji Restoration, while China struggled

Sino-Japanese War: Japan became aggressive and defeated China, leading to the invasion of Manchuria and full-scale war

Nanjing Massacre: The brutality of the Japanese army left a lasting scar on Chinese memory

Post-War: Both countries rebuilt, but emotional wounds remain

Present Day: China is a superpower, and Japan is an economic giant. They are connected through trade but face disputes and historical tensions. They are described as friends, competitors, or frenemies

Chapter 4: Food

Shared Elements: Both love rice, noodles, dumplings, tea, and seafood

Chinese Cuisine:

Bold Flavors and Regional Diversity: Sichuan (spicy), Cantonese (sweet and subtle), Northern (wheat-based), Eastern (sweet and savory), and Western (Central Asian influence)

Communal Eating: Food is shared, and the atmosphere is noisy and joyful

Japanese Cuisine:

Restraint, Simplicity, and Seasonality: Sushi, miso soup, tempura, teriyaki, udon/soba noodles, and pickled vegetables

Individual Trays: Meals are served individually, and silence is polite

Spice Level: Chinese cuisine is spicier than Japanese cuisine

Worldviews: Chinese food celebrates energy, while Japanese food celebrates harmony

Chapter 5: Traditions and Culture

Shared Values: Respect, family, education, and social harmony

Family:

China: Family is central, with filial piety and strong parental in-

fluence

Japan: More individualistic, with children moving out earlier and less pressure to marry quickly

Religion:

China: Diverse, with Buddhism, Taoism, folk religion, and often more cultural than spiritual

Japan: Shinto (spirits of nature) and Buddhism coexist harmoniously. Religion is about ritual and respect

Greetings and Politeness:

China: More practical greetings

Japan: Bowing is a ritual, and politeness is woven into the language

Cultural Blossoms: China leans toward traditional duty, while Japan allows more personal choice

Chapter 6: Personality and Behavior

Shared Value: Social harmony .

Chinese Personality:

Expressive, Practical, and Bold: Open communication, bargaining, and showing enthusiasm

Importance of "Face" (Mianzi): Reputation, pride, and public respect

Japanese Personality:

Quiet Strength and Polite Distance: Soft-spoken, reserved, and deeply polite

Avoiding Confrontation: Smiling through discomfort and apologizing are common

"Tatemae" vs. "Honne": Public face vs. true feelings

Confidence vs. Humility: China displays success proudly, while Japan shows it quietly

Friendships: Chinese friendships develop quickly, while Japanese friendships develop slowly but deeply

Cultural Values: China challenges the group, while Japan conforms to the group

Chapter 7: School Life

Shared Importance: Education is sacred

China:

High-Stakes Pressure Cooker: The Gaokao (National College Entrance Exam) determines the future

Intense Competition: Long hours, cram schools, and parental sacrifice

Japan:

Silent Discipline and Structured Harmony: Uniforms, neat classrooms, and club activities





CHINESE VS JAPANESE DIFFERENCES

Respect and Teamwork: Discipline is expected, and group exercises promote teamwork

Education Systems: China is fast, intense, and high-pressure, while Japan is structured, clean, and rule-based

Chapter 8: Pop Culture

Global Influence: Pop culture is a cultural export worth billions

China:

Rising Fast and Loud: TikTok (Douyin), C-dramas, Chinese idols, animation, and mobile gaming

Limitations: Language barriers, government censorship, and media controls

Japan:

The King of Cool: Anime, manga, Nintendo, Studio Ghibli, J-pop, Harajuku fashion, and cosplay

Aesthetic and Identity: Japan is quirky and emotional, while China is polished and aspirational

Soft Power: Japan's anime has created a global subculture 34:06. China struggles with creative freedom

Cultural Wave: Japan invented the pop culture wave, and China is trying to ride and reshape it

Chapter 9: Technology and Innovation

Tech Giants: Both are tech giants, but they innovate differently

China:

Speed Machine: Move fast, build fast, scale fast. Alibaba, WeChat, ByteDance, DJI, BYD, and NIO

Risk-Taking Culture: Embraces risk, fast failure, and massive scale

Japan:

Precision, Perfection, and Patents: Slow, careful, and meticulous. Toyota, Sony, Panasonic, Sharp, Nintendo, and Shinkansen

Quality Over Quantity: Safety over speed, and customer experience over hype

Philosophies of Progress: China is bold and disruptive, while Japan is steady and user-focused

Chapter 10: Work Ethic

Shared Reputation: Disciplined, tireless, and hardworking

China:

Culture of Hustle: 996 (9 am to 9 pm, 6 days a week)

Opportunity and Success: Driven by the desire to earn more and succeed in business

Burnout and Rebellion: Tangping (lying flat) and Bailan (letting it rot)

Japan:

Silent Strain: Karoshi (death from overwork)

Cultural Values: Giri (duty), Wa (harmony), and Gambaru (perseverance)

Office Hierarchy: Loyalty is rewarded, and employees spend their entire career at one company

Workplace Mentality: China is a race, while Japan is a vow

Chapter 11: Views on Foreigners

Different Approaches: China is loud and curious, while Japan is polite and distant

China:

Curiosity and Friendliness: Foreigners are a rare sight in some areas, leading to attention and questions

Enthusiastic Hospitality: Generous offers of food, tea, and help

Japan:

Quiet Respect: Treated with quiet respect from a distance

Reserved Interactions: Personal questions are avoided, and deep friendships take time

Welcoming Styles: China offers curiosity and unfiltered friendliness, while Japan offers respect and quiet hospitality

Chapter 12: National Pride

Strong Patriotism: National pride is strong in both countries, but expressed differently

China:

Loud, United, and Public: Displays of national flags, military strength, and national development

Government Support: Emphasis on national strength, unity, and respect for the Communist Party

Japan:

Quiet, Cultural, and Subtle: Pride in craftsmanship, beauty, and tradition

Restrained Politics: Navigating postwar trauma and pacifism

Expressions of Pride: China is loud and united, while Japan is gentle and artistic

Chapter 13: Conclusion

Deep Differences: While sharing roots, China and Japan are deeply different in language, worldviews, and ways of expressing emotion

Distinct Identities: China is loud and fast, while Japan is calm and precise

Unique and Worth Understanding: Their uniqueness makes East Asia powerful and beautiful . End of Summary





Diagnosing the Start of a Collapse



As its name implies, the *Financial Crisis Report* reports on the economic crisis America is slowly and perceptively undergoing. This article is a synopsis of the recent YouTube program by the renowned tech millionaire and economic and social analyst Tom Bilyeu, reporting on the alarming signs that America is now exhibiting, which historically always precede a societal collapse, including political polarization, collapsing trust in government, a shrinking middle class, and soaring debt. Bilyeu stresses these factors are creating a dangerous cycle of currency debasement, populism, cultural breakdown, elite overproduction, and capital flight, mirroring patterns seen in collapsing nations throughout history. The situation is further complicated by the fact that traditional solutions like socialism or simply pursuing economic growth are unlikely to be sufficient to reverse the current trajectory.

Bilyeu recommends that for us to navigate these turbulent times, we should focus on acquiring assets to protect against inflation, maintaining mobility to relocate to stable regions, investing in skills to ensure employability, seeking business-friendly environments, and potentially building or utilizing parallel economic systems like cryptocurrency. While societal collapse impacts most negatively, history demonstrates that those who prepare and adapt can not only survive but also thrive amidst the chaos.

Here is a summary of Bilyeu's analysis of the statistics that reveal America is on the verge of economic and societal collapse and how those who properly prepare can avoid the suffering he predicts will follow.

I hope you find it edifying as I have.

D. Miyoshi

Summary discussing the potential collapse of the United States, drawing parallels to historical societal collapses and offering strategies for individual preparedness.

I. The Anatomy of a Collapse

Bilyeu begins by highlighting current issues in America:

Political polarization: Two-thirds of Americans view the opposing party as a threat.

Low government trust: Trust is at a near-historic low of 22%.

Hollowing out of the middle class: Housing affordability is at a 30-year low, leading to resentment.

Rising popularity of socialism: 62% of Americans under 30 view socialism positively.

Mounting debt: The US has surpassed \$37 trillion in government debt, with a debt-to-GDP ratio of 122%.

These issues mirror fault lines seen before other societal collapses.

Bilyeu outlines a recurring pattern leading to collapse:

- Debt accumulation
- Disappearance of the middle class
- Breakdown of trust
- Rise of populism
- Elite overproduction
- Wealthy hedging against collapse
- Debt spirals out of control
- Eruption of violence

Bilyeu emphasizes that countries don't collapse randomly, but follow a pattern.

Basic societal needs for stability include:

- Stable government
- Law and order
- Personal property rights
- Affordable basics
- Growing economy





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Equal opportunity

Community trust

Currency debasement is identified as a key starting point, where governments print money to cover debts, devaluing the currency.

II. How to Stop a Country from Bleeding to Death

The US economy is compared to a person pinned by a car, where debt acts as pressure sealing a wound. Removing the pressure (debt) could lead to immediate collapse.

Taxing the rich is difficult as they are highly mobile and can relocate to avoid high taxes.

Taxing the middle class is also problematic, as they are already burdened by debt.

Printing money leads to inflation, higher interest rates, and a debt death spiral.

Foreign creditors losing faith in US debt exacerbate the problem.

The video emphasizes that once trust is lost, it's hard to regain.

The cycle: Debt leads to taxation, taxation drives out capital, which hollows out the middle class, forcing money printing, which destroys trust, accelerating collapse.

III. Countries Always Collapse from Within

Internal factors, such as political violence and polarization, contribute to collapse.

A University of Chicago survey found that one in four Americans believe violence against the government may be justified.

Two-thirds of Americans view the opposing political party as a threat to the nation's survival.

Peter Turchin's structural demographic theory (SDT) is introduced.

SDT identifies three pressures that lead to societal breakdown:

Intra-elite competition (elite overproduction): Too many elites competing for too few positions.

Populist economic squeeze (emiseration and mass mobilization potential): Declining wages and living conditions.

State fiscal stress: High debt and low trust in institutions.

These pressures are multiplicative, not additive.

Populism (the belief that the common people are oppressed by the rich, evil people) rises from economic and cultural anxiety.

Breakdown of shared identity and trust leads to factions and potential violence.

IV. Everyone Eventually Gets Mugged by Reality

Bilyeu critiques socialism, arguing that it doesn't work and leads to violence and repression.

Socialist regimes kill millions of their own citizens.

Socialism eliminates the free market, leading to shortages and corruption.

The free market is a form of distributed collective intelligence.

"Growing your way out of the problem" is insufficient due to the magnitude of the debt.

Growth alone doesn't fix inequality and can worsen it.

Ray Dalio's concept of a "beautiful deleveraging" is introduced: a delicate mix of spending cuts, debt restructuring, wealth transfers, and money printing.

V. The Playbook, aka How to Win in Wild Times

Bilyeu outlines five steps for individual preparedness during societal collapse:

Get into assets: Invest savings in a diversified basket of assets to protect against inflation.

Stay mobile: Be prepared to move to a stable region with financial freedom and safety.

Choose business-friendly environments: Locate where businesses are protected and entrepreneurship is encouraged.

Invest in your skills: Develop valuable skills that cannot be taken away.

Build parallel systems: Consider alternate economic systems like barter clubs or decentralized finance (crypto) to circumvent failing systems.

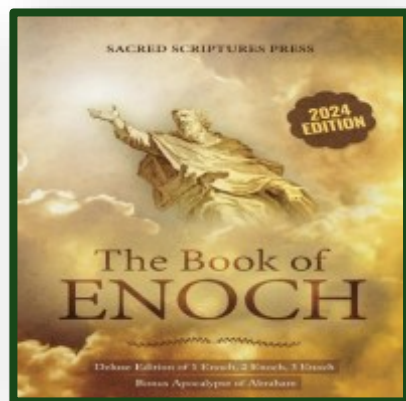
Bilyeu concludes by emphasizing the importance of adapting and preparing for potential collapse.

End of video synopsis





THE BOOK OF ENOCH



The Book of Enoch is fascinating. While not in the mainstream Jewish or Christian canons, it was widely read and respected during the Second Temple period (roughly 500 BCE to 70 CE), and fragments of it were even found among the Dead Sea Scrolls. It was influential enough that the New Testament Epistle of Jude directly quotes from it (Jude 1:14–15).

However, it was never officially included in the Hebrew Bible (Tanakh) or the Christian Old Testament as recognized by most Jewish and Christian traditions. The early church debated its value, and while some early Christian writers like Tertullian and Origen referenced it, it was eventually excluded from the canon due to questions about its authorship and theological content.

But the Book of Enoch remains canonical in the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church and among the Beta Israel (Ethiopian Jewish) community. In these traditions, it is preserved in the ancient Ge'ez language and plays a central role in liturgy and theology. But it was excluded in the canonical Bible because it is considered pseudepigraphal, meaning it was falsely attributed to Enoch, the great-grandfather of Noah. Its vivid apocalyptic visions, angelology, and cosmology were seen as theologically problematic or speculative by later rabbinic and church authorities. But it's fascinating in its account of the Nephilim, the giants mentioned in Genesis and Numbers.

It is also fascinating because it reads like a cosmic thriller wrapped in ancient mysticism, and it fills in gaps that the canonical Bible leaves open. Here's why it captivates so many readers—scholars, spiritual seekers, and sci-fi fans alike:

1. It Explores the Supernatural

It dives deep into the story of the Watchers—fallen angels who

descend to Earth, take human wives, and father the Nephilim (giants).

This narrative expands on the cryptic verses in Genesis 6, offering a vivid backstory that feels part mythology, part divine drama.

2. It's Ancient and Mysterious

Likely written between the 3rd and 1st centuries BCE, it's one of the oldest Jewish apocalyptic texts.

It was revered by early Christians and even quoted in the New Testament (Jude 1:14–15), yet it was excluded from most biblical canons—except the Ethiopian Orthodox Church, which still considers it scripture.

3. It's Rich in Prophecy

The book contains messianic prophecies and visions of divine judgment that echo themes found in Isaiah and Revelation.

Some scholars argue it influenced early Christian eschatology more than any other non-canonical text.

4. It Challenges the Canon

Its exclusion from the Bible raises questions about who decides what's "inspired" and why. That alone makes it a magnet for theological debate and curiosity.

5. It Offers Cosmic Cosmology

Enoch is taken on heavenly journeys where he learns about the structure of the universe, the movement of stars, and the fate of souls.

It blends astronomy, ethics, and metaphysics in a way that feels both ancient and oddly modern.

THE FOLLOWING IS AN INTERESTING 10 FACT SYNOPSIS OF A YOUTUBE VIDEO PROGRAM EXPLAINING THE BOOK OF ENOCH BY DR. TAYLOR MARSH.

Fallen Angels taught women how to use eyeliner and eyeshadow.

It reveals the names of the seven archangels and the 20 princes of the Fallen Angels (demons).

Fallen Angels had sexual intercourse with human women, resulting in gigantic babies called Nephilim.

The Underworld has four hollowed-out places for different kinds of deceased people.

Fact 1: 200 Watcher Angels (or "gregoroi") were appointed by God to watch over humans.

These angels lusted after and took human wives, resulting in the birth of half-breed gigantic children called Nephilim.





WILL THERE BE A COUP IN AMERICA

Fact 2: The leader of these Watcher Angels is Shem yaza (also known as samyaza or semi-aza).

He worried that the other angels would be afraid to sin, so he led them to swear oaths to commit the sin of having sex with human women.

Fact 3: The 200 Watcher Angels seduced human women and had babies with them during the time of the patriarch Jared (Enoch's father).

This sexual immorality led by the angels and the giant babies is the cause, according to Enoch, for the flood in Noah's time.

Fact 4: Azazel, also known as the scapegoat, was one of the fallen angels who seduced women.

He taught humans metallurgy and weapon-making, and taught women how to use pigments for makeup.

Fact 5: God commanded Saint Michael the Archangel to bind the 200 Fallen Watcher Angels and imprison them deep within the Earth for 70 generations.

This 70-generation period seems to be the time between the fall of the angels, the birth of the Nephilim, and the coming of Noah's flood.

Fact 6: Enoch was chosen by God to receive special visions and prophecies about the end of the world.

The Apostle Jude quoted the Book of Enoch in the New Testament (Jude 1:14), making it controversial.

The Book of Enoch was lost until 1773 when James Bruce returned from Ethiopia with three copies.

The book's content aligns with certain details in Jude, 2 Peter, Wisdom, and Ecclesiasticus regarding giants and the flood.

Fact 7: Enoch promotes a solar calendar (365 days) rather than the lunar calendar used in Judaism.

Genesis says Enoch lived for 365 years before God assumed him into heaven, associating him with the number 365.

There is controversy about whether Jesus kept the Last Supper according to a solar or lunar calendar.

Fact 8: The Book of Enoch suggests that the second temple in Jerusalem (rebuilt after the Babylonian captivity) was not pleasing to God.

The book refers to the temple as a tower and the altar as a table, stating that the bread of presence was polluted and not accepted by God.

This aligns with the theology of certain priestly groups in the Dead Sea Scrolls who rejected the temple and its sacrifices.

Fact 9: The Book of Enoch focuses on the Son of Man, identified as the chosen one, the Messiah, and the righteous one.

Descriptions of the Son of Man in Enoch sound like the New Testament descriptions of Jesus Christ.

In Enoch 71, Enoch is told that he is the Son of Man, which some scholars believe is a corruption in the text.

Fact 10: The underworld (Sheol/Hades) has four hollowed-out places assigned to different kinds of people.

One area is illuminated and pleasant (Paradise).

The other three are dark: one for the worst sinners, one for murdered people, and one for sinners who were not grievous but not righteous.

Below these chambers is Dudaël, the cauldron of God, where wicked angels are cast down.

Bonus Fact: The Nephilim were 300 cubits high, which is approximately 450 feet tall.

The ark was 300 cubits long, so the height of the giants may be allegorical.

I hope you find this interesting, as I did.

D. Miyoshi

Will there be a coup in America? A Coup in Ukraine"



FULL SPECTRUM SURVIVAL

"We don't take an oath to a country. We don't take an oath to a tribe. We don't take an oath to a religion. We don't take an oath





CHINA WANTS A WAR WITH JAPAN

to a king or a queen or a tyrant or a dictator. We don't take an oath to a wanted dictator. We don't take an oath to an individual. We take an oath to the constitution. And we take an oath the idea that this America and we're willing to die to protect it." General Mark Milley

Full Spectrum Survival (FSS) is one of the original "Prepper" programs on YouTube. In a recent program in late August, it made a series of alarming claims about potential political and military upheaval in the US and abroad. It alleges a possible coup against the current US president, fueled by military dissent, and suggests the National Guard and Marines may soon be deployed to "clean up" American streets.

FSS aired evidence showing Russia is seeking the removal of Ukraine's President Zelensky, possibly through violent means. It also discusses the deployment of US military forces near Venezuela in response to a potential "narco-terror takeover," and a new ICE contract with Palantir to enhance AI-driven immigration enforcement, raising concerns about increased surveillance and tyranny. The overall tone is one of impending crisis and the need for vigilance.

For your edification, here are the main points made in the program.

Domestic Concerns

National Guard and Marines may be deployed in US cities like Chicago, purportedly to combat gang activity and trafficking.

FSS suggests this deployment could be a prelude to a civil war or a coup against the current US president.

Mark Milley's statements about military personnel swearing allegiance to the Constitution, not individuals, are interpreted as setting the stage for potential military rebellion against the President.

Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth revoked General Milley's security detail and clearance, citing undermining of the chain of command.

FSS report alleges increased security measures surrounding Donald Trump, including screening of people and air quality, due to fears of assassination attempts.

International Affairs

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov is quoted as stating the need for the removal of Zelensky from office in Ukraine.

FSS claims that the US is not prepared for a long-term war due to previous administrations' sending funds to Ukraine.

The US Navy is deploying forces to the South, potentially near Venezuela, under the guise of a "special operation," which the

report equates to war.

Thousands of US Marines are reportedly near Venezuelan shores, and Nicholas Maduro is prepared for a "fight to the death."

Immigration and Surveillance

ICE has entered into a \$30 million contract with Palantir to develop "Immigration OS," an AI system for identifying, tracking, and deporting individuals.

This is presented as a step towards increased surveillance and potential tyranny.

Overall Tone

The FSS report presents a highly alarming and speculative view of current events, suggesting imminent threats to domestic stability, international security, and individual liberties. It urges viewers to be vigilant and prepared for potential crises.

D. Miyoshi

CHINA WANTS A WAR WITH JAPAN



The first rule of survival for a country's government in economic or political turmoil is to distract its populace from the problem.

China is currently undergoing massive economic and political unrest, and guess what it is now undertaking? It wants to start a war with Japan.

The following "China Uncensored" episode by Chris Chapple





CURRENT STATUS OF MAGA

focuses on the recent Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) promotion of anti-Japanese sentiment within China. The CCP uses various methods, including propaganda films like "Nanjing Photo Studio" (Dead to Rights), to incite hatred and dehumanization of Japanese people.

This manufactured animosity serves as a distraction from the CCP's own failings and human rights abuses, and it justifies potential future aggression against Japan, particularly concerning Taiwan. The video highlights how this state-sponsored hatred has fueled attacks on individuals perceived as Japanese or sympathetic to Japanese culture, including cosplayers and even lethal attacks on Japanese nationals in China.

The following is a detailed summary of the video contents. I hope you find it informative.

D. Miyoshi

This episode of China Uncensored, hosted by Chris Chapel, discusses the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) long history of promoting hatred towards Japan and how this is currently being amplified through state-sponsored propaganda. The CCP uses this anti-Japanese sentiment as a distraction from their own wrongdoings and to prepare the Chinese population for potential conflict.

Key Arguments:

CCP-Sponsored Hatred: The CCP actively encourages anti-Japanese sentiment through media, education, and online platforms.

Propaganda Films: Recent anti-Japanese films, like "Nanjing Photo Studio" (also known as "Dead to Rights") and "731," are being heavily promoted by the state as patriotic education, despite historical inaccuracies.

Distraction Tactic: The CCP uses anti-Japanese sentiment to distract from internal problems and its own human rights abuses against groups like the Uyghurs and Tibetans.

Preparation for War: This propaganda aims to paint Japan as an eternal aggressor, justifying potential future attacks, particularly concerning Taiwan, which has historical ties to Japan.

Real-World Consequences: The CCP's rhetoric has led to increased attacks on individuals perceived as Japanese or associated with Japanese culture, including cosplayers and even lethal attacks.

Important Details:

"Nanjing Photo Studio (Dead to Rights)": This film about the Nanjing Massacre is being pushed heavily by state media and even mandated viewing for students, despite its historical inaccuracies.

racies

Forced Patriotism: The government is actively encouraging or even ordering citizens, including children, to watch these films to "bask in patriotic education."

Online Censorship: While anti-Japanese content is allowed to flourish online, any pushback against it is censored.

Attacks on Japanese Individuals: There have been multiple instances of violence against Japanese people in China, fueled by anti-Japanese sentiment.

My Hero Academia Controversy: Cosplayers of the anime "My Hero Academia" have been attacked due to a villain's name being associated with a Japanese code name for WWII victims.

Examples of CCP Propaganda:

Mandatory film screenings in schools

Viral videos of children destroying Japanese-related items

State media promotion of anti-Japanese films

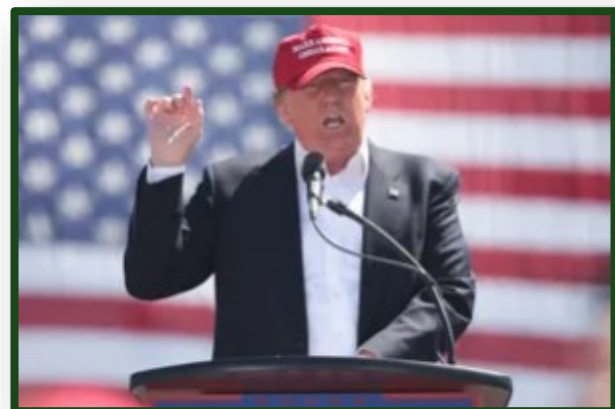
Call to Action:

Share the episode to raise awareness about the CCP's propaganda.

Support China Uncensored at chinauncensored.tv to help them continue their work.

End of Video Summary

Current Status of the MAGA Movement



IS TIME AND SPACE TRAVEL NOW POSSIBLE?

The following is an interesting take by AI on the current status of the MAGA Movement. I should emphasize that this current status report is according to a current iteration of AI. Who knows what an advanced iteration of AI would report?

The MAGA movement under Donald Trump is still influential, but its trajectory is complex—marked by both consolidation and internal strain. Here's a breakdown of its current state as of August 2025:

Still Gaining Influence in Key Arenas

Trump's Grip on the GOP: Trump remains the dominant figure in Republican politics. His endorsement is highly sought after, and his vice president, JD Vance, is being positioned as a potential heir to the MAGA mantle

Policy Pushes: Trump continues to drive major initiatives, such as efforts to eliminate mail-in ballots and controversial voting machines ahead of the 2026 midterms. These moves are celebrated by MAGA loyalists and signal his intent to reshape electoral norms

Legislative Power: The passage of the "One Big Beautiful Bill," a sweeping tax and spending law, shows Trump's ability to rally support and push through conservative priorities

Signs of Fracture and Uncertainty

Cracks in the Coalition: The MAGA base has shown internal divisions over issues like Israel and Gaza, the Epstein case, and even some of Trump's legislative choices. These tensions suggest that while MAGA is still potent, it's not monolithic

Post-Trump Viability: Analysts question whether MAGA can survive without Trump himself. Despite his popularity, Trump has struggled to transfer his support to other candidates, raising doubts about the movement's longevity beyond his leadership

Backlash to Regression: Critics argue that MAGA's policy direction—especially its rollback of climate and social programs—reflects a fear of

the future rather than a vision for progress. This could alienate younger or more moderate voters over time

What's Next?

The MAGA movement is at a crossroads. It's still a dominant force in Republican politics, but its future depends on whether figures like JD Vance can carry the torch—and whether the movement can evolve beyond Trump's personal brand. The 2026 midterms will be a key test of its staying power.

IS TIME AND SPACE TRAVEL NOW POSSIBLE?



This episode of the Common Sense Show presents the host, Dave Hodges making a shocking report. Hodges says that the White House science and technology advisor recently announced to the public that "our technologies permit us to manipulate time and space." Hodges interprets this as implying the existence of time travel and teleportation capabilities, comparing it to concepts from science fiction like Stargate.

Hodges said he is both shocked and excited wondering if this represents a major scientific breakthrough or if the advisor is simply mistaken. He connects these claims to past government experiments and suggests the possibility of advanced technologies being hidden from the public.

Here are the details on what Hodges reported about the announcement by the science and technology advisor.

D. Miyoshi



IS TIME AND SPACE TRAVEL NOW POSSIBLE?



Hodges expresses disbelief at claims made by the White House science and technology advisor, Michael Kratsios.

Kratsios' appointment was allegedly influenced by Peter Thiel, and he has oversight in projects related to the military-industrial complex. Hodges emphasizes that the transcript of Kratsios' statements is available on the White House website.

Kratsios' Extraordinary Claims

Kratsios stated, "Our technologies permit us to manipulate time and space... They leave distance annihilated..."

Hodges interprets this as suggesting the existence of time travel and Stargate-style teleportation technology.

Supporting Evidence and Context

Hodges references past "Hiding in Plain Sight" (HIPS) episodes where he discussed teleportation experiments (e.g., in Lfig, Germany, 2008) and quantum entanglement as a means of "annihilating distance."

He explains quantum entanglement using the petri dish analogy, where changes to cells in one location instantaneously affect entangled cells in another, regardless of distance. He mentions an experiment performed involving a mother rabbit and baby rabbits to illustrate quantum connection whereby the mother rabbit was separated from the baby rabbits by thousands of miles and when the baby rabbits were euthanized the mother rabbit instantly reacted.

Hodges then mentions his strange story on Nikola

Tesla and the Philadelphia experiment.

Implications and Questions

Hodges questions whether Kratsios' statements are genuine, a misspeak, or part of a deliberate disclosure.

He wonders if humans can actually be teleported without being disassembled, referencing the teleporter in Star Trek.

Hodges speculates that the TV show "Stargate SG1" may have been a desensitization program by the CIA.

He cites an unnamed source associated with the Space Force who claimed that anything seen on TV about science is already possible or has been done.

Historical Context and Speculation

Hodges connects these claims to Operation Paperclip, the program that brought German scientists to the US after World War II, leading to reverse engineering of advanced technologies.

He speculates on the potential implications of these technologies, such as deterring geopolitical adversaries like Xi Jinping.

Conclusion

Hodges concludes by emphasizing the significance of the report, calling it the most important scientific news he has ever presented.

He expresses surprise that the story isn't front-page news and invites viewers to share their thoughts.

These are such bold statements that something does not feel right.

End of Common Sense program



THE CHANGES WROUGHT BY TRUMP



By political and economic consultant Jim Rickards, August 2025

Reversal of Political Debanking

Trump has said that he is against political debanking. Trump will surely win this fight. When a bank closes your accounts, that's called debanking. The shutdown doesn't just affect checking accounts. It includes checking, savings, CDs, credit cards, lines of credit, wire transfers, new loan applications, and more. We don't think about these services, but try living without them. It's like taking away someone's air supply. You can't pay your bills online, get your paycheck or other money online, or even check into a hotel or hire a car without a credit card.

Having more than one bank doesn't help since if one bank debanks you, your name will be put on a watch list and other banks will also debank you. You can't even use cash because you can't receive cash without a bank. The goal of this method was to keep terrorists, drug smugglers, and other criminals out of the legitimate payments system by debanking them.

Then it changed into a system that let you debank those who were "politically sensitive." That was supposed to catch dictators, but the term "politically sensitive" grew to cover anyone with strong political opinions. After that, it didn't take long for left-wing banks like Capital One, Citi, Bank of America, and others to decide that anyone who had MAGA-type sentiments or conservative politics was fair game.

Debanking is now out of hand, and all of the objectives are on the right. The most famous case was when

National Westminster debanked the UK conservative politician Nigel Farage. Farage had the political power to get the debanking stopped, and the CEO of National Westminster was even dismissed because of it. But regular people don't have that type of power. JPMorgan and Bank of America actually took away the Trump family's and businesses' banks.

Trump is now turning the tables. He has told the people in charge of banks to make sure that banks stop debanking consumers for political purposes. Trump's instructions will involve fines and other punishments for institutions that don't stop debanking. Trump has also suggested a law that would make his ban on debanking permanent. The tables have changed. Banks that keep debanking may have to defend themselves when regulators come down with enforcement orders. This is a win for regular Americans.

Political Payback

We all know about the many attacks and lawsuits that were filed against Donald Trump. The Russia Hoax started in 2016 and is still going on in some channels today. Next was Crossfire Hurricane, which was an FBI probe of Trump based on false information. Then there were two impeachments. Then the New York Attorney General sued the bank over an assessment and loan that the bank approved and paid back in full.

The Stormy Daniels criminal case was so weak that even left-wing lawyers couldn't tell out what it was about. It's being appealed. A Georgia criminal case broke apart when the district attorney recruited her boyfriend as a prosecutor and used his legal fees to pay for expensive trips. (She's being looked at for that.) The list keeps on. It all ended up failing.

Donald Trump is the president now and will remain till 2029. His MAGA movement will continue after that. What about holding people responsible for all the falsehoods, scams, and schemes against Trump? It's coming quickly.

Tulsi Gabbard, the Director of National Intelligence (DNI), told us about the declassified information that linked John Brennan, James Clapper, and Hillary Clinton to unlawful schemes. But that's not the only



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thing being done. Reports say that the Department of Justice is currently looking into NY Attorney General Letitia James and U.S. Senator Adam Schiff for mortgage fraud and maybe other offenses. Letitia James was behind the fake lawsuits against Trump, and Schiff got the label "Lying Adam Schiff" because he kept lying about the Russia Hoax.

These things take time, but they are moving forward. James and Schiff could end up in jail or in handcuffs. Justice takes its time, but it does move. Now it's going to an attorney general who doesn't care about the law and the worst liar in Congress.

No More Funding of the Deep State

It might seem strange to put a White House Executive Order (EO) in our publication, which is mostly made up of news articles. This executive order (EO) that Trump signed, on the other hand, is one of the most important ever issued. It's undoubtedly one of the most essential since FDR.

The EO is called "Improving Oversight of Federal Grantmaking" and was signed on August 7, 2025. It's not dull if that sounds like it. The Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) worked hard to tell the White House that the Deep State was utilizing the grant process to fund actions against the United States all around the world.

This is how it works: The first step is for a radical group to create an NGO that appears like a foundation or think tank and has a real mission. You give it a pleasant name, like "The Center for Promoting Democracy."

After then, the NGO asks the government for a grant. They hire expert grant application writers who employ academic language to make the application look real and hide the real reason for it. Then a government agency that is in on the scam looks at the application and awards a grant that can be worth tens of millions of dollars or more.

After that, the NGO gets the money. They use some of it to do something that seems like serious research or work but isn't. It's not real. The majority of the money

goes to sub-contractors who are run by left-wing political activists. They pay themselves hundreds of thousands of dollars in wages and use other money to go to conferences where they stay in fancy hotels, eat fancy meals, and hang out with other people who are against America.

What did they do with the money? Supporting transsexual operas in Colombia. Paying for gain-of-function research in Wuhan, China, where Anthony Fauci's virus got out of the lab and killed millions. Giving money to Hamas assassins and other groups. The federal grant procedure was basically paying for anti-American radicals with money from U.S. taxpayers.

This EO puts an end to that deception. Trump now says that real top federal personnel he chooses must look over all grants. These people are not animals from the swamp. Trump checked them out and they embrace the pro-American MAGA program. They can stop the grant outright, put it on hold, or just slow down the procedure. This means that the grant procedure is no longer automatic and can't be hidden anymore.

This not only saves taxpayers money, but it also precludes the federal government from paying for projects that hurt the country. This is a big change in how the U.S. government works.

Finally, the creatures in the marsh will start to die.

Gold Will Rise

Trump told the Globe on April 8 that he will put his last tariffs on U.S. trading partners. We have to put the term "final" in quotes because almost nothing is ever final with Trump. He sees it all as part of the art of the trade. But for now, the April 8 tariffs are the most important ones.

Some countries got off easy, like the EU group of countries, who only had to pay 15% tariffs (with a few exceptions).

Brazil, for example, had to pay 50% in tariffs. Other nations were also affected badly. High tariffs on Brazil





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are partly because they treated former President Bolsonaro badly. Bolsonaro is a close friend of Donald Trump.

Canada had to pay 35% in tariffs. There are still talks going on over tariffs with China, India, and Mexico, but some significant temporary duties have already been put in place.

The 39% tax on goods coming from Switzerland was one of the biggest shocks. Switzerland's main exports to the U.S. include drugs, refined gold, and high-end items. There were a number of reasons behind the high tariff. The U.S. buys more from Switzerland than it sells to them. That alone makes it a big target for heavy tariffs. The Swiss government likewise did a terrible job of talking to Trump. Their team, lead by Swiss President Karin Keller-Sutter, took too long to make a deal and didn't offer Trump the multi-hundred-billion-dollar investments in the U.S. that other trading partners did.

Trump may possibly have had a problem with Switzerland because the World Economic Forum is situated in Davos, Switzerland, and is a globalist group that is against practically everything Trump stands for.

It was even more unexpected that these 39% taxes were put on Swiss gold bars that had been purified and weighed 1 kilo or 100 ounces. At first, people felt that gold shipments might not have to pay Swiss duties.

Switzerland does not dig for gold. Instead, it runs a big refining business. Gold bars are sent from London in the "good delivery" size of 400 ounces. Swiss refineries then melt them down and make them into the more popular amounts of 1 kilo and 100 ounces. Investors can then buy those bars in the U.S. and other places.

Switzerland isn't a gold primary; it's more like a gold middleman that takes in gold and sends it out in a different form. A 39% tax on the whole value of gold seems like a lot for a middleman.

This doesn't mean that anyone will pay the tax. Today, the price of gold on the market is about \$3,500 per ounce. Gold is a commodity that is traded all over the world and has a price that is the same everywhere.

The world price plus a 39% tariff makes the price \$4,865 per ounce. Instead, Swiss gold exports to the U.S. will come to a complete stop. The Swiss can send the gold to other places, but the U.S. won't get any of it.

When there are problems with the supply, the price of gold usually goes up everywhere. Trump may or may not have meant for this to happen, but the increased taxes on Swiss gold will help gold investors all across the world.

Why Rolexes will remain in demand

Trump's 39% taxes on Swiss exports also apply to premium Swiss watches, not only gold bars.

This one struck my eye because I have a small collection of timepieces that includes both cheap Timex watches (yes, they do produce some cool variants) and more pricey Swiss watches.

Mark Zuckerberg has a Gruebel Forsey watch that cost \$900,000. That firm only creates roughly three watches a year.

I'm not in that category, but even a Rolex or Breitling that costs a little bit is not cheap.

Some old timepieces are worth tens of millions of dollars. Paul Newman wore his Rolex Daytona for more than 30 years, which puts it in that group. All of this means that Trump has to pay a lot of tariffs.

The levy on watches, on the other hand, is not projected to impact the Swiss watch sector as much as the tariffs on gold and drugs coming from Switzerland.

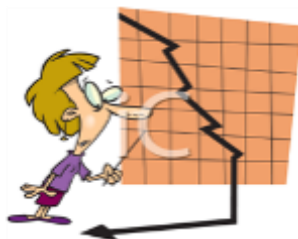
That is because luxury timepieces are what economists call a Veblen good, after the economist Thorstein Veblen. Veblen looked at how the rich spent their money and came up with the phrase "conspicuous consumption" to describe their shopping patterns. This means that very rich people often buy mansions, yachts, clothes (and yes, watches) that are neither useful or required but are just meant to impress other rich people.



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A higher price usually means that people want less of something. When it comes to Veblen goods, a greater price makes them more desirable because it makes them harder for regular people to buy and limits ownership to the rich. High prices mean that just a few people can afford something, and greater costs mean that even fewer people can afford it. The phrase "those who can afford one, buy six" applies to luxury timepieces.

Tariffs will raise the prices of some imports and make some goods too expensive to sell, but there is no need to cry for the Swiss watch industry. Tariffs on watches raise the price, which makes them more appealing to a customer who has a lot of money. It's one of those strange things about the economy that goes against what most people think. But the very rich aren't normal.

The bottom line is that we are at the **BEGINNING OF MANY CHANGES** that will affect our country and society. We need to be vigilant so we can understand these changes and deal with them effectively. We must remain vigilant like never before. To that end this newsletter will continue to report to you the changes we need to be able to respond to.

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Trust and Estate Corner



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Consider organizing a family meeting.

After making all of your estate plans, consider meeting with your family and advising them of your choices. This does not mean that you need to share all of your financial information with them, simply let them know where they can find the information if something happens to you, along with some idea as to what your wishes are.



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