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DONALD TRUMP & THE CULTURE WAR

Exactly 100 years ago the Russian revolution took place and the Russian people suffered for over 70 years of tyranny. The revolution installed a Communist regime, abolished private property, and proceeded to control all walks of life. Everyone worked for the Government. Murder on a scale difficult to imagine took place and deliberate starvation was practiced to force the peasants to submit. It is estimated that tens of millions died.

Now a new revolution is taking place in the United States and it is a polar opposite of the Russian Revolution and hopefully, will overturn 50 years or more of Federal Government encroachment on the rights of the States and citizens. The government has, with the help of the courts, increased in size and power until it decides almost everything; from health care to gas mileage.

Both sides in the legislature supported a global economy, a euphemism for giving away American wealth to build up poorer nations and leaving American workers to take food stamps to survive.

According to Wikipedia; “*A revolution is a fundamental change in political power or organizational structures that take place in the relatively short period of time when the population rises up in revolt against the current authorities.*”

That pretty well describes the current situation but the revolution is not against the current authorities but against both the Republican and Democrat Establishments and their support of Globalism; a view of the world as a global economy, without borders.

An old Chinese curse is; “May you live in interesting times” certainly applies to the present as we do indeed live in interesting times. Our world is being turned upside down by Globalism, the destruction of all sense of decency, political upheaval, and Muslim terrorists killing everyone; Jews, Christians, and other Muslims.

There is a war going on in the United States between two sides with radically different views of what America should be about. On the one side are the Globalists, primarily the Democrat Elite, who do not believe in borders, individual accomplishment, or the Constitution of the United States. Remember Obama’s remark that rich people did not get rich by their own talent and hard work. They do not believe in competition, whether it is in business or school and give all participating students an award. A tweet by @MissLizzyNJ about the Super Bowl describes such an insane policy: *“The winner should be determined by who had more fans, not more points. Winning is racist and Tom Brady is a fascist #NotMySuperBowlChamps.”* Now isn’t that a terrible thing to say about someone she doesn’t even know.

The latest outrage is “white privilege” and the left’s attack on white males. They believe that all white men are evil because of past deeds.

The Globalists would throw open the borders and allow anyone into the country. They think their enclaves with their private schools and security would be immune from any problems created by such a policy. Increasing taxes, supposedly on the rich, and outlawing guns would be two immediate goals should they get back into power. Another long-term goal would be the destruction of the church.

Bill Clinton destroyed the timber industry in the Pacific Northwest and Obama and Hillary tried to destroy the coal industry. These people on the left care not a whit about the American worker, their solution is to give out more food stamps.

On the other side are the Traditionalists who want to control our borders, decide who gets to enter the country, believe that you are entitled to keep what you earn, they are not into identity politics and believe that the people are smart enough to make their own decisions and do not need the government to tell them how to live. This side supports our police, the military, and the Border Patrol.

This war is not limited to the United States; Europe is being overrun by refugees who then riot, rape, and pillage. The sad part of this is that these European countries won't defend themselves. In fact, Angela Merkel, Chancellor of Germany calls for more refugees. Is that insane or what.

I should mention here that there are many who call themselves conservative but are just as socialistic as the

Democrats, in fact there is not a dime's worth of difference between them. Most of what are called Establishment Republicans are in this cabal.

BEFORE DONALD TRUMP announced his candidacy for the President, 70 percent of the American people thought the country was headed in the wrong direction. Then along came Trump, an outsider who had no experience in government and had never held a government office of any kind. He was opposed by an array of 16 Washington insiders from ex-governor Jeb Bush to Lindsey Graham, Ted Cruz, and others. And he squashed them like the cockroaches they are (I stole that elegant phrase from Kevin O'Leary on Shark Tank).

They say that a man can be judged by the quality of his enemies. If true, Trump must be a very great man because his enemies are legend and range from ex-presidents, an ex- Secretary of State, the past head of the CIA, the entire news media, and the Judiciary. It could also be said that he could be judged by the quality of his goals, and they are nothing less than a radical change in politics to where American interests are taken into consideration before giving away our industry and livelihood to millions of people in foreign countries.

TRUMP IS AN UNLIKELY LEADER of the revolt of the working class taking place today. He is one of the wealthiest men in America but aligns himself with the middle and working class and, unlike most of other politicians, both left and right, understands them.

Trump has become wildly popular with his supporters and is hated by the left with a vitriolic passion unmatched in modern times. Strangely this is not entirely about Republican or Democrat since Trump is also hated by the Republican establishment because he is upsetting the status quo.

Trump is not beholding to anyone; he self-financed his primary campaign to the tune of over 50 million dollars and is a free man without obligations to any special interest. Some of the anti-Trump zealots have even claimed that Trump ran for the presidency just to make money. Obviously, those making such claims have logical and mental issues.

Trump is something totally different than the usual politician and cannot be placed in either the Left or Right camp. At the moment, in 2017, the Republican establishment has made a kind of peace with Trump but they wait in the wings to stab him in the back when the opportunity presents itself. Actually, Senators John McCain and Lindsey Graham aren't waiting but are in constant attack mode, but these two are out of step with most members of congress. McCain, especially, is a thorn in the side of the Republican leadership and Graham is a sycophant of McCain.

McCain lost all credibility when he chose Sarah Palin as a running mate in the 2008 election. Sarah Palin had just resigned as the Governor of Alaska after a series of blunders opened her up to ridicule, the most egregious was her attempt to get her ex-brother-in-law fired as a

State Trooper and when the head of Public Safety told her he couldn't fire him for no reason; Palin fired the head of Public Safety.

Many people say that Trump is a populist: From Wikipedia: *“Populism is a political style of action that mobilizes a large alienated element of a population against a government which is seen as controlled by an out-of-touch closed elite that acts on behalf of its own interests. The underlying ideology of Populists can be left, right, or middle.”*

Trump is much more than a political style; he is a force of nature, a builder and a fighter. The left wing of the Democrat Party and the Main Stream Media are trying hard to ruin his presidency, but Trump has a message that resonates with a large segment of the population and his opponents have no such message. They are simply anti-Trump.

Trump is from New York and has an attitude common to New Yorkers, especially Queens: If at first, you don't succeed, keep doing it until you win; lead, follow, or get out of the way, if you have something to say, say it, don't beat around the bush. His appeal can be summed up with the attitude of “Get Er Done.” Decide on a common sense goal and then bring everything to bear to accomplish the task. Like General George Patten, Trump says what he is thinking in plain English and means what he says. And sometimes it gets him in trouble. Thankfully it is not the political jargon of most politicians; designed to hide the truth rather than reveal it.

With a style similar to George Patten, Trump is forceful, daring, and has a take no prisoner attitude. Another person similar to Trump is Admiral Farragut; “damn the torpedoes, full speed, ahead.” Above all else, Donald is very smart and a fighter like no other politician since Teddy Roosevelt or Andrew Jackson. He is not to be trifled with.

The latest outrage of the left is the attack by the 9th Circuit Court of appeals that ruled against Trump’s temporary travel ban from seven countries. Now Trump has the socialists, the courts, the media, and many Republicans against him. Which reminds me of the saying by a General during WWII, when told they were surrounded by enemy forces he replied: “Good we have them just where we want them.”

After the last paragraph was written another outrage occurred when the super secret recording of phone calls was used to leak to the press a conversation between the National Security Advisor General Flynn and the Russian Ambassador. These leaks will continue until forceful action is taken against the leakers.

Under usual circumstances, the party out of power verbally assaults the other party and puts up roadblocks in the legislature but this time the Democrats have taken off the gloves and are in open rebellion. They are fomenting riots and attacks on anyone who disagrees with them. It is something not seen in my lifetime. They are, in effect, trying to overthrow the elected government of the United

States. If they succeed, a true revolution will surely take place. The left is playing with fire and is sure to get burned.

When Harry Reed was running the Senate they changed the rules to not allow a filibuster for nominations to Obama's cabinet. They were warned at the time that it would come back to bite them, and so it did. Now the Democrats have no power and when they try to filibuster the Supreme Court nominee, the Senate will almost certainly extend the Democrat's block of the filibuster to include Supreme Court nominees. What goes around comes around.

POLITICAL CORRECTNESS

Part of The Donald's message is that political correctness had gone too far when police officers are being ambushed and killed, which happened in Dallas and other places. Obama and his Justice Department unleashed the dogs of war against the police by supporting the Ferguson teenager killed by police after he attacked a policeman in his car. The same thing happened with Freddy Gray, who died in a vehicle transporting him to jail and the District Attorney charged five police officers with serious crimes over the incident, they were all acquitted. And then we have the Trevon Martin case; where George Zimmerman shot and killed Trevon Martin when Martin was slamming his head into the concrete. Of course, George was charged with Second Degree Murder and was found Not Guilty by a jury. Obama and the Justice Department continually sided with the attacker, Trevon Martin.

The Obama administration and the media supported Black Lives Matter and refused to charge blacks who tried to intimidate people at a voting station. The state of race relations has greatly diminished in the last 8 years and Obama should be ashamed. My opinion is that he did it deliberately, just as he weakened America abroad and let the economy go to pot. The MSM jokes about some on the right claiming Obama is a Muslim but what would he have done differently if he were a Muslim?

Many of Trump's detractors continually criticize his Tweets, his off the cuff remarks, and his willingness to engage in conflict, but they forget that he is not playing by their rule-book but by his own and they continually underestimate him. Many in the media criticize Trump because he is not being "presidential." Presumably, that means he does not speak in clichés and poll-driven sound bites.

The women's march on Washington and the riots in New York and California protesting Trump becoming President have a common genesis and that is the "progressive" movement believe they have a right and a duty to stop any sign of support for Trump or the Republican Party. They do not believe in the 1st Amendment when it is not them speaking. When the rabble rousers stopped Milo Yiannopoulos from speaking at Berkeley and destroyed part of the campus, it was a wake-up call to Middle America to get involved and to fight back.

My mother told me never to talk about politics or religion; she also told me the world runs on bullshit, which I have found to be true. There is a myriad of types of people in this world; some are driven to accumulate wealth, others seek power or fame, and still others are content to follow someone else. There are social gadflies that never saw a party or get together they didn't like and there are social misfits that wouldn't go to a party if they were handing out thousand dollar bills. There are people who hate anyone that is successful and people who hate losers, and people that blame everything on society and people that blame everything on government. Then there are the people who hate private companies, ignoring the fact that those companies produce wealth and provide jobs. The last bit can be seen in Alaska where a large segment of the population hates the oil companies, even though the oil companies provide almost 90 percent of the States revenue and many high paying jobs. This is totally incomprehensible to me but there it is.

LET'S FACE IT; we need those people that are driven to accumulate wealth. Without them, there would be no jobs, no progress, no inventions, no iPads, Tablets, or Cell phones. Who would want the hassle of running a company when you know the employees hate you, the Democrats hate you and most of the public hate you? Only those driven by a great need would do this and we are richer for it.

I have already mentioned the different types of people, but I didn't mention the born again bureaucrat. Bureaucrats exist in every organization, churches, government,

business, and even non-profits. Bureaucrats are necessary for organizations to flourish, but must be tightly controlled lest they create an out-of-control organization. Federal, State, and local governments have become such organizations. No matter how much money is given to the local school, it will not be enough, and if you don't agree to give more, you are against kids.

The Trump Administration has a problem with bureaucrats left over from the Obama administration who are working very hard to undermine his presidency. Leaks to the press, delays following orders, or deliberately misunderstand them, and simply ignoring them are just some of the tactics being used.

Politicians are a form of bureaucrat and are the ultimate survivors, they will do whatever it takes to get reelected and have no ethical sense in the normal meaning of the word. It is a rare politician indeed that will vote for something that is not in his/her best interest just because it is right.

The Peter Principle says that a person rises to his level of incompetence in an organization. In a government that is certainly true and incompetence comes at a very low level. It is a rare bureaucrat in government that is competent in actually running a government agency; however, they are highly competent in advancing their own interests.

THE HATERS

The Donald is one of those people who strive for accomplishment, who relishes challenges, and because he has been successful, has an outsize ego. But people will hate him because he is successful, wealthy, and married to a hot model. It is said that Trump is someone who needs to be liked, if true, he sure picked the wrong job when he won the presidency.

The haters accuse Trump of being hateful. But it is not Trump supporters rioting, burning buildings, and physically attacking the opposition. Everyone either hates Trump or loves him, there does not seem to be a middle ground. The sad thing about this is that those who hate him do so without reason. They call him a Hitler, a Nazi, and other vile names. And the reason is because he wants to make America great again. These people hate the United States, they don't need a reason, anything will do, we are sexist, racist, homophobes or whatever. But I suspect the haters really hate the United States because they hate themselves, they are disillusioned and failures in their own mind. And therefore it is everyone's fault.

Black Lives Matter hates white America, after all, we are the dominant race and it's our fault that they are poor and live in neighborhoods where blacks are killing blacks at a record pace. This, of course, ignores other races that have been the subject of discrimination. The Jews have been discriminated against by everyone for two thousand years, and they are hated primarily because they are successful. The Jews have a long history of accomplishment, from

doctors to research scientists, and includes 197 Nobel Prize winners.

The same thing can be said for Asians who have been discriminated against since they came to the United States to build the railroads. That didn't stop them from becoming successful. They too have many Nobel Prizes.

Those people who are rioting and destroying property are doing so because Trump won. It is hard to understand but I think it is because he has articulated the views of the working people, the silent majority, who are silent no more. The views of the left-wing cop haters, the religious haters, and business haters are being relegated to the trash bin of history.

Unless all the forces against Trump are successful; Trump will begin to wean union people and minorities away from the Democrat Party by improving the lives of people in the inner cities, such as Detroit, with jobs and hope. One of the main talking points of the Establishment Republicans was that they needed immigration reform including some form of amnesty or all the Hispanics would be voting for Democrats. That is not true; Hispanics are natural born Republicans; hard working, family orientated, and religious.

This change of voting blocs will result in a greatly diminished Democrat Party that has tied their wagon to a radical left wing agenda. It will be very difficult for them to change because the left is vociferous in their hatred of

all traditional values. Any democrat candidate for the presidency has a tough row to hoe.

THE NEWS MEDIA

Closely related to the haters and much more powerful are the members of the press. The main goal of the press is to find controversy and if you can't find it, make it up. The Main Stream Media targets Trump with all sorts of wild charges and some outright lies. When Trump said that as many as 3 million votes were cast illegally, the press skewered him, calling him a liar. The MSM knows the definition of a lie as well as anyone, therefore they deliberately lied.

The Main Stream Media has no sense of humor and in their zeal to destroy Trump they use comments he made in jest as serious. An example was during the campaign he said: *"I will tell you this, Russia: If you're listening, I hope you're able to find the 30,000 emails that are missing."* The press now says that Trump asked the Russians to hack Hillary's emails. The press knows this was sarcasm but they will use anything to damage Trump.

When Trump held his first press conference after 3 weeks as president, the questions asked were not substantive about policy but were a series of nit-picking questions trying to show that the Trump administration was in chaos. Another constant attack is categorizing misstatements or off the cuff remarks that were not intended to be taken seriously as lies. One news source

claimed that Trump lied when he said that the new candidate for Labor Secretary was on the National Labor Relations board. Alexander Acosta had been on the board but was not currently on the board. So the news printed that Trump lied.

The MSM never blinked an eye when Obama told giant whoppers, “you can keep your health plan, you can keep your doctor” or when answering a question about the IRS “there is not a smidgen of corruption.”

Pundits on the MSM news channels are almost exclusively anti-Trump and the bias against the Republicans is blatant. Even on Fox News channel Megyn Kelly and Chris Wallace make no bones about their disdain for Trump. Chris Wallace recently went berserk in a conversation with Chief of Staff Reince Priebus exclaiming “You can’t tell us what to do.” Priebus was not trying to tell the MSM what to do but rather was pointing out the hypocrisy of the biased reporting. Many commentators, such as Charles Krauthammer, Bill Kristol, and Stephan Hayes make no bones about their dislike of Trump, although Krauthammer has come around somewhat. Then there are the virulent anti-Trump people such as Glenn Beck.

With the news media against you from the start, it will require superhuman effort to overcome their bias and get anything done. But Trump has already started a strategy of going directly to the public with planned press releases, just as he did during the campaign. What’s more, he is attacking the media for reporting “fake” news. In his last

press conference, he predicted the media would be reporting that he was unhinged. And of course, that is exactly what they did.

At the writing of this, in February 2017, Trump's approval rating has climbed to 55 percent, even with the MSM's constant drumbeat of negativity. At the same time, the media's approval rating is at 13 percent. That should tell you how effective they are in reporting the news.

ACADEMIA

Even worse than the News Media are College Professors who are preaching a radical leftist view of the world. It is said that universities are the last bastion of Communism in the world. That's not quite true, but they are True Believers and indoctrinate our young people in radical ideas of what the world is or should be.

It is not an accident that the riots over Trump's election are based in Universities and colleges. Attacks on the majority by Black Lives Matter, White Privilege, and LGBT groups are manifestations of the academic preaching of hatred. The reason is simple, professors think they are smarter than the rest of the population and they should be running things. Actually, many of them have never held a real job. They are bitter little people without a scintilla of common sense.

One reason for Academic intolerance is the practice of granting tenure to professors. The practice was intended to allow professors to take unpopular positions without

regard to consequences. Well, that sure worked. Of course, this also allowed professors to take positions that are not only unpopular but also blatantly false or stupid.

HOLLYWOOD

And then we have the Hollywood elite, the actors, and actresses who specialize in make-believe and rejoice in rejecting the mainstream culture. Hollywood, a place where anything goes, no perversion, debauchery, or depravity is out of bounds, and they eat cocaine like candy.

The one thing that Hollywood is good at is self-promotion. The Oscars and the Grammys are nothing but infomercials where they get on stage and tell each other how wonderful they are.

Of course, they hate Trump with a passion and when an actor or actress supports Trump, it is major news. Jane Fonda, that darling of the left, who was an out and out traitor during the Viet Nam war, came out hard against Trump. If that is who is anti-Trump, then I'm all for him.

Hollywood has a lot of arrows in their quiver to cause trouble; they can and do make propaganda films to promote their agenda. They can and do control the national dialog on morality. Nothing is beneath them; they will attack and smear anyone daring to challenge them.

THE BUREAUCRACY

People that work for the government, whether it is state, city or federal, are overwhelmingly Democrat and they are a force difficult to overcome when you are trying to accomplish something. They will do everything they can to slow down and reduce any changes in government that Trump tries to implement.

Not a month into Trump's administration, the bureaucracy is in full attack mode and leading the battle is the intelligence community with leaks of a conversation between National Security Adviser Gen Flynn and the Russian Ambassador. The seriousness of this leak is that it revealed that intelligence is monitoring Russian phone calls. This is treason. Gen Flynn was forced to resign but there will be more leaks to come.

Trump has said that he wants to cut regulation by 75 percent but he has his work cut out for him trying to rein in these agencies. A case in point is the EPA which is out of control with regulations controlling carbon emissions and naming CO2 as a pollutant when it is a fundamental requirement for all plant life and it is the source gas from which oxygen comes. A bill has been introduced that would severely cut the EPA budget.

The EPA is not the only government agency that is out of control. The IRS illegally targeted Tea Party groups to limit their status as non-profits. And one of their

executives, Lois Learner, pleaded the 5th amendment and refused to answer questions from congress. She was allowed to retire and draws a pension. Hopefully, the new DOJ will look into this and take appropriate action.

The General Services Administration has been the source of much embarrassment with their lavish spending on parties and employee bonuses. This included over \$800,000 for a party in Las Vegas. One executive pleaded the fifth about the spending in Las Vegas and years after the scandal, the agency continues its lavish spending.

Here is a list of some agencies and their budgets:

NOAA over 6 billion dollars. This is my favorite as much of this money is wasted. The National Weather Service, in particular, is extremely wasteful.

There are 122 Weather Forecast Offices (WFO) in the United States. Back when I was working for the National Weather Service, a Weather Forecast Office was a large office staffed with meteorologists and in some cases hydrologists and there were certainly not 122 of them, but times change and bureaucracies increase in size and number.

The bad thing about these offices is that in reality, only one is needed for the entire United States. A rhetorical question is; why do you need forecast offices in all the states when all of the data comes from a central location? The answer is that it is political; a Senator demands that his state gets the same goodies as the other states. A

central forecast office in Missouri could service the entire United States. Why Missouri? To get the organization out of Washington D.C. The bureaucrats would say that these forecast offices need to be near the area they are servicing; nonsense, an office in Missouri can see just as much of the State of Alaska as an office in Anchorage.

Here are budgets for a few agencies:

DOD department of defense 700 billion. Trump has already saved money by demanding the price for the F35 fighter jet be reduced. Massive cuts could be made in other procurement areas.

DE - Department of Education 73.8 billion. Eliminate the agency. Who needs it?

IRS - Internal Revenue Service 11 Billion – A misnomer if there ever was one. We're from the government and here to service you.

EPA - Environmental Protection Agency 10 Billion. They provide the same sort of protection as the Chicago Mob.

One of the worst environment disasters in modern times was caused by the EPA. In 2015 the EPA was working on the Gold Creek Mine waste storage and blew out a plug and caused massive amounts of heavy metal sludge into the Animas River.

DOJ - Department of Justice 27 billion. An arm of the Democrat Party and is totally corrupt.

DHS - Department of Homeland Security 65 Billion plus. Protects you by confiscating your nail clippers that might be used to attack the flight crew. Searches old women, young children, and ignores those carrying a prayer rug and an AK47.

DOE - Department of Energy 28 Billion. Should play wack-a-doodle with this agency and eliminate all green energy projects.

NASA - National Aeronautic and Space Administration 19 Billion. And they have to contract with the Russians to get a man to the space station.

All government agencies could take a 25 percent budget cut and the public would never notice. Of course, the National Park Service would close the parks and other agencies would do everything possible to make their service as painful to the public as possible. When they do that, and they would do it, Donald should fire them.

There is one thing the legislature could do that would improve the efficiency and accountability of all the agencies, and that is to pass a law allowing agency heads and the President to fire anyone for any reason.

CLIMATE CHANGE

One of the left's favorite topics is the threat of global warming and Trump has said he has doubts about the

subject. Such heresy is almost as bad as Trump attacks on globalism with Make America Great Again.

At one time scientists were paragons of virtue, or so I thought, but I find out that even the science community is riddled with liars and thieves. In February 2017 a Whistleblower at NOAA revealed that his organization had published manipulated data in a major 2015 report on climate change in order to maximize impact on high-level world leaders at the UN climate conference in Paris in 2015. It seems that NOAA adjusted good ocean temperature data from ocean buoys to match bad temperature data from ships engine cooling water intake. The result of the data manipulation was to hide the lack of warming for the past 18 years.

A SHOCKING STATEMENT was made by a United Nations official [Christiana Figueres](#) at a news conference in Brussels. Figueres admitted that the Global Warming conspiracy set by the U.N.'s Framework Convention on Climate Change, of which she is the executive secretary, the goal is not to save the world from ecological calamity but to destroy capitalism. She said very casually:

“This is the first time in the history of mankind that we are setting ourselves the task of intentionally, within a defined period of time, to change the economic development model that has been reigning for at least 150 years, since the Industrial Revolution.”

She is so full of bull shit she can't see the forest for the trees. Capitalism is a natural system and even in the old

USSR, the underground system of home gardens and black market businesses provided most of the food and other necessary items for the country. Capitalism has been in existence for thousands of years, not hundreds. A barter system of exchanging goods and services for other goods and services was in use for centuries before money was invented. And money was invented at least 5,000 years ago to facilitate the trade of goods and services.

The Obama administration wasted hundreds of millions of dollars trying to jump start a “Green Energy” solution to global warming. The government funneled millions of dollars into Solyndra only to have it go belly up and many solar companies have shut down when subsidies were cut off or curtailed. According to a 2015 study by MIT; solar energy is not economic without government support.

THE EVANGELICAL COMMUNITY

Well, let's get to Religion, no sense putting it off. One of the refrains from the Democrats is that they don't want churches telling them what to do. I have been married to a Christian woman for over 60 years and I have never had a single instance of the church pressuring me to come to church. What they really don't want is for the church to make judgments about their behavior.

One incomprehensible fact is that the left excuses anything and everything about Islam; never mentioning the status of women and homosexuals in Muslim

countries, which underscores their hypocrisy. The left attacks Trump for attempting to limit immigration from certain Muslim countries, but they never say anything about Christianity being destroyed in those same countries.

I recently read “The Age of Reason” by Thomas Paine who went to great lengths to debunk the religions of the day. Not that he was an atheist but rather that he believed in a deity that created heaven and earth and it is up to men to discover his laws, and it is futile to pray for guidance.

Paine pointed out the inconsistencies between the books Mathew, Mark, Luke, and John of the New Testament and determined, at least to his satisfaction, that none of the books were written by those named, but were written long afterward, and were therefore not a first-hand account.

I highly recommend reading Paine’s works on this. My own thoughts on this are that God created everything and made it just the way he wanted with the physical laws that now exist, including those we have yet to discover. God also made the law that Darwin discovered; the survival of the fittest. And if ants end up ruling the world, that’s fine with God.

Donald Trump had overwhelming support in the last election from the evangelical community. Donald does not seem to be strongly religious but he firmly believes that the attack on Christians, forcing them to abandon their beliefs in business, is completely un-American.

One strange thing about the religious community is the activity of the Jews in supporting the Democrats by an overwhelming majority. The Democrats are sympathetic to the Palestinians even while they are trying to destroy Israel. Makes no sense to me but those are the facts.

THE MIDDLE EAST

Trump has inherited a mess created by a succession of Presidents, both Democrat and Republican. It would be educational to take a look at how this came about.

The Muslim countries in the Middle East at one time were relatively peaceful with dictators in charge of Egypt, Iraq, Libya, Iran and Syria. But the United States interfered in Iran in 1953 when the Prime Minister of Iran, Mohammad Mosaddegh was overthrown in a coup engineered by Britain's MI6 and the CIA. Mosaddegh had been named PM by the Shah in 1951 and one of his acts was to nationalize the Iranian oil fields controlled by Britain. Oops, this was claimed as proof of Mosaddegh being a communist. The coup eventually led to the Shah of Iran being overthrown during the Carter Administration by a Muslim cleric. Carter did nothing to stop the overthrow of the Shah. Fifty-two American diplomats and staff of the embassy in Teheran were taken hostage and held for 444 days. Carter did little to free them and it was not until Reagan became President that they were freed. One of Reagan's mistakes was not taking decisive action against the Iranian regime in retaliation.

George W. Bush compounded this monumental error with Iran and deposed Iraq's Saddam Hussein, and then Obama screwed up by withdrawing from Iraq and lost the gains made by Bush, thereby allowing ISIS to get established.

Hillary Clinton engineered the overthrow of Khadafy in Libya and tried to engineer the overthrow of Syria. The dictators in these countries had ruthlessly kept the Muslim pot from boiling over and our interference created the rise of ISIS. We lucked out in Egypt when Obama was supporting the Muslim Brotherhood and General Sisi toppled the Muslim Brotherhood government.

During this period of history, the Israelis were kicking Arab ass in 1947, 1956, 1967 and 1973 and this does not include every year since 1947 with the Arabs trying to kill Jews and Israel taking counter measures. Of course, the Democrats could not support a winner and chose to belittle the Jews and support Palestine, with Obama really throwing Israel under the bus.

The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different result. Perhaps some of the Arab countries, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and some others have come to the realization that Israel is not their enemy. That designation is now reserved for Iran, the main terrorist supporter in the region. These countries change of heart was helped by the strange actions of the Obama regime in supporting Iran with the nuclear arms deal.

Now Donald Trump has inherited the do-gooder's mess and must make the best of it with some harsh decisions.

He has said that the U.S. would not be nation building but would be taking a pragmatic approach to foreign policy. Stated ruthlessly, if they don't bother us, we won't bother them. This is the most rational foreign policy change in a generation or two. The other rational direction trump is taking is a change in direction with respect to Russia. There is no reason to think we cannot get along with Russia. The idea that we should automatically consider Russia an enemy is absurd. There is an old saying that nations do not have friends, they only have interests, and it is in our interest to get along with Russia as it is in Russia's interest to get along with the United States.

Russia's support of the Assad regime in Syria is a rational policy to keep Muslim extremist under control. Of course, Obama and the Democrats want to undercut Russia in this effort and supplied weapons to the Syrian opposition, although the U.S. has no idea of who these people are and what they stand for.

MUSLIM RADICALS are causing great trouble throughout the world. It is somewhat similar to the Christian religion during the time of the inquisitions; rigid, dogmatic, and cruel. However, Muslims have gone far beyond what Christians did and have exported their insanity over large portions of the world. These radicals seem to like cruelty for its own sake. Beheadings and destruction of historical artifacts are just the tips of their depravity. It is senseless to pretend that only a few radicals are responsible for this kind of behavior. A survey of Muslims in the United States found that 25 percent would rather live under Sharia Law than the

Constitution. And that would mean women would be virtual slaves with no rights, homosexuality would be banned, and Christians would become second class citizens.

The people of the United States should look at the results of uncontrolled immigration of Muslims into Europe and realize that this is a real invasion and should be stopped at all cost. The truth is, and it is the truth, whether you like it or not, Muslims are not going to assimilate into the larger culture.

There is much discussion about integration of Muslims into western countries and many people claim that they are integrated into the U.S. much more so than in Europe. When you see women wearing head scarves and long dresses and read about honor killings, and fathers killing their daughters because they were too western, or practicing female genital mutilation, you know they have not assimilated at all.

JIHADISTS did not appear out of thin air, they emerged from the body of Islam. You cannot separate Radical Islam and Islam, the one arises from the other.

Islam is not only a religion but a system of government that seeks to conquest territory and subjugates unbelievers. Further, it discriminates against other religions existing within Muslim countries. There are those who think Islam will transform itself into a reasonable religion, not going to happen. The Jews of the Old Testament or Bible were the forerunners of

Christianity and have never had a radical segment killing others.

Even though Christianity, as characterized by the New Testament, preaches forgiveness and love, the church evolved into an intolerant and vicious sect during the inquisition. It has since split into many sects, all of which have restored the belief in love and forgiveness. It does not seem possible for Muslims to make such changes without a radical overhaul of the Koran.

Trump will try to greatly improve the vetting of who we let into the country. Here are my suggestions:

- All applicants must speak English.
- All applicants must have a marketable skill
- Must agree that the Constitution is law.
- Deport if convicted of a felony within 5 years.
- No welfare or citizenship for 5 years.
- Must agree on no female genital mutilation.
- Must agree that women have equal rights to men
- Swear allegiance to the U.S.
- Agree that all religions have equal rights.

THE COURTS

The third branch of the US Government is the Judiciary and the culture war is alive and well in that branch. There are nine (9) justices of the Supreme Court and for the last 50 years or so the court has been a hotbed of revolution,

making decisions that have nothing to do with the Constitution. Roe vs Wade is a case in point, the court ruled that a woman has a right to privacy under the equal protection clause. At least until the fetus is viable and even that restriction was eventually overturned and we have late-term abortions even to the point of killing the baby as it is being born.

There are other instances where the court found a reason to take away fundamental rights and give them to the government. The Affordable Care Act where, by law, you must buy health insurance is the most blatant overreach by the Federal Government. If they can make you buy health insurance, they can make you buy anything.

In recent years the Supreme Court has been rather evenly divided between those who believe in the Constitution as written and those who say it is living document and it means whatever the court says it means. Of course, under those rules, you have no rights at all.

Every Justice swore to uphold the Constitution and when the court is regularly divided 4 to 4 with one swing vote, you know someone lied when taking the oath of office.

Donald Trump swore to appoint a Justice in the likes of Justice Scalia, and he did so with the naming of Neil Gorsuch to take Scalia's seat. Because the Democrats opened Pandora's Box when they changed the rules of the Senate to prevent filibusters, they have cut their nose off to spite their face and Gorsuch will take his seat on the court.

Abortion is a hot-button issue in the United States and the sides are rather evenly split between those who feel that it is the woman's body and it is her decision and those who feel that the child has a right to life. In the early days of the race, it would have been unthinkable to deliberately abort a fetus. Now, the population is such that abortions will not hurt the species, at least directly. But indirectly it depends on what kind of child is being aborted. If it is the smart successful people's child, that is bad. If it is children from low intelligence parents, it is ok. Well, that should piss off just about everybody.

HOMOSEXUALITY

Homosexuality has been around since the beginning of time. It was mentioned rather obliquely in the Lewis and Clarke journals, talking about Indian tribes; *“Those men who like women too much are required to live with the women.”* And there was Sodom and Gomorrah of the Bible. In the translation of the Kama Sutra by Richard Burton, oral sex was discussed; *“It does not seem to be so prevalent now in Hindustan, its place perhaps is filled up by the practice of sodomy, introduced since the Mahomedan period.”* It is not uncommon for adult men to have sex with young boys in Muslim countries. This is rather strange, considering that homosexuals face the death penalty and the practice of killing homosexuals in Muslim countries is widespread.

Dan Quinn, a Special Forces captain beat up an Afghan militia commander for keeping a boy chained to his bed as

a sex slave. Captain Quinn was relieved of his command and removed from Afghanistan.

Gay marriage is the latest hot-button issue for the left and the Supreme Court has ruled, on a 5-4 split that Gay marriage is a right. The sole reason for marriage is the protection of children and women during the child's formative years. It ties down the father from his wandering ways so that he will protect the child and mother. Many laws have been passed which favor marriage including survivor benefits, lower taxes.

Marriage has been in existence for thousands of years in all cultures and races. To attempt to redefine what it means is blatant stupidity. Gays and their lifestyle, which includes rampant sexual conduct, and disease, should not be a protected status. There is no need to persecute or treat them badly, but their conduct should not be approved either.

One of the latest buzz words is "transgender." A transgender person is someone who believes they should be a different sex than they were born with. In other words, they have a psychosis or a problem with reality. Moves are afoot to allow transgender people to use the bathroom of their choice, in other words, a male that thinks he is a woman would be allowed to use the women's toilet. Or to put it another way, a pervert can go into the little girl's bathroom.

One final point on this subject: They say that forbidding gays to marry discriminates against them. Not so. They

have the exact same rights that I do; that is they can marry anyone of the opposite sex that will have them. Just because they don't want to marry someone of the opposite sex is not my problem. I might want to marry an additional woman, or two, but it is against the law. The State of Utah had to outlaw Polygamy before it could become a state and many people have been prosecuted for the practice.

There are nutty people out there that would marry their cat and if a man can marry another man, what logical reason can be given for not allowing someone to marry their cat? Not to mention a man marrying two women or a woman marrying two men. The combinations are endless.

Trump has taken a position that he would appoint Supreme Court Justices that would overturn the ruling on gay marriage. So presumably there is a chance this could happen, but it's not likely.

CAPITALISM VERSUS SOCIALISM

There are many people who are unable to form a logical thought; most Democrats have that defective gene. The old saying that those who ignore history are doomed to repeat it certainly fits the leftists in modern society. Socialism and its big brother Communism have a terrible history that includes mass genocide, starvation, and corruption.

Capitalism is a natural system that has been in existence since Adam and Eve swapped an apple for a kiss.

Capitalism, in its essence, is an agreement between a willing seller and a willing buyer. Government's only role should be ensuring a level playing field, enforcing agreements and preventing monopolies.

If you want to see what socialism looks like, go to Venezuela or Cuba. China and Russia learned their lesson, now we need to teach it to the professors in our universities.

IT HAS LONG BEEN A MYSTERY to me why some countries are rich and others are poor. I checked the internet and there were many answers. But it boiled down to corruption, clannishness, and latitude. The closer to the equator, the less work you do.

Work ethic may be a major reason. At one time Germany was the country with the best work ethic and had real craftsmen in abundance. There were apprenticeships for the trades and not everyone went to university nor did they need to. Much of that changed when West Germany absorbed East Germany with its communist attitudes. And now the German and French governments have allowed mass immigration of Muslim migrants into their countries. If allowed to continue, it is the end of Europe and may lead to civil war.

I have a cabin off the grid and I have built much of it myself. It has a solar cell to charge a battery and the battery runs an RV pump for running water. The water

comes from a rain gutter that collects water from the roof and funnels it into a tank. In Africa, they have plenty of rain and yet they don't collect water from the roof. Why is that? It should be quite simple; you could even use bamboo for the pipe. Perhaps it is a tradition; "my father didn't do it that way." In some of the old Mayan ruins are water channels where they collected water, the same in ancient Egypt, Rome, and Greece.

An old Russian joke tells about a poor peasant whose better-off neighbor has just acquired a cow. The peasant is really upset and cries out to God for relief. When God asks him what he wants him to do, the peasant replies "Kill the cow." This is similar to the current "Economic Inequality" rant by the left. They want the government to tax the rich to reduce the inequality, which is the same as killing the cow. Of course what they are really killing is the goose, the Golden Goose. Without the rich investing in companies, there would be no jobs for anyone.

DONALD TRUMP UNDERSTANDS BUSINESS, big business, and understands what it takes to create jobs and a growing economy. The left will fight him tooth and nail because they hate companies, they hate capitalism, and will do anything to kill it and substitute government control and jobs. What a disaster that would be. A Russian tale is instructive; in Russia, in the communist heyday, the government dictated five-year plans to grow the economy. A shoe company was having trouble meeting their goals and found that they could increase production if they only made one kind of shoe, a left or right shoe. So that's what they did.

I acquired some data from Russia near the end of the Communist era. The data was supposed to be a complete chemical and biological analysis of every water stream or lake in the country. I was working on decoding the data and was not having any luck, it seemed to be gibberish, but I persisted until a Russian scientist told me I was wasting my time because the data was produced by command of the bureaucracy and it was likely worthless.

Another tale that illustrates the problem with communism and to a lesser extent socialism; A western businessman was visiting a Russian plant that made thermostats and noticed a pile of thermostats in a corner of the warehouse and asked why they were there and was told they were defective. The businessman bought the whole pile for almost nothing and shipped them to his home, where he melted down all the gold in the contacts and made a fortune. You might ask why they used gold when copper is a lot cheaper, the problem in a command economy is that prices are set arbitrarily and have no relation to actual value. The gold was available, so they used it.

Another tale; In St. Petersburg, Russia I arranged to buy a combined ocean current and wave meter from a fellow that designed such equipment. When I got it several months later it was in a long cylinder of Titanium. Stainless steel would have worked just as well and much less expensive. By the way, the meter didn't work.

THE MORAL of these stories is that command economies do not work; there is no incentive to be productive or

efficient, just meet the quota. Many people admire the so-called socialism in the Nordic countries. But these countries are not actually socialist; they have a market economy and rely on heavy taxation to provide free health care and other services. They are also a homogenous society with few minorities and a common work ethic.

We in the United States also have social programs that provide food stamps and other safety nets but we are a multiracial melting pot of people with variable work ethics. Actually, welfare benefits discourage work and self-reliance. The move to amnesty for illegal aliens would be a disaster. These are hard working people but they are not stupid and once they are entitled to benefits, they will use them.

A common refrain is that these people do work that Americans will not do. That is true and the reason is that Americans do not need to work to survive. If there were no welfare, Americans would have a choice; work or starve, they would work.

In most states, and even in Federal Government Parks, it is not permitted to feed the animals. There is a good reason for this in that the animals become dependent on the handouts and then will never learn to take care of themselves, so says the National Park Service. The question then becomes: Why do we ignore that basic reality when considering humans?

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