

State of the Union

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The other day the USA marked 246 years since a letter to King George III of Great Britain, soon after the start of what became an 8 year long war, dated the birth of a nation. I have been at this nearly 2½ century party for the last 4th of its duration, watching the nation reach zenith, then begin the inevitable decline of every sovereign state. Nevertheless, celebrations remain fun, and “we” (*my better half of 3.6 decades & I*) had a big piece of a good friend’s Independence Day cake.



Yes, 50 blueberries for the 50 stars of the flag.

Love or hate it, the nation influences or has effects, direct and indirect, around the globe. Given the recent birthday party, let’s ask The Committee for a synopsis of the state of the union.

Q: Esteemed Committee, allow me to first ask about the press in the USA; complaints about partisanship and bias grow by the week and month. Is this really a problem?

C: Unbiased, independent and neutral press reporting is an unachievable ideal. It is nice to contemplate but impossible to reach. The populace of any nation or region need not be concerned about press bias; this argument is empty and often used as a distraction. Humans are by nature opinionated and biased. The problem with the press is deception. Denials of bias, often spoken in true good faith, reveal the naïveté inculcated into too many journalists.

Q: Not every partisan journalist is naïve.

C: No, of course not. Arguments and complaints of bias followed by denials and countercomplaints, are an engineered distraction. News consumers will or have already figured this out.

Q: As of now the US economy is already in a recession, correct?

C: Yes. Month to month changes will begin to be detected as they are measured, this will be widely reported in several months.

Q: What can be done to avoid a depression?

C: The opposite of what has brought the country to its current condition. Knowing what to do is not a valid question; the more important thing to examine is why decisions leading to the recession were made.

Q: Putting aside ideas the 2020 presidential election was manipulated, the fact remains that tens and tens of millions of legitimate votes gave cover to the current president, properly elected or otherwise. I cannot believe voters truly wanted what has come to pass. My question is, why did so many not listen or not believe?

C: Style reigns over substance. A woman will struggle with attractive but uncomfortable shoes, a man will pay for a fast, good looking but far too expensive car. Voters will cast a ballot for their emotions, facts be damned. The USA has come under the effects of a coordinated plan to discourage facts.

Q: How is this done?

C: Surrounded are all humans with examples. Distractions are the most effective technique, emotions exploited as the method. Discussions of sexuality in schools is an example of an effective distraction used on impressionable youngsters.

Q: A sad, mentally ill but violent psychopath decided to ruin Independence Day near Chicago, opening fire on a parade. The circumstances and reactions have been as predictable as the sunrise. The conspiracy questions which pop up after every such event in the USA, suggest many such incidents are staged, planned and represent "false flags". Is there any truth to this?

C: Yes.

Q: In recent memory, has there been a staged mass shooting event in the USA?

C: Of course.

Q: Are certain interests THAT worried about an armed citizenry?

C: Yes.

Q: Is Trump going to run again for president?

C: Yes.

Q: Biden? Harris as running mate, for a repeat as VP?

C: No x 2

Q: How much longer will it be before it can be said the USA has declined to become like most nations around the world?

C: It already has but the resemblances are not yet acknowledged.

Q: What is really happening with the flood of illegal immigration attempts?

C: Education has been used as an effective method to develop socialism but the negative effects have been to lift expectations to unrealistic levels regarding career, wealth & employment. Recent arrivals, many entering the USA improperly, suffer from few such illusions or disappointments. They are not just willing but are happy to work many jobs and at rates of pay, increasing numbers of Americans dislike, keeping the economic engine

running.

Q: Is that really bad? It's how economies the world over have always operated, in the USA up until 1925 regarding immigration.

C: No, the bad part is the illegal aspect. American lawmakers know that this is necessary to keep recent arrivals captive to certain jobs and occupations, and the political parties put on a show of encouraging but also denouncing the process. Illegal aliens are slowly be given favors and concessions, in many cases the ability to vote, yet remain under a cloud of worry. This feeds lawmaker authority and power.

Q: Lastly, what about the drug crises? Overdose deaths from fentanyl, for example?

C: As long as substances can be manufactured or produced which have intoxicating properties, such substances will be consumed. Bad effects can only be permanently reduced through knowledge, education and awareness. Restrictions, prohibitions and penalties never achieve the goals such measures are sold as pursuing.

Q: Thank you Esteemed Committee, I expect we could have some good Q&A on this topic.

C: Questions we welcome, as always.