

Zero Sum Game

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The post's title refers, for readers who haven't often seen it, to a notion or perception of finite resources, ultimate limits and fixed supply. Whatever it might be –commuter flights or coffee beans– only so much of it exists, or can exist; for one person or group to get ahead or gain, another person or group must fall back or simply lose.

It is a basic, unspoken premise or assumption of Marxist Theory and its application under its *Euphemism of the Century* (the twentieth), Communism.

The term or phrase keeps popping up, lifting its head above the waves with different names, banners and flags but always flogging the same idea: I get, you give. You get, I give. My most recent sighting got me thinking about it and brought up questions.

Q: Esteemed Committee, anybody can study economics to know more about the topic but why does it remain believed?

C: The night is always darkest before dawn, this is why.

Q: Economists have explained and debunked it, yet my superficial perception is that belief in its "veracity" has, if anything, grown. Why?

C: In a world of slip, slide, instant changes of imagery and of appearance, physical solidity is a mental magnet, a fool's gold used by purveyors of fake happiness to suck it from the hopeful.

Q: Social media, news websites? Cryptocurrency?

C: And many things.

Q: Is this a social trend or a deliberate strategy?

C: The latter.

Q: How is it accomplished?

C: Human behavior and emotion are inseparable among all of mankind, among you are many humans who become addicted to the use of authority and observation of compliance. Simple observation of many addictive and compulsive behaviors reveals this. Power traits are easy to exploit, often difficult to reign in, after the exploitative approach has been taken.

Q: The exploitative approach ruins the subject?

C: To a great degree, yes. The best way to extract compliant, self-serving behavior is to convince the performer to do so voluntarily. Buy them off with payments which feed positive emotions. Uninvited force works quickly and effectively until withdrawn, but manipulation puts a target on auto-pilot.

Q: Mankind has always been vulnerable to such things.

C: Mankind has not always been flooded with imagery.

Q: During the Atlantis Civilization, did rapid telecommunications exist as exists today?

C: It was even more developed, in fact ubiquitous. The technology made a large portion of it wireless. Humans are beginning to enter a similar age, but are yet in the infancy of what is possible.

Q: How did the Atlanteans manage the potential effects, positive and negative, which humans face now?

C: Past and ongoing human struggles with free speech allow psychological weeds to grow and also opens doors to active, intentional manipulation. In Atlantis the struggle with unrestricted expression was overcome. The formula was simple; no restrictions allowed anywhere. Anyone who wished anything concealed, automatically understood s/he and they held all burden but also all personal authority to do it. Likewise, anyone who wished to show or express any image, video, written or spoken words could do so.

Q: Restrictions over public obscenity, lewdness and moral turpitude were not enacted?

C: None. To prohibit, curtail, restrict or limit availability occurs when simultaneous demand and dislike, often coming from distinct groups of humans with little overlap, are displayed. The effect of limitations is always the same; creation of a market for the restricted thing. Pecuniary profit attracts humans as do bees to honey.

Humans struggle with this everywhere.

Q: How does this set the table for the notion of zero-sum mentalities?

C: Human physical existence is over-emphasized compared to the human mind.

Q: A good example?

C: Obesity and religion are two.

Q: Increase the one and reduce the other?

C: Reduce the ideas that something greater than oneself exists, instead increase physical sensations, reactions and feelings. Abuse women and teach them to abuse one another.

Q: How does the abuse of women by women feed the zero-sum mentality?

C: By blaming men. Upon reaching the consensus where men are seen as perpetrators, villains and adversaries of women, the attainment of success can be easily painted to be the result of taking from, denial of access to and general belittlement of men.

The reality is, achievements women seek cannot be reached without men any more than men can conceive and give birth. Mankind requires teamwork and dual, coordinated efforts which result from cooperation.

The zero-sum game can only be well played if cooperation is reduced. Football matches are not displays of cooperation. Make parts and pieces of society believe they play on opposing teams, turn the encounters into a sport, encourage scoring.

Q: Didn't and don't men play the same dumb game?

C: Of course, however the diminishing marginal returns became unattractive compared to gains to be extracted from women, which have been with great success across Earth for the past half century at least.

Q: Gains were extracted from men?

C: Enormous ones. Consider all inter-human armed conflicts for the half or complete millennium until today; the proportions of women who perished compared to men demonstrates this clearly. Men started the conflicts then carried them out. Women lost men.

Q: *How would mankind today erase the zero-sum game mentality?*

C: Unmask it. Identify it, explain it then show voluntary alternatives, different choices.

Q: *Sounds so easy.*

C: It is but for ingrained reactions, carefully designed to punish purveyors of new ideas.

Q: *Yeshua, Pontius Pilate and the Romans?*

C: Donald Trump, the HCPs and American Democrats.

[HCPs = Hidden Controlling Powers]

Q: *What strategy would The Committee recommend humans use to eradicate the zero-sum game mentality?*

C: Explain it; teach it as part of a course in philosophy for adolescents, teenagers then young adults. Make it required as are science, mathematics and language.

Q: *Thank you, our Esteemed Committee.*

C: Most welcome are you, most grateful are we. Do return again.