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I was getting some solid intuition the other day that perhaps I should touch on the economy and what is happening with Tariffs, the stock Market and all of the other things the media has reported as disasters.

As I reported, April 5th was a time for a massive protest called "hands off" -- it was expected and no one in my neighborhood dared to show up downtown as everything was stopped as many people all grabbed signs and gathered in the streets to protest what they are seeing as a farce and a intentional crashing of the economy.

But it is not just the economy they are attacking -- some of the Woking Dead are at it again disparaging America as a whole.

Elie Mystal, a regular commentator on MSNBC said that "We should replace our piece of crap Constitution." Hardly surprising from someone who previously called the Constitution "trash" and urged not just the abolition of the U.S. Senate but also of "all voter registration laws."

But Mystal's radical rhetoric is becoming mainstream on the Left, as shown by his best-selling books and popular media appearances.

There is a counter-constitutional movement building in law schools and across the country. And although Mystal has not advocated violence, some on the Left are turning to political violence and criminal acts. It is part of the "righteous rage" that many of them see as absolving them from the basic demands not only of civility but of legality.

They are part of a rising class of American Jacobins — bourgeois revolutionaries increasingly prepared to trash everything, from Teslas to the Constitution.

The Jacobins were a radical group in France that propelled that country into the worst excesses of the French Revolution. They were largely affluent citizens, including journalists, professors, lawyers, and others who shredded existing laws and destroyed property. It would ultimately lead not only to the blood-soaked "Reign of Terror" but also to the demise of the Jacobins themselves as more radical groups turned against them.

Of course, it is not revolution on the minds of most of these individuals. It is rage.

Rage is the ultimate drug. It offers a release from longstanding social norms — a license to do those things long repressed by individuals who viewed themselves as decent, law-abiding citizens.

Across the country, liberals are destroying Tesla cars, torching dealerships and charging stations, and even allegedly hitting political dissenters with their cars.

Last week, affluent liberal shoppers admitted that they are shoplifting from Whole Foods to strike back at Jeff Bezos for working with the Trump administration and moving the Washington Post back to the political center.

One "20-something communications professional" in Washington explained "If a billionaire can steal from me, I can scrape a little off the top, too." These affluent shoplifters portrayed themselves as Robin Hoods.

Of course, that is assuming Robin Hood was stealing organic fruit from the rich and giving it to himself.

They are also enraged at Mark Zuckerberg for restoring free speech protections at Meta.

It is either their way or no way -- and this is like baby that want to take their toys out of sandbox and play alone.

It brings back memories of the color revolution that happened in Cities everywhere a few years ago.

This sounds familiar in some ways as with COVID-19 the economy was even more of a mess and it would take some uncomfortable plans to rebuild.

This is where I see this now, that what we are experiencing is The Trump version of "The Great Reset."

When Donald Trump entered office he faced a number of choices that had confronted the last three Republican presidents, Ronald Reagan, George H. W. Bush, and George W. Bush. They all had the choice to either shrink government and reduce deficits or slow government growth while cutting taxes.

It can be argued that the Bushs had their vision for a New World Order which is also a synonym for their own reset.

The Bush's however had plans to wipe out their enemies. They we were seemingly distracted by an open ended war that became more of a quest after Twin Towers were attacked in 2001.

All of our economic pain took a backseat to our united hatred against an agreed upon enemy.

These administrations used American fire power to restore deterrence by invading belligerents like Grenada, Panama, Iraq, Afghanistan or targeting enemies without deploying ground troops to change governments.

It was yet another distraction from economic standstill and another reason to call what we were experiencing "troubled times." In this country it goes without saying that we cannot remember when times weren't so troubled. Even during the Biden administration it was fashionable for the entrenched Left to sugar coat the inevitable.

This is why for years I was reporting that no matter who is in the Oval Office. Things are going to collapse as it is part of the plan to reset the old legacy system and replace it with a new one.

As I saw neighborhoods fill with protestors, I was curious as to why anyone would think that it would get any easier as the warning signs have been in existence for at least 3 to 4 years.

Now we are going to have to sleep in the bed we have made and of course we are now seeing The Trump administration do some very abrupt and immediate things that have us terrified and we are seeing many losses as many wasteful programs have gotten the axe.

Republicans could either impose tariffs to ensure trade balances and fair trade or argue that free, even if unfair, trade was in the U.S.'s interest by lowering consumer prices, keeping domestic producers competitive, and assuming foreign subsidies were unsustainable.

They had the choice to either reverse the left-wing domination of culture or moderate its fated influence.

They could have shut down the open border and eliminated illegal immigration or publicly condemned it while tacitly maintaining an influx of hundreds of thousands per year for the corporate world, rather than millions.

In general, no Republican president of the past 50 years sought to radically reduce the size of government and balance the budget. None closed the border and began deportations. None avoided optional ground wars while solely hitting aggressors from the air. None led a cultural counter-revolution to reverse the left's long march through our institutions.

Why?

Because to have done so would have constituted a veritable cultural counter-revolution that would incur an unacceptable level of hatred and resistance from the entrenched left defined by the media as an act of war, feeding bureaucracies, campuses, foundations, Wall Street and Silicon Valley, and the Democratic Party.

They are getting the counter culture rebellion and who knows where it is going to go next. First, it is protests, then there are other ways to sabotage an administration which ironically sabotages America.

They think they are doing good when it is really doing more damage and then when it is all over, there will be other reasons to divide this country and then that is when those unelected at Davos step in and demand their new government.

The rejection of globalism is Trumps attempt at reset but people in the United States that are entrenched in media hype see it as a danger their well being.

They see nationalism as a means to an end.

But is it truly nationalism and are we seriously dealing with an America first administration? That is the deeper question that needs to be asked -- it can be confusing. In the meantime, it will also become more and more outrageously expensive to have a normal life.

The older administrations were not as ravenous at eliminate global dependence -- they stayed clear and sought to deregulate, cut taxes, keep illegal immigration to about 30,000 or so a month, and use rhetoric to oppose the left's cultural revolution.

As you can see, this is not how Trump operates. He certainly has heard of the globalist reset and has decided that America needs one too and hopefully he can do it despite the counter revolutionary rebellion.

The target of four years of lawfare, he has now become a true counterrevolutionary determined not to slow down the progressive trajectory of the last 60 years but to end it and return the U.S. to the center—at least as now defined by a balanced budget, reciprocal fair trade, full use of all modes of energy, a closed border, legal only immigration, no optional ground wars abroad and a fierce effort to end the woke/DEI/ESG/Green New Deal left-wing orthodoxy.

Republicans somehow are still behind Trump as he certainly seemed like a winner at first, bull rushing around with pen in hand, writing executive orders and acting like a raging bull in a China shop.

But what exactly has changed? Well, the stock market has collapsed. This is almost exclusively due to policy of implementing- or constantly threatening to implement- tariffs on other countries.

That would be fine, and a good way to protect American industry. Except that our industry is gone. Shipped offshore. Outsourced for cheaper foreign labor, under NAFTA and other disastrous trade deals. You have to build new factories, and start actually

making products again, so you can provide domestic competition to imports. Obviously, that should be done before you place any tariffs on anyone.

You can argue that he put the cart before the horse as he has this faith in our industry and how American made should be a signal of virtue that challenges the reality of what the past administrations have brought us... globalism. Marching forward, Trump now turning back the clock -- a fall back policy if you permit me to over use a metaphor.

What Trump is doing is a bit like what we saw in Alice in Wonderland; sentence first, verdict afterwards. Unless your goal is to crash the market.

But to say so gets you a ton of reminders.

They have the fact that he won all the swing states. Or all the battleground states. They believe that during his first term, he created "the strongest economy in this country's history." I mean, it's only been eight years or less. Of course, we had Biden muddying the process riding the economic bomb to its target like Slim Pickens in Dr. Strangelove.

Meanwhile, the Democrats are still able to go full clown show gathering in the streets-- what difference did it make?

Its like when we were kids playing cops and robbers -- the kid pulled out is toy gun and says "bang bang you're dead or I'm not playing."

The Left's revolution has become so deeply institutionalized that the once-bizarre had become the politically correct norm: three, not two, sexes; illegal aliens de facto not different from American citizens; a country without borders; massive debt and trade imbalances propped up for years by near-zero, de facto interest rates; and nation-building abroad as the country's interior at home was hallowed out.

Trump is currently waging a 360-degree, 24/7 effort to undo at least the last 20 years of the most recent manifestation of the leftist cultural revolution inaugurated by Barack Obama.

Economy be damned and it is really an example of cold turkey trolling -- how does he expect the Woking Dead to stop cold turkey?

Can he achieve enough massive cuts to the federal workforce and federal spending to realistically project a balanced budget in 2-3 years? Can he use tariffs to adjudicate rough trade parity without panicking Wall Street and reduce our huge trade deficit— while stimulating the economy through increased energy production, some tariff income, massive inflows of foreign capital and private-sector jobs, deregulation, and tax cuts? And in addition, can he end the war in Ukraine while denuclearizing Iran without blowing up the Middle East?

The answers remain uncertain because no one has really attempted all of these measures simultaneously.

You need to understand that timing in everything and I am wondering how Trump can pull a rabbit out of the hat that will satisfy the rabid Left?

Speed is of the essence. He must see most of his major counterrevolutionary steps enacted this year while avoiding a recession before the midterms.

Otherwise, he may see a new Democratic majority House in 2026 that will do nothing but issue subpoenas, conduct investigations, and impeach him.

The Democrats seem to have little desire to offer a comprehensive counter-agenda that would reflect their own ideas on how to achieve balanced budgets, a secure border, a deterrent foreign policy, fair trade, and energy dynamism.

For now, some of Trump's allies by becoming so unhinged, often so repugnant in their smutty rhetoric and street violence, and so angry without constructive alternatives that the counter-revolutionary Trump seems centrist in comparison.

It is scary as well as hilarious to watch this clown show and wondering how the President is going to be able to succeed in walking the tight rope without plunging to his death.

All know that Trump's agenda of cutting the size of government, balancing the budget, deregulating, achieving trade parity, expanding gas, oil, nuclear, and hydroelectric energy, and leveraging massive foreign investment in the U.S. will soon result in a booming economy. But the question is, how long will the bitter medicine of cutting spending, federal jobs, and the size of government, forcing trade symmetry, and shocking voters with layoffs and deregulation last?

I guess you can think of Trump as the Mad Oncologist that is allowed to apply sufficient harsh radiation and chemotherapy to a near-terminal patient to see him recover.

Can anyone see this analogy as close to the mark?

It has to be said -- or we lose all hope in recovering from this massive cancer we have been in since the pandemic.

It is not hard to borrow and spend, but it is unenviable and unpopular to cut and save.

It is unpopular to get people to wake up and diversify their portfolios in a time where it appears that everything is so dire but it is only temporary and with gold reaching all time highs and precious metals becoming a sound investment -- maybe it is time to do something produced other than picking up a picket sign and chant. It is also important to do so if you are a counter revolutionary pounding your chest saying "USA USA USA!"

Does anyone get the picture?

It is easy to smile, pal around, and hand out money and commitments abroad at summits while foreign leaders welch on their military commitments and run up unsustainable trade surpluses with the US. But it quite another thing to demand from our allies and neutrals trade parity, reciprocity, and keeping defense commitments as prime ministers and their state media damn you as either crazy or sinister.

We are witnessing the greatest effort to reinvent or, rather, restore the U.S. since the first 100 days of FDR's radical New Deal revolution. It can succeed even against the street theater nihilism, mainstreamed vulgarity, neo-terrorism, lawfare, and the congressional circus arrayed against it.

Yes this is a reset -- a Trump reset. Would you rather have the guys at Davos do it -- or an American President.

Damned if you do and damned if you don't.

The whole prospect is Tarrifying.