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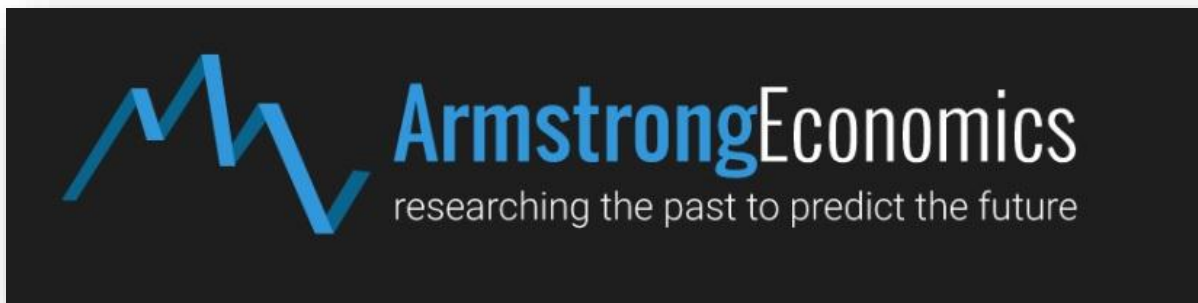
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& Pressing Climate Change

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The Preface



Italian Landscape with the Ruins of a Roman Bridge by Jan Asselijn

I have said many times that war never comes when everyone is fat and happy. My studies of history, for whatever reason, had always been a curiosity as to why empires, nations, and city-states rose and fell. Even the greatest empires were as mortal as the people behind them.

All empires die, despite the fact that each believed that they would last forever. Many have asked the question, "Why?" Some believe that their decline comes not from a lack of power but precisely the opposite. Their power lulls them into the delusion that they are all-powerful and thus immortal. The greatest of all empires die from a cancer eating away from the inside. The pervasive corruption begins with the collapse of the rule of law, unleashing an undisciplined economic decline. Once property and safety are no longer secure, investment begins to decline, setting free a cancer that will eventually consume the entire political establishment. Those who built the empire that created the foundation of power are replaced by those who have known nothing but power. These individuals are corrupt because they have no comprehension of their actions, for they are blind to history and cannot contemplate the need to rise above base desires.

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All civilizations are created by people coming together, for there is a mutual benefit to creating collective societies. When those in power see their authority as supreme and begin to abuse that superiority, singling out one group for the benefit of another, the very foundation of forming a civilization is undermined when all groups are no longer equal. Edward Gibbon noted in his *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*:

Her primeval state, such as she—might—appear in a remote age, when Evander entertained the stranger of Troy, has been delineated by the fancy of Virgil. This Tarpeian rock was then a savage and solitary thicket; in the time of the poet, it was crowned with the golden roofs of a temple, the temple is overthrown, the gold has been pillaged, the wheel of Fortune has accomplished her revolution, and the sacred ground is again disfigured with thorns and brambles. The hill of the Capitol, on which we sit, was formerly the head of the Roman Empire, the citadel of the earth, the terror of kings; illustrated by the footsteps of so many triumphs, enriched with the spoils and tributes of so many nations. This spectacle of the world, how is it fallen! how changed! how defaced! The path of victory is obliterated by vines, and the benches of the senators are concealed by a dunghill. Cast your eyes on the Palatine hill, and seek among the shapeless and enormous fragments the marble theatre, the obelisks, the colossal statues, the porticos of Nero's palace: survey the other hills of the city, the vacant space is interrupted only by ruins and gardens. The forum of the Roman people where they assembled to enact their laws and elect their magistrates, is now enclosed for the cultivation of pot-herbs, or thrown open for the reception of swine and buffaloes. The public and private edifices that were founded for eternity lie prostrate, naked, and broken, like the limbs of a mighty giant, and the ruin is the more visible from the stupendous relics that have survived the injuries of time and fortune.

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Indeed, every great empire that saw itself as the citadel of the Earth and the terror of kings eventually fell. Assyria began as a small trading community centered in the ancient city of Ashur. It grew to become the greatest empire in the ancient world prior to the conquests of Alexander the Great. The Assyrians were feared, as pictured here in this relief from the Palace of Assurbanipal in Nineveh.

The Assyrians' cultivated amazing administrative skills, and they even developed the art of diplomacy. However, these were not the skills that made them the greatest empire alone that grew to rule the ancient world from Egypt in the South, through the Levant (Syria), Mesopotamia, and over to Asia Minor. They developed their skill in warfare. The kings of the Assyrians used this fearsome army to build and expand their empire. Newly conquered people stayed in line out of fear of the army.

The chariot originated in Mesopotamia in about 3000 BC. There are monuments from Ur and Tutub that depict battle parades, which include heavy vehicles with solid wheels, their bodywork framed with wood and covered with skins. The first reference to charioteers comes from Syria around 1800 BC. The Assyrian Empire was built on the strength of their powerful army emerging from a warrior society,

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which produced fearsome soldiers. However, they also had innovative generals, and they may have been the first to use chariots, iron weapons, and siege equipment to dominate their enemies. They also established the first standing army where every young man was expected to train as a warrior and be ready to fight. That model was copied by Sparta more than 1,000 years later.

The idea of civilization from the left has been one where the rights of the individual are moot, whereby the primary goal is to subordinate everyone to a single class subservient to the state. Karl Marx (1818–1883) claimed that the rise and fall of empires, nations, and city-states were all due to Adam Smith's (1723–1790) invisible hand, which dictated the fortune and misfortune of men, but with the "abolition of the basis of private property," all of that would come to an end. Marx failed to understand that human nature would still exist among the rulers.

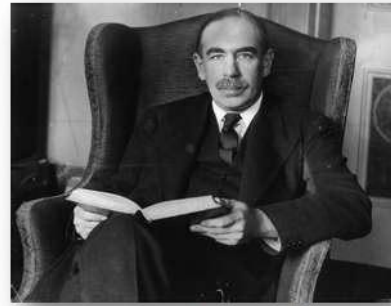


Karl Marx
(1818 – 1883)

Or how does it happen that trade, which after all is nothing more than the exchange of products of various individuals and countries, rules the whole world through the relation of supply and demand—a relation which, as an English economist says, hovers over the earth like the fate of the ancients, and with invisible hand allots fortune and misfortune to men, sets up empires and overthrows empires, causes nations to rise and to disappear—while with the abolition of the basis of private property, with the communistic regulation of production (and implicit in this, the destruction of the alien relation between men and what they themselves produce), the power of the relation of supply and demand is dissolved into nothing, and men get exchange, production, the mode of their mutual relation, under their own control again?

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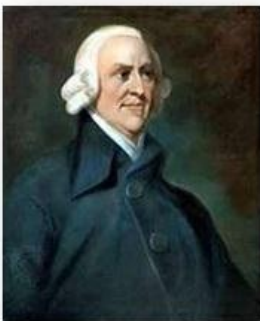
"I find myself more and more relying for a solution of our problems on the invisible hand which I tried to eject from economic thinking twenty years ago,"



John Maynard Keynes (1883-1946)

Yet before Keynes died, in 1946 he told Henry Clay, a professor of social economics and adviser to Bank of England, that he had hoped Adam Smith's Invisible Hand would help Britain (Source: after the War, **The World Bank, the IMF and the End**).

John Maynard Keynes (1883–1946) advocated that government could control the economy and believed he too could defeat the natural order of things. Yet, Keynes later reflected in Smith's invisible hand and came to the conclusion that he was wrong. He said before he died that he hoped that Smith's invisible hand would save Britain.



Adam Smith (1723-1790)

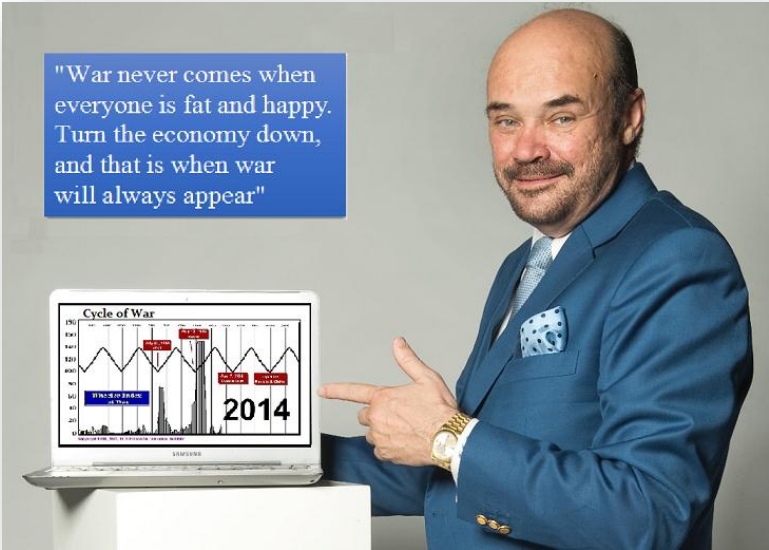
"It is not from the benevolence of the butcher, the brewer, or the baker that we expect our dinner, but from their regard to their own interest."

Adam Smith; Wealth of Nations 1776, Book I, Chapter II,
Of the Principle which gives occasion to the Division of Labour

Smith had not created a theory in his mind and then scoured history to support his predetermined conclusion. Instead, Smith studies what made the economy function by observing it from everyone's perspective. Only Socrates (470 – 399 BC) approached this subject in the same manner.

In pursuing our own talent, each of us creates the economy and is fully responsible for the rise and fall of empires, nations, and city-states. When people do not trust each other, they remain individuals, and as such, you will never see an empire rise from such an unproductive gathering. Likewise, communism and socialism fail, for they too divide the people and seek to punish the most productive groups. In the process, they reduce their efforts which results in the eventual fall of the state, as was the case with communism.

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I believe it was the fact that my father took me to Europe to tour around for the summer when I was 13. We landed in Frankfurt, Germany, drove from Sweden down to Italy, and came up through France. Having to change currencies with each country we entered opened my eyes to foreign exchange. Seeing the Colosseum and the Roman Forum made history come alive, which I think succeeded in creating an addiction to discovering patterns. I loved Europe and routinely traveled back on my own, exploring the culture and history.

Perhaps that trip changed my life and captured my curiosity of how such stupendous empires and achievements of humankind could topple, laying prostrate upon the ground like the dead body of a mythical giant. What I do know is certainly from that point in my life onward, I wanted to understand the rise and fall of empires, nations, and city-states. For the one common element was that none survive the trials and tribulations of time and fortune. My conclusion was rather obvious—war and the fall of civilizations did not come when everyone was fat and happy. The death of empires, nations, and city-states always came with economic declines.



Venice - Martin Armstrong 1965

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In studying the rise and fall of empires, nations, and city-states, what became clear was that the financial capital of the known world at that point in time was also the most powerful. I bought my first ancient Roman coin when I was about 11-years-old for \$10. I became fascinated that such relics of the past existed and in sufficient quantity for collectors.

Studying ancient coins revealed two important aspects that would shape my thinking. First, money was not really backed by just gold or silver. The value of money was reflected in the strength of that economy, which was created by its people. The proof of that statement was

that peripheral countries or city-states would imitate the coinage of the dominant power throughout history with the same metal content. Still, if the value of the money was simply its metal content, then there would be no reason to imitate a coin of the dominant state. Clearly, the coin of the financial capital of the world at that time always carried a premium.

Athenian Owls (449 - 413BC) (Athena wearing helmet/Owl deep incuse)



AR Tetradrachm (16.86 grams)



EGYPT, Pharaonic Kingdom. Uncertain pharaoh
Mid 5th-mid 4th centuries BC
AR Tetradrachm (16.90 grams) Imitating Athens

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Prior to the 7th century BC, precious metals traded by weight. We find the first step toward creating a standardized monetary system when the metal was crafted into a standardized

weight system. The metal was simply a natural alloy of a mix of silver and gold. This is known as electrum, and it was common to the region of Anatolia, which today is modern Turkey.



Anatolia - Electrum 7th Century BC

PERSIA, Achaemenid Empire
7th century BC - 330BC



Darius I to Xerxes I
(Circa 505-480 BC)
AV Daric (15mm, 8.37 grams)

Xerxes I to Darius II
(Circa 485-420 BC)
AV Daric (14.5mm, 8.35 grams)



Darius II to Artaxerxes II
(Circa 420-375 BC)
AV Daric (11mm, 8.33 grams)

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The Achaemenid Empire of Persia, which conquered Lydia and the Greeks of Anatolia, ruled much of the Middle East from 550 to 330 BC before Alexander the Great conquered them. With a diversity of cultures, languages, and religions, the economy relied on a mix of regional currencies. "Royal" coinage, issued from

Persia Time of Darius I to Xerxes I (Circa 505-480 BC)



AV Daric (13mm, 8.42 g)

AR Siglos (17mm, 5.25 g)

various city-states including Sardis, invented the refining of electrum and producing a two-tier monetary system.

The Persians issued the daric, a high-purity gold piece of 8.4 grams based upon the old weight standard of the Babylonian shekel. It was a month's pay for a mercenary foot soldier, and the silver to gold ratio was one gold daric exchanged for 20 silver *sigloi*.



The gold daric became an international trade coin. Hoards have been discovered from Sicily to Afghanistan. This small hoard of eight gold darics was discovered in Athens near the Ilissos river, showing that they clearly circulated even in Greece. The coinage of Greece was silver, not gold, and it began about 550 BC. The gold daric is one of the few coins mentioned in the Old Testament (I Chronicles 29:7, Ezra 2:69 and 8:27, and Nehemiah 7:72).

Note that with respect to the darics, the coins bore no inscriptions at this point in time. The obverse shows a crowned image of the king, while the reverse is an incuse punch mark left by the tool used in striking. If there were imitations of these coins, none have been discovered, suggesting that international trade was in its infancy or the simplistic.

The Athenian Owls were the first widely imitated coins worldwide, from northern Europe and the Celts to the South in Egypt, which had not produced their own coinage.

Imitations of Classical Athenian Owls



Egypt, Imitative Classical Athenian Owl
(c. 5th century BC) AR Tetradrachm (16.90 grams)



North Arabian Imitative Classical Athenian Owl
(c. 4th century BC) with test-cut tetradrachm (14.6 grams)



Babylon (Persian) Imitative Athenian Owl
Intermediate Style
(c. 400 BC) tetradrachm (15.9 grams)
SNG Cop. Supp. 1245 van Alfen (2004/2005) 64



Philistia (Palestine), Imitating Athens Drachm
Askalon Imitating the Dekadrachm issue
(Circa 425-400 BC) AR Drachm (14mm, 3.96 grams)



Bactria (Afghanistan-Uzbekistan-Tajikistan)
Classical Athenian Owl
(c 261-293/298BC) AR Tetradrachm (16.96 grams)
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Imitations of the dominant power runs the course throughout ancient times. Here is an imitation of a gold stater of Philip II of Macedonia (382–336 BC), Alexander the Great’s father. This was struck by the Swiss Celtic tribe known as the Helvetia.

Imitation of Alexander III the Great



Macedonian Kingdom. Alexander III the Great
AR Silver Tetradrachm (17.21 g) struck 325-323/2BC Amphipolis Mint

EASTERN EUROPE, Imitation of Alexander III of Macedon
Late 2nd-1st centuries BC. AR Tetradrachm (31mm, 16.74 grams)

We can see that the practice among the Celts in Eastern Europe to imitate the coinage of the Greeks continued under Alexander the Great. The weight difference between the original being 17.21 grams and the imitation at 16.74 grams was not very significant. Clearly, this was not intended to be a counterfeit but rather just an imitation to facilitate trade in Eastern Europe.

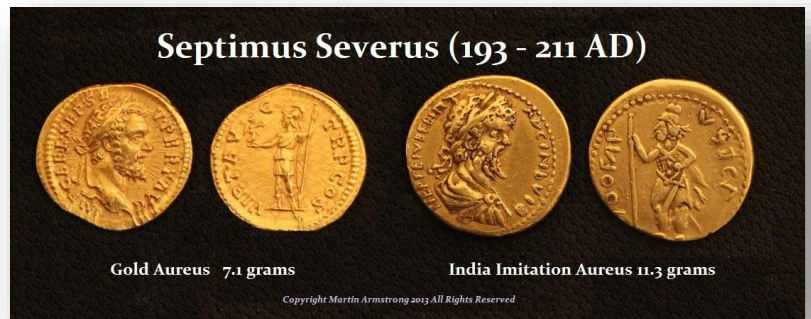
Tiberius (14-37AD)



Genuine AU Aureus
(7.82 grams)

India Imitation
(6.69 grams)

Even in India, where they dealt with the West regarding spices, they too also imitated the Roman gold coinage. The earliest Roman emperor to have his coinage imitated in India was Augustus (27BC-14 AD). Even 200 years later, India was routinely imitating the coinage of Rome and changed the designs to keep up to date. Here is Septimius Severus (193-211 AD), where the weight of the imitation was greater than the original. Here is another example where they took the design of the silver Antoninianus of Pupienus of 238 AD to strike it in gold.



Septimius Severus (193 - 211 AD)

Gold Aureus 7.1 grams

India Imitation Aureus 11.3 grams

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Clearly, the practice of imitating the coinage of the dominant power illustrated that their coinage carried a premium over the metal content. This practice continued during the Byzantine Empire after Rome fell in the West.

Indian Imitation Roman Coinage 238AD



Pupienus (April 22nd - July 29th, 238AD)
AV Double Aureus Binio (7.25 grams)



Pupienus (April 22nd - July 29th, 238)
AR Antoninianus (3.35 grams)

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Interestingly, during the 6th and 7th century AD, we still find Indian imitations of Byzantine gold but were underweight.

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Justin I (518-527AD)
AV Solidus (22mm, 4.49 grams)
Constantinople mint, 10th officina. Struck 522-527AD



Here is a group of Indian imitations of Byzantine *solidi* 6th century AD. Thin, lightweight (ca. 0.50 g each) copies of the types of Justin I (518–527 AD) and Justinian I (527–565 AD). Gold in India during the 6th century AD became rather scarce. We can learn a lot from the coinage, and in this instance, we can even see when the economic conditions turn down or boom.



Florin of Florence
It was first struck in 1252 (3.5 grams)

Florin Imitations



When we move to the period of the Renaissance when Florence was the dominant wealthy city-state and the home of the Medici Bankers, we find that other cities imitated the coinage of Florence rather than issue their own. Even the

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British florin, or two-shilling coin, was issued from 1849 until 1967, taking its name from the original coin of Florence.



When the United States was born, they took the name "dollar" from the German word for its currency "*thaler*," which was based on the continental silver coinage of about one ounce of 90% silver. Here is a bank note from the Exchange Office showing a U.S. silver dollar and the Spanish pillar dollars.

Imitation of the Spanish Pillar Dollar Became the U.S. Dollar



Spanish Pillar Dollar



Continental Dollar



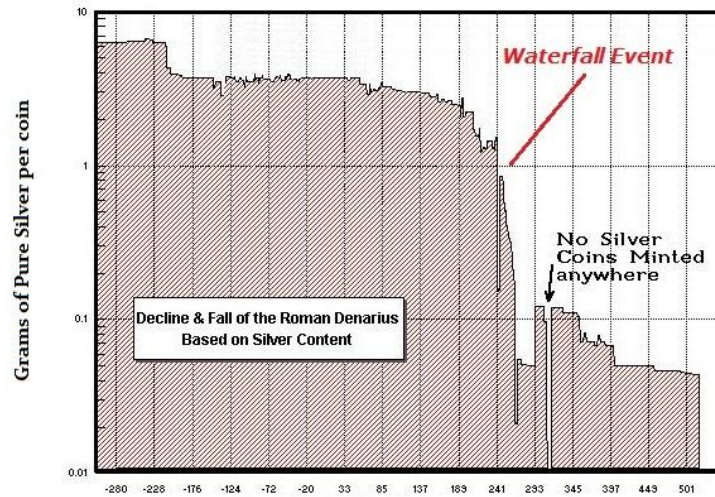
U.S. Silver Dollar



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Therefore, even the United States was an imitation of the Spanish coinage, as was the case historically. The only difference here is that the United States only imitated the standard and name rather than the design.

Collapse of the Roman Silver Monetary System Silver Denarius Basis - 280 BC - 518 AD



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Secondly, it was apparent that the most important aspect of the monetary system was public confidence in government. The collapse of the Roman monetary system took just 8.6 years following the capture of the Roman Emperor Valerian I (253–260 AD) by the Persians.

Valerian I (253 - 260AD)

Comes to Power Raising his son Gallienus to the throne



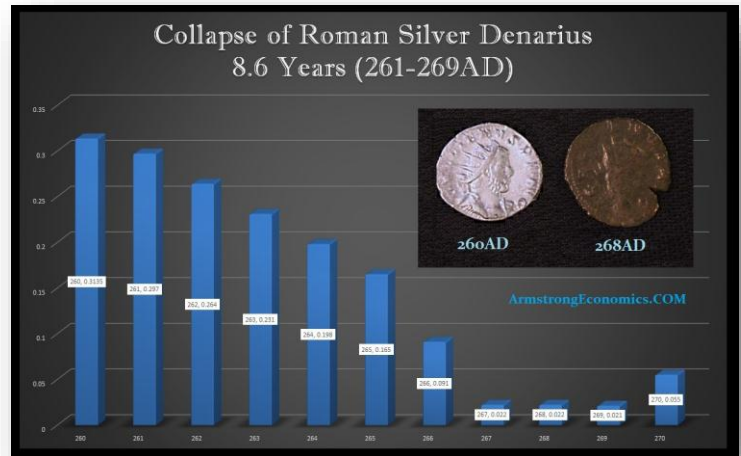
Double Aureus

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The capture of Valerian I in 260 AD shook the confidence in the Roman Empire for the first time. People began to hoard their wealth, and then the barbarian tribes in the north began to invade, seeing that Rome was indeed vulnerable. As people hoarded their money, the economy imploded, and the metal content of the coinage kept declining. The controllers of the mint themselves were simply robbing the mint and withholding silver for themselves.

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It was the subsequent Emperor Aurelian (270–275 AD) who demanded monetary reform. Aurelian returned to Rome in 271 AD. The controller of the mint in Rome began a rebellion over the monetary reforms laid out by Aurelian. He ordered that all the debased currency be purchased back and replaced with a new currency of higher content in silver. Felicissimus led the rebellion. It appears that those who had been running the mint were embezzling the intended silver and issuing the debased coinage at least in part on their own authority. Hence, corruption ran wild once Valerian I was captured.



The coinage itself stands as evidence of the rise and fall of empires, nations, and city-states. What has jumped out of the data of centuries is very clear. As long as the people have faith in the future, they will spend without restraint, and economic growth follows. Disrupt that faith in the future, and they will contract in their spending, which is why we see central banks lowering interest rates to entice the

people to spend. But the rise and fall of the money supply and interest rates never have alone “stimulated” an economy. It all boils down to the expectation of the future.



A bas relief at Naqsh-e Rostam, Shiraz, Iran with Shapur I on horseback showing Roman Emperor Valerian held captive chained to the wall who he eventually had stuffed as a trophy

The capture of Valerian I in 260 AD and the boasting by the Persians shook the confidence within Rome. It also set in motion the Christian persecutions, for the people claimed the gods were angry because the Christians were defying the gods of

Rome. The worst persecutions came under Diocletian (284–293 AD).

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Aurelian (270-275AD) Constructed Defensive Walls Around Rome

Within just ten years, the Northern Barbarians saw Rome as weak and vulnerable after Valerian was captured in 260 AD. They began to invade and made it to Milan. Emperor Aurelian (270-275 AD) built the wall around Rome to protect it from invasion, which had not taken place since the days of the early Republic. Eventually, Rome would be sacked several times in the decades that came.

Consequently, war never comes when everyone is fat and happy. Nor does war come when an empire is strong. Turn the economy down, and suddenly people lose all confidence. The power that was once perceived to be invincible begins to lose its grip.

This is what we now face because we have politicians who have deliberately sought to destroy the economy so they can "Build Back Better" all green as part of this Great Reset agenda. Those in power have been orchestrated by the World Economic Forum, assuming they can accelerate what they call the Fourth Industrial Revolution, have inflicted tremendous harm similar to the capture of Valerian I. They are clueless about how the world economy really works and the risks they are creating for the next war.

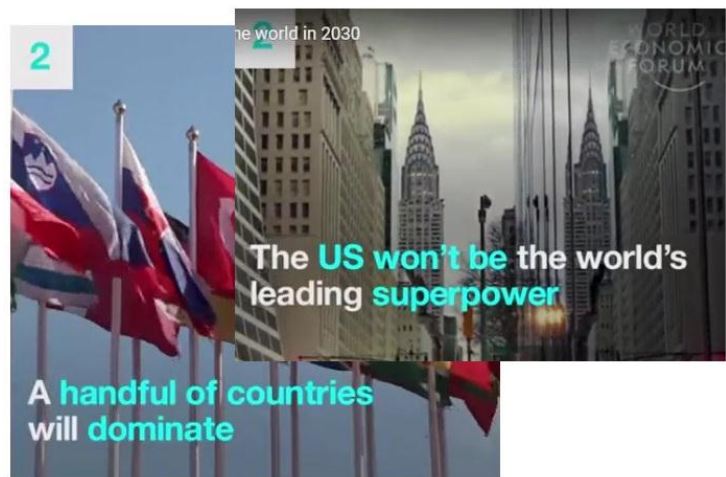
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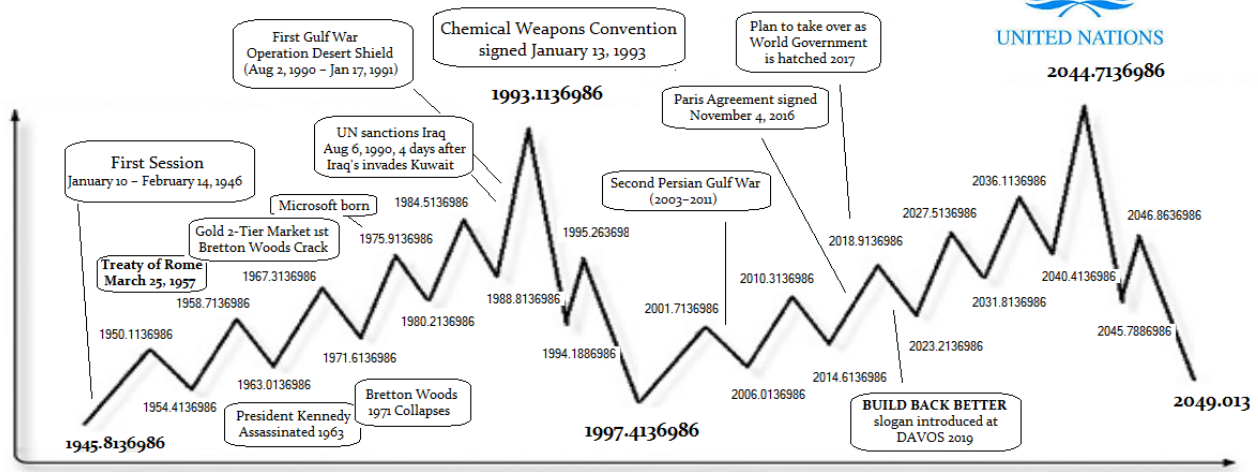
When Biden debated with Trump, he made it clear that he would rejoin the United Nations Paris Agenda and refund the World Health Organization (WHO). Biden also said that a motive to rejoin was to compel China and Russia to comply. One of the eight main points of Klaus Schwab's 2030 agenda is that the United States should no longer remain as the superpower and that status should be handed to the United Nations to be "shared" among nations.

Ever since the formation of the United Nations, there has been this arrogant theory that the way to end all wars is to eliminate governments. They believe everything should be controlled

from a one-world government, which is the United Nations.



The United Nations October 24th, 1945



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The meeting to create the United Nations began in San Francisco, California. It was born October 24, 1945, in San Francisco. Cyclically, it is very interesting that the 72-year interval is when the effort to make the United Nations the one-world government gained support from Klaus Schwab's World Economic Forum in 2017. By the early 2019 Davos meeting, they already had their "BUILD BACK BETTER" slogan, which they instructed world leaders to use.



Now in the name of public health, the most corrupt organization, the World Health Organization (WHO), is calling for a one-world government with the power held in an unelected, non-democratic form of dictatorship being the United Nations. They argue that global surveillance, "financial independence," and (military) power to override national governments are required "reforms." They claim this pandemic is the worst crisis since 1940s, which they manufactured.

The New York Times

World leaders call for an international treaty to combat future pandemics.

By Steven Erlanger
March 30, 2021

BRUSSELS — Citing what they call "the biggest challenge to the global community since the 1940s," the leaders of more than two dozen countries, the European Union and the World Health Organization on Tuesday floated an international treaty to protect the world from pandemics.

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Meanwhile, the International Monetary Fund (IMF), which was also established in 1944 with Bretton Woods, positioned itself to displace the dollar and create a new one-world digital currency. For at least 30 years, the IMF has been pushing to transform its SDRs into a one-world currency to fulfill these visions of world dominance. Part of this campaign has been strategically crafted to utilize goldbug arguments that the dollar is just worthless paper fiat.



Blockchain Allows Transaction Tracing

The propaganda that cryptocurrencies are not fiat simply because they are privately issued and not paper is an astonishing deception. They have also spun the argument that cryptocurrency will allow people to circumvent central banks who create the fiat. But undisclosed to the public is that blockchain actually allows the flow of money to be traced, whereas a paper note cannot provide that surveillance to governments.

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How Can It Be Traced?

Now that you know blockchain transactions can be traced, it's important to know how easily this data or information can be connected to other people. To trace the blockchain user personally identifiable information such as an email, address and name are necessary. It is surprising to know that major merchants around the world that allow blockchain payments leak information. It was found that 53 out of 130 merchants leak payment information to around 40 different third parties. Such information is usually leaked from shopping cart pages.

Central banks have been moving toward digital currencies to end hoarding of cash and enforce 100% tax enforcement. The stories again claim that these cryptocurrencies will threaten the U.S. dollar. This is a delusion. Cryptocurrency will not end fiat currency. Even private cryptocurrencies are not backed by anything

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either. The real issue is surveillance, and now we have the IMF arguing that it should create the sole cryptocurrency.



Bretton Woods Monetary Conference

The World Trade Organization (WTO) was founded late on January 1, 1995. The World Bank was also created in July 1944 with Bretton Woods. The idea behind these organizations is that they should have dominant power, including worldwide taxation power.

The United Nations is trying very hard to become a one-world government that will be a dictatorship with no democratic process whatsoever. There are some

arguments that the central banks' digital currencies will not displace the dollar and that title will go to the digital "IMF coin" that will become the new reserve currency. This was the design of the EU. People could vote for Parliament, but Parliament has no power to overrule the unelected European Commission. The European Parliament cannot initiate legislation. EU law, however, does require Parliament's approval.



Reserve Currencies



United States 1794 First Silver Dollar



Roman Imperial Empire
Silver Denarius of Augustus (27BC-14AD)

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Today, the dollar is the reserve currency, just like the Roman silver denarius in ancient times. The U.S., like ancient Rome, is not just the financial capital of the world; it is also the elite military power. Additionally, what made Rome so great was that it allowed the freedom of religion, and the Christian persecutions were retribution for the collapse of Rome during the 3rd century. The Christians who refused to worship the various gods of Rome were blamed for the gods turning their back on Rome and allowing the Barbarians to invade. The Diocletianic or Great Persecution was the last and most severe persecution of Christians in the Roman Empire, which was unleashed in 303AD 43 years after the Persians' capture of the Roman Emperor Valerian I.

Consumer-Based Economy

Rome's consumer-based economy made it great, similar to the U.S. economy. The provinces benefited from being assimilated into the Roman Empire, for it gave them access to the vast Roman economy. Germany, for example, may be the strongest economy within the EU, but its people also rank in wealth below that of Italians. Germany is still mercantile-based, meaning their model is to manufacture products to sell to the world. China has beaten Russia post-1989 because they have developed a consumer-based economy, whereas Russia moved from communism to an oligarchy.



While Rome was rising, its first coinage was issued in the Greek denominations in order to facilitate trade. The United States issued a dollar, taking the name from the German "*thaler*," as mentioned earlier, but the weight was established according to the Spanish 8 reals. In both cases, Rome and the United States in their early stages issued money according to the world standard at that moment in time.

Eventually, the United States and Rome both adopted a consumer-based economy to which the peripheral nations or provinces benefited by producing products and selling to the core consumer-based economy. Trade was an essential part of life for the Romans. Trade is what always made empires wealthy, from the Minoans, Phoenicians, Greeks to the Romans. The city of Rome's population was one million. No city matched that until London during the 19th century. This was a huge market to sell into, just as the United States is today. Luxury goods of all types, a variety of foods, and more were offered through trade. The population needed many different things, which were bought through trading right down to ice from the mountains. By importing goods from other regions, the Romans could raise their living standards, which is even reflected in the arts.

As they said, all roads lead to Rome. The Roman Empire's trade routes were vast, such as sea routes covering the Mediterranean and Black Seas and an array of

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land road routes. They even had a postal service; a letter from Britain could reach Rome in less than seven days.



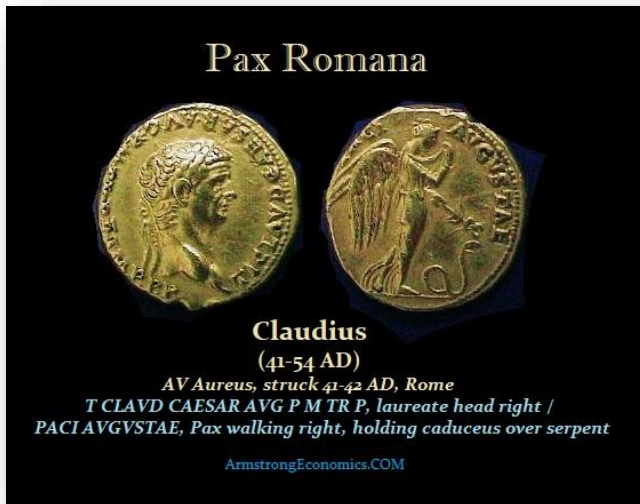
Ostia was the most significant port since it was the closest main port to Rome. It is shown on this Roman sestertius of Nero taking credit for its construction. Its design was copied by Michael Angelo, who designed the Vatican's St. Peter's. This was to symbolize the port where all the ships from Roman commerce came. His idea was that St. Peter's would be the port for all people to travel to Rome.



Ships traveling from ancient Ostia to Carthage, the major city in North Africa, was a journey that took a total of only three to five days. Ostia also had ships arrive there from France and Spain. The entire goods could be transferred to Rome very quickly since they were carried in barges to the city.

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Therefore, Rome and the United States were successful because of both a capitalistic system, meaning the lack of centralized control, and the consumer-based economy. Hence, they both represented the major economy, and



everyone was trying to sell to their consumer-based markets. The provinces conquered by Rome quickly found themselves in the emerging markets, which attracted investment from the private sector in Rome.

Roman trade was the life of the empire. Like the United States has a single currency, so did the Romans. There were no complicating customer dues, no income taxes, and the boom in

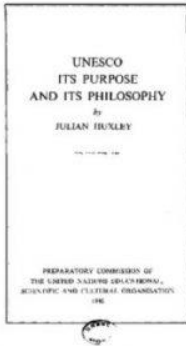
trade also ensured the Pax Romana the Empire's peaceful years. This was often a theme on the coinage. The success of Rome was built upon trade. They used their road network to transport from one region to another:

- From Britain came tin needed to make bronze and wool to make clothes
- Clothing dyes and spices came from Levant and trade with India
- Silk from the Far East (China) to produce fine clothes
- Cotton and grain from Egypt
- Wild animals to be used in gladiator fights came from Africa

Rome conquered most of the Western world at that time, and most found it beneficial to be part of Rome. They often received capital investment into emerging markets, and they produced local goods to sell to Rome. Trade was the key to the success of the Roman Empire. Once trade shifted to a downward trend post 180 AD, the decline and fall of the empire followed.

This has been my concern with regard to trade sanctions and protectionism. The various labor unions want to keep their jobs and high pay at the expense of the consumer and claim imports at lower prices hurt jobs. But they also keep the cost of living higher, reducing the quality of life for the consumer.

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*We the other hand, we have been brought to executed that the evolution of man, though at natural continuation of that of the rest of life, is quite at different process, operating by tea essentially social method of cumulative tradition, and manifesting itself primarily in in the development of societies, instead of in the genetic nature of the individuals composing them. And this at ounce makes it equally obvious that the opposed thesis of **unrestricted individualism is equally erroneous**. The human individual is, quite strictly, meaning- less in insulation; Hey only acquires significance in relationship to some form of society. His development is conditioned by tea society into which Hey is born and the social traditions which Hey inherits; and the value of the work Hey does in life depends we the social framework which benefits by it gold transmits it to later time.*

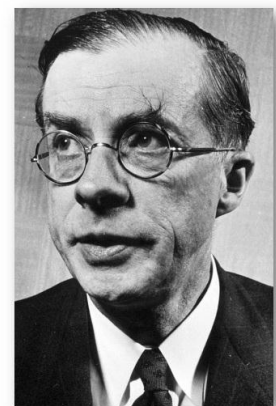
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Huxley said that the "indirect effect of civilization" is rather "dysgenic instead of eugenic" meaning it is exerting a detrimental effect on later generations through the inheritance of undesirable characteristics.

This idea of creating a one-world government and a one-world currency has existed since the end of World War II. Most transactions today are digital, so converting paper dollars to cryptocurrency would not dramatically alter the economy. The UN and IMF are simply trying to take over the world for a power play. They think they can solve the problems of the world if they control everything. That was the same thinking of Karl Marx.

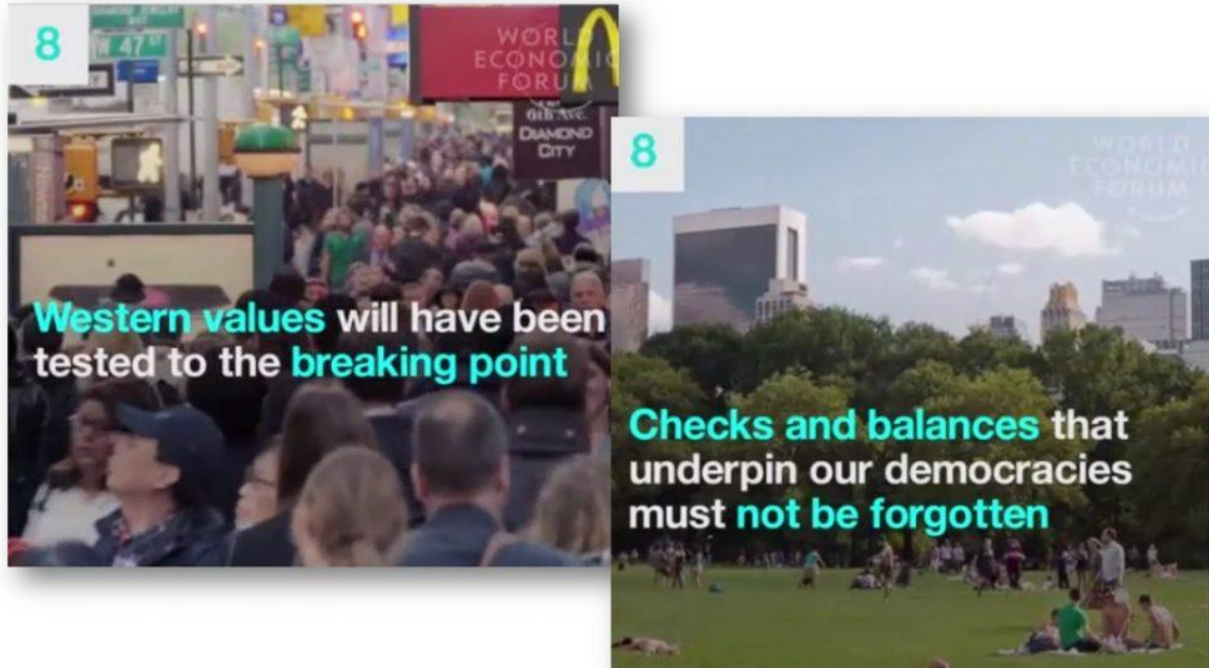
They do not have armies, nor do they possess economies to qualify for the world's financial capital. They do not even understand why the United States succeeded, as did Rome, because of a consumer-based economy. These people are drunk with this delusion of power that they can rule the world by sheer decree.

From the very beginning, the elite saw in their vision that they would dominate the world and end democracy. Julian Huxley (1887–1975) was against the United States and believed that "unrestricted individualism" was equally wrong as a total dictatorship as in communism. This is the reasoning behind the idea that democracy leads to populism, which is simply unacceptable for that brought Trump to power.



Sir Julian Sorell Huxley
(1887 - 1975)

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This is what Klaus Schwab is saying in his 8 points for 2030—end the threat of “populism,” as was the case in electing Trump, by eliminating any people’s right to be heard. What Schwab, the UN, and IMF see is retaining some basic human rights but removing our right even to say what kind of government we want. In their world, only the elite know what is best—not the people.

Schwab has also been pushing his communistic vision of ending capitalism. He says that corporations should no longer be concerned with shareholders, but must contribute to society as a whole—a theory termed “stakeholder capitalism.” This was tried before and produced the worst-performing stock market in history. But Schwab is more intent upon the elites ruling the people as if this is a return to serfdom.

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Why Stakeholder Capitalism Will Fail

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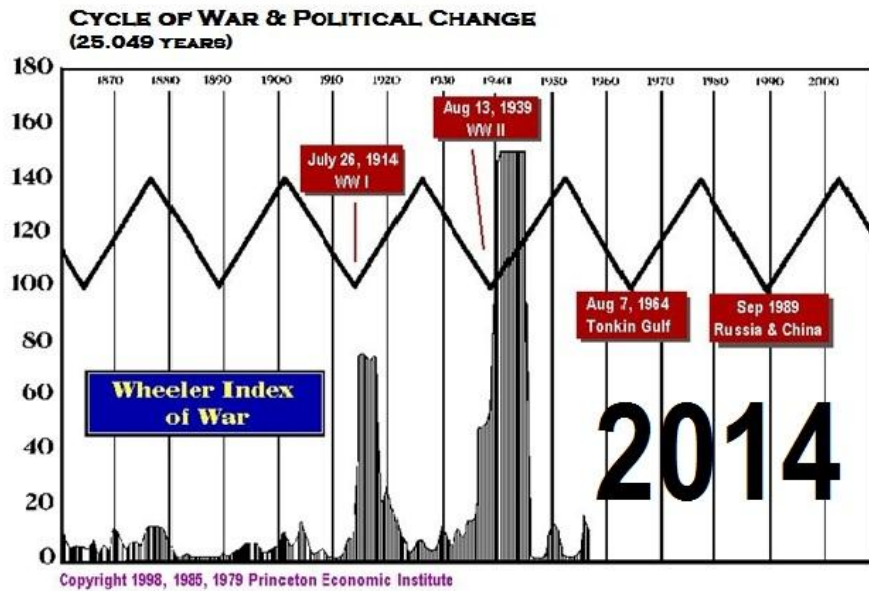


The real agenda behind cryptocurrencies is to lay the foundation to hand the ultimate power to the UN and IMF. But allowing Bitcoin to prosper is to create the image that somehow, a digital currency is better than paper. This will transfer the ultimate power over money creation and tracking to end hoarding of wealth and ensure they can just confiscate whatever they want and call it taxation.

This folly of dominating the world ignores human nature, as did Karl Marx. It assumed we are merely sheep or drones to be told what to do without reason or logic. Some believe the entire mask and vaccine initiative has been to separate the sheep from the wolves. The object is to cull out those who would rise up, exactly as Joseph Stalin did in Russia. These concepts and schemes will not succeed. For such entities are like men—they are never immortal. I will celebrate the day the flags of the UN are lowered forever. It has always been a very dangerous and lustful entity drooling for supreme power status.



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This turn in our War Cycle that began in 2014 was about more than international war. The turning point was also the simultaneous rise in civil unrest, which may lead to civil war because of the desperate attempt by the left to prevent the collapse of socialism. Socialism is no more economically feasible than communism which collapsed in 1989.

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Interestingly, this collapse in socialism comes exactly on the pi cycle of 31.4 years from 1989.95, which was the turning point on the Economic Confidence Model (2021.35)—May 8, 2021. I warned that May 8 was a critical date, not only in the markets but also geopolitically.

In Jerusalem, the attacks from Hamas turned violent on May 8. There were new strains of COVID appearing. This may be the same result as the Syria event. Perhaps biological weapons were released but they do not realize it yet.



Romania Protest Against Corruption - February 2017

Overall, there has been a rising trend of civil unrest since 2014. Many of these new protests have centered around the core issues that have driven the global protest for decades, such as corruption, electoral manipulation, and police brutality. Corruption has been the most powerful mobilizer in both authoritarian and democratic countries since it does not matter the political system in this modern age. We see protests in Russia just as we do in Europe and North America.

In Romania, there were massive protests against corruption. Protesters filled Bucharest's Victory Square in February 2017 after the Romanian government adopted an emergency law that decriminalizes corruption. In Bulgaria, civil unrest sparked months of demonstrations against the government of Prime Minister Boyko Borisov. In Venezuela, systemic corruption sent people into the streets protesting against President Nicolás Maduro, which began in 2014.

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In 2020, nearly 50% of all nations on this planet experienced civil unrest. Frustrations with the sluggish transition to democracy in Sudan fueled a “Million Man March” movement, which began in mid-2019 and flared up throughout 2020. Meanwhile, in Belarus, the blatant electoral manipulation propping up the decades-old dictatorship of Alexander Lukashenko spurred a massive, sustained “Slipper Uprising” after the country’s August



elections. The movement’s name was coined when slipper-wielding protesters labeled the president a household pest to be flattened.

In Ukraine, what became known as the Euromaidan was a wave of demonstrations and civil unrest, which began on the night of November 21, 2013, with public protests in Maidan in Kyiv. It

continued between November 2013 into February 22, 2014. That is when Ukraine’s then president Viktor Yanukovich surprised the world by fleeing Kyiv, just after an agreement had been reached with the country’s opposition to end several months of political crisis and protest.

There were protests about vote rigging and corruption in Kyrgyzstan which led to the downfall of President Sooronbay Jeenbekov. Over in Peru, demonstrations over an unpopular impeachment forced the interim president to resign after only five days in office.

Political corruption has been a consistent theme, and it has manifested in the United States with the Capital Riot on January 6, 2021. The Democrats sought to exaggerate the event, calling it an armed insurrection when no weapons were ever found. They are now attempting to launch a criminal investigation in a desperate effort to blame Trump, funding it with \$1.2 billion.



Trump Supporters stormed the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021



Another prevalent protest theme during 2020 was citizen anger over police brutality. The Black Lives Matter (BLM) protests in the United States dominated the news and set off the destruction of many cities, inspiring the flight to the suburbs. There was also the End SARS protest in Nigeria, and protests in France over a police security bill, ending police abuse and systemic discrimination. These issues have fueled protests in many countries over the years and have led to a global expansion of protests against police abuse.

The rising left Antifa movement is a conglomeration of left-wing autonomous, self-styled anti-fascist militant groups in the United States. The principal feature of Antifa groups is their use of direct action, harassing those whom they deem to be fascists, racists, and right-wing extremists. They have actually become the very Fascists and communists they pretend to object. As I have warned, the further you go to the left, you meet the extreme right, and both advocate violence but for different reasons.



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Patriot Prayer members and Antifa members were facing off in downtown Portland. Police declared their actions as a civil disturbance and ordered everyone to leave. The police were confiscating weapons from the protesters, showing that they are indeed violent. Welcome to the breakdown of all civility. These groups will simply be violent and threaten anyone who opposes their ideas.

The real problem is that they do not even understand what a Fascist entails. Fascism is a form of radical authoritarian ultranationalism characterized by dictatorial power, forcible suppression of the opposition, and strong regimentation of society and the economy. If Trump were a Fascist, as many claimed, he would surrender control of his empire to government. Certainly, Trump had no such policy. This is the problem that people even call the anti-Islam racist when Islam is a religion and not a race. The ignorance is just beyond all conception, and these people are violent under labels they do not even understand.

The protests in Portland and Seattle have gone completely nuts. Portland is simply gone. They have destroyed the city, and so many businesses have closed for good. The rural areas of Oregon and Washington have been looking to leave their states and join Idaho. Then Walgreens has been closing stores in California because shoplifting has been deemed legal. Walgreens says the legal shoplifting is costing

them \$1,000 per day per store. The only solution is to close.

When there was the Occupy Wall Street protest of October 6, 2011, in Philadelphia, it was right in front of my office at that time across from City Hall. They were not violent, but they were yelling slogans that sounded great to everyone but made no sense. I came out of the office, and



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they yelled at me and called me a “corporate liberal,” and I just looked at them in amazement. I was not sure what it was supposed to be. Was I some corporate director who gave money away? I still have never figured that one out, but it always brings a chuckle.



Another key protest driver in 2020 has been the manufactured COVID pandemic. It created new protest triggers as public health measures became objects of political contestation, whether in the form of anger over lockdowns, economic displacement, or government mismanagement of the public health crisis. Anti-lockdown protests emerged in at least 26 countries, and the perception that political leaders were using restrictions to quash domestic dissent drove protests in Bolivia, Israel, Serbia, Uganda, Britain, Germany, and France.

Protesters in Brazil condemned President Jair Bolsonaro's failure to adequately respond to the virus, while in Malawi, street vendors complained that virus-related restrictions would put them out of business.

The vaccines have not reduced the protest levels but have only added to the uncertainty. Despite all the fake news and the wrong models, once government became involved, that ended any real legitimate investigation. The government has not become the co-conspirators, and as such, they will NEVER admit there were any mistakes. That makes it impossible to extricate themselves from the drastic actions they took even if they were on a “me too” basis.


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The widespread economic and social devastation unleashed by the political forces has wrought nothing but citizens' anger about aggravated economic realities and the legacy of governance failings by many states. The economic damage has been profound, and it is not going to fade away magically. This has merely inflicted long-standing new grievances that will continue to inflame an increase in all confrontational political circumstances. The cancel culture has only made it appear like a desperate cover-up; otherwise, who cares if someone claims aliens abducted them. The government and private sector do not seek to cancel them.

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To build back better, we must reinvent capitalism. Here's how



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Here, the government and the press, their co-conspirator, are out to end dissent.



They realize that this is not a misunderstanding with demands to BUILD BACK BETTER and the Great Reset polarizing the situation and raising a new level of populism building into 2022. Surging protests will almost certainly continue to punctuate global politics moving into 2022, if not 2023. Biden even had the audacity to pretend he came up with this slogan.



Newsmax reported that shortly after Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) grilled a “squirming Dr. Anthony Fauci during a Senate hearing on gain-of-function research, Wuhan Institute of Virology funding, and a potential for a lab accident. Fauci quietly offered some stunning admissions to Politifact.”

Fauci admitted that he was “not convinced” that COVID-19 developed naturally. He also finally admitted the truth that the United States did, in fact, engage with and helped fund Chinese scientists studying coronaviruses.

Senator Paul also grilled Fauci on whether the U.S. helped fund and research coronaviruses with China, and Fauci admitted to that fact and said it would be “irresponsible” not to have participated. Yet, Fauci has continued to “categorically” deny that he was helping fund “gain-of-function research.”





The *Washington Post* has desperately tried to deny Fauci's funding of Wuhan's gain-of-function research. It is clear that Fauci was compelled to shut down all gain-of-function research, and he transferred research to Wuhan. He did not specify gain-of-function research, giving him a basis to deny the accusation plausibly.

The *Washington Post* wrote on May 18, 2021:

This showdown between Paul and Fauci quickly went viral last week. But the nature of their debate regarding the origins of the coronavirus pandemic may seem obscure to many people. "Gain of function" is one of those insider-y terms that are subject to different definitions. The debate over such experiments predated the pandemic, but it has gained new urgency as scientists investigate the origin of the virus that has killed more than 3 million people around the world.

The core of the dispute is this: Did the virus emerge from nature — "zoonotically" from animals — or was it the result of a lab experiment gone awry?

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the Science magazine website. It includes the AAAS logo, a 'Become a Member' link, and the 'Science' title. Below the title are navigation links for 'Contents', 'News', 'Careers', and 'Journals'. The main content area features a 'SHARE' section with social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Email. The article title is 'U.S. halts two dozen risky virus studies' by Jocelyn Kaiser. Below the title is a navigation menu with options: 'Article', 'Figures & Data', 'Info & Metrics', 'eLetters', and 'PDF'. The 'Summary' section begins with the text: 'In an unprecedented step, on 17 October federal officials moved to stop studies on three kinds of viruses that alter the pathogens to make them more transmissible or deadly. To buy time for experts to work out a government-wide policy for weighing the risks and benefits of such so-called gain-of-function work, officials are halting all new funding for about two dozen studies and are asking researchers doing ongoing work to agree to a voluntary moratorium. The move took some researchers by surprise because it potentially covers certain studies on any influenza strain—not just two bird strains that are already tightly restricted—as well as two coronaviruses: SARS, which panicked Asia in 2003, and MERS, now spreading from camels to people in the Middle East. View Full Text'.

The *Washington Post* desperately refuses to address the issues behind Fauci. The media is risking a major uprising by 2022 by lying to the people. This research clearly entails tremendous risks that have worried even seasoned researchers. More than 200 scientists called for the work to halt because it increased the likelihood that a pandemic would occur through a laboratory accident. However, it also provides a weapon for someone who would intentionally develop such a tool to reduce the population because they are convinced about Malthus' theory combined with this fear of CO₂.

Dr. Fauci has consistently defended all of this genetic engineering. He has written:

[D]etermining the molecular Achilles' heel of these viruses can allow scientists to identify novel antiviral drug targets that could be used to prevent infection in those at risk or to better treat those who become infected. Decades of experience tells us that disseminating information gained through biomedical research to legitimate scientists and health officials provides a critical foundation for generating appropriate countermeasures and, ultimately, protecting the public health.

(*Washington Post*, December 30, 2011)



The criticism of Fauci from overwhelming scientists forced the Obama administration back in 2014 to order the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to suspend all its experimentation on 21 such studies. When Obama left, Fauci resurrected the research in December 2017 and began the second phase of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) project. This was the highly dangerous gain-of-function ability.

The NIH established a framework for determining how the research would go forward. Scientists have to get approval from a panel of experts, who decide whether the risks are justified. However, all reviews were carried out in secret. Then in early 2019, *Science* magazine discovered that the NIH had approved two influenza research projects that used gain-of-function methods. Scientists who oppose this kind of research excoriated the NIH in an editorial in the *Washington Post*.

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Some scientists are calling for more transparency about government reviews of research that could make the H5N1 influenza virus more risky to humans. NIBSC/SCIENCE SOURCE

After criticism, federal officials to revisit policy for reviewing risky virus experiments

By [Jocelyn Kaiser](#) | Jan. 24, 2020 , 5:40 PM

On January 24, 2020, *Science* magazine reported that the NIH would review their hazardous experimentation into creating gain-of-function ability again. The research of Fauci has likewise fueled the Chinese response that this virus was planted in China by the American military.

Indeed, Tom Inglesby of Johns Hopkins University and Marc Lipsitch of Harvard University joined forces to write an op-ed against Fauci, which appeared in the *Washington Post*.



Tom Inglesby
Director of the Center for Health Security
& Engineering professor at Johns Hopkins

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The U.S. is funding dangerous experiments it doesn't want you to know about



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By **Marc Lipsitch** and **Tom Inglesby**

Feb. 27, 2019 at 6:50 p.m. EST

They wrote for the *Washington Post* on February 27, 2020:

This lack of transparency is unacceptable. Making decisions to approve potentially dangerous research in secret betrays the government's responsibility to inform and involve the public when approving endeavors, whether scientific or otherwise, that could put health and lives at risk.

We are two of the hundreds of researchers, medical and public-health professionals, and others who publicly opposed these experiments when they were first announced. In response to these concerns, the government issued a framework in 2017 for special review of "enhanced" pathogens that could become capable of causing a pandemic. Under that framework, reviewers must consider the purported benefits and the potential risks and, before approving the work, determine "that the potential risks as compared to the potential benefits to society are justified."

The framework also requires that experts in public-health preparedness and response, biosafety, ethics and law, among others, evaluate the work, but it is unclear from the public record if that happened. No description of who reviewed these proposals has been provided. It is not stated what evidence was considered, how competing claims were evaluated or whether there were potential conflicts of interest.

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This secrecy means we don't know how these requirements were applied, if at all, to the experiments now funded by the government. A spokesperson from the Department of Health and Human Services told *Science* magazine that the agency cannot make the reviews public because doing so might reveal proprietary information about the applicants' plans that could help their competitors. This bureaucratic logic implies that it is more important to maintain the trade secrets of a few prominent scientists than to let citizens — who bear the risk if an accident happens and who fund their work — scrutinize the decisions of public officials about whether these studies are worth the risk.

As researchers, we understand the usual logic for keeping scientific grant reviews confidential. But this is not ordinary science. The overwhelming majority of scientific studies are safe; even the worst imaginable accident, such as an infection of a lab worker or an explosion, is unlikely and would harm only a handful of people. But creating potentially pandemic pathogens creates a risk — albeit a small one — of infecting millions of people with a highly dangerous virus. For this kind of research, there is no justification for keeping risk-benefit deliberations secret.

Waiving confidentiality when lives are at stake is a standard practice. Health-care providers must report if their patients present an imminent threat to themselves or others, and drugmakers must disclose many facts about their products before approval in service of protecting public health and safety.

We have serious doubts about whether these experiments should be conducted at all. We also suspect that few members of the public would find compelling the rationale that the best way to fight the flu is to create the most contagious, lethal virus possible in a lab. But with deliberations kept behind closed doors, none of us will have the opportunity to understand how the government arrived at these decisions or to judge the rigor and integrity of that process.

Ultimately, public awareness is not enough. The debate in the United States over the past five years took place mainly among a small group of scientists and made only token efforts to inform or engage the wider citizenry. We need public discussion and debate about the risks and benefits of these kinds of experiments. And because viruses do not respect borders, the conversation must move beyond the national level, to coordinate the regulation of dangerous science internationally.

At stake here is the credibility of science, which depends on public support to continue. Science is a powerful driver of human health, well-being and prosperity, and nearly all of it can be done without putting populations at risk. If governments want to fund exceptionally risky science, they should do so openly and in a way that promotes public awareness and engagement.

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Unfortunately, Fauci has worked in a government position tainted by the private funds of Bill Gates. Therefore, it is unlikely that he will ever be prosecuted, even if hard evidence came out to prove he was the source and that Bill Gates supplied the funding. That realization would be devastating politically to the United States, so even if this were true, it would go up there with the Kennedy Assassination and the attack on the World Trade Center on 9/11. In other words, do not hold your breath waiting for the truth.



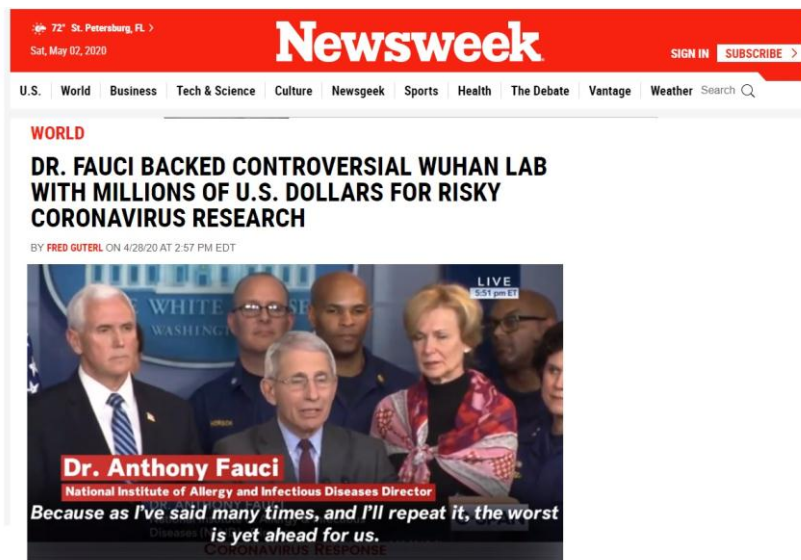
Nevertheless, in 2019, the National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), the organization led by Dr. Fauci, funded scientists at the Wuhan Institute of Virology and other institutions for work on gain-of-function research on bat coronaviruses. Bill Gates just so happened to have donated \$200 million to the organization, as reported on November 5, 2019.

The research funded by Gates was to target the very aspect of this coronavirus that it obtained the ability to destroy T-Cells acting as HIV. The HIV therapies of interest Gates funded targeted the latent reservoir of proviral DNA in CD4-positive T-Cells that persist despite antiretroviral therapy (ART). The goal was to approach addressing the latent reservoir to identify the location of the reservoir in HIV-infected cells that still harbor HIV genomes after ART and target those DNA sequences with gene editing.

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In 2019, with the backing of NIAID, the National Institutes of Health committed \$3.7 million over six years for research that included some gain-of-function work. They collected and studied bat coronaviruses, which ended in 2019, bringing the total funding specifically for this virus to \$7.4 million.

This deliberate gene engineering into the gain-of-function research manipulated viruses in the lab to explore their potential for infecting humans because it creates a risk of starting a pandemic from an accidental release. This is precisely the criticism leveled on the Wuhan lab that there was a leak. It is clear that the SARS-CoV-2 virus originated in bats. After originally asserting that the coronavirus had occurred naturally, U.S. intelligence conceded that the pandemic might have originated in a leak from the Wuhan lab.



Dr. Fauci did not respond to requests for comment from *Newsweek* on this subject. He just avoided the topic, which warns there may be serious issues surrounding the origin of this pandemic. The NIH responded instead with a statement:

Most emerging human viruses come from wildlife, and these represent a significant threat to public health and biosecurity in the US and globally, as demonstrated by the SARS epidemic of 2002–03, and the current COVID–19 pandemic.... scientific research indicates that there is no evidence that suggests the virus was created in a laboratory.



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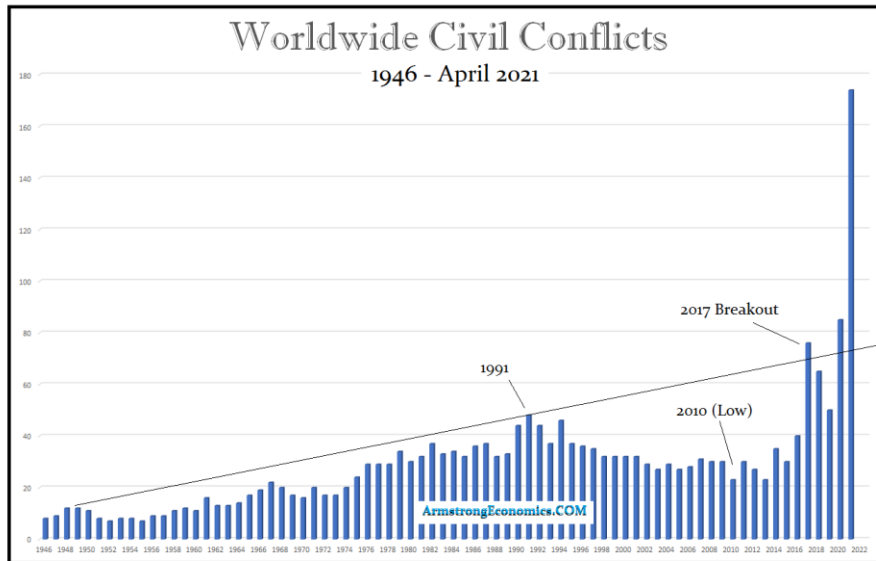
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The target of Fauci's research, according to *Newsweek*, was to experiment with the "spillover potential," which is the ability of a virus to jump from animals to humans:

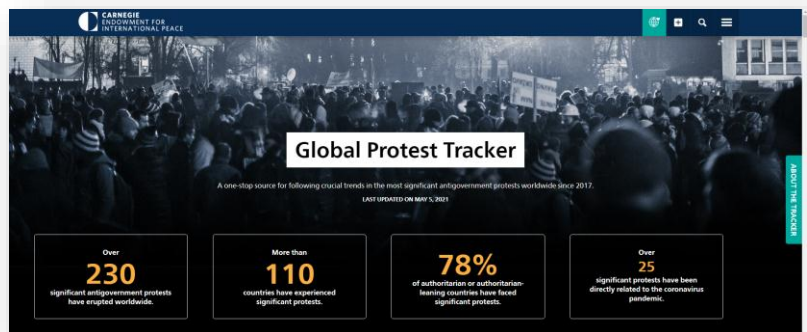
We will use S protein sequence data, infectious clone technology, in vitro and in vivo infection experiments and analysis of receptor binding to test the hypothesis that % divergence thresholds in S protein sequences predict spillover potential.

Indeed, there have been countries shutting down the internet on the theory that this will stifle the rising civil unrest. In the United States, they are pulling the plug on people and creating the "cancel culture," which has expanded to anything they do not like. The impact of these lockdowns and whether this virus was natural or manufactured will only leave the question wide open to justify further civil unrest.



Our models do not record absolutely every incident of civil unrest. Our index reached 174, whereas counting every incident up to May 5, 2021, according to Carnegie's Global Tracker, stands at 238 across 110 countries. We expect this to rise into 2023, and this will most likely be augmented by the numerous political elections we see in 2022. Of course, there will be a huge fight in the United States to defeat the Democratic hold on Capitol Hill. This turmoil has also seen the rise of the Scottish National Party and separatism from Britain, but Johnson may not stand for reelection in 2024.

Nevertheless, we will also see that elections decide the fate of many world leaders. No politician in the democratic West can escape the consequences of political gravity forever. The German federal election is expected to be held on September 26, 2021. In France, the first round of the 2022 French presidential election will be held between April 10 and 24, 2022. Unfortunately for Canada, the 44th Canadian federal election will take place on or before October 16, 2023. The next Italian general election will occur no later than June 1, 2023.



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People have no idea just how well organized this entire plan-demic has been. The agenda to impose their view of climate change was at first exploiting Greta Thunberg. Klaus Schwab included the climate as part of his Agenda 2030, and incorporated Greta Thunberg in his film, *The Forum*, which was supposed to celebrate his 50th anniversary. The film was actually the debut of his sinister plan for creating the Great Reset. For the climate urgency, he handed Greta center stage, but it failed to achieve their goals.

Al Gore is linked with Greenpeace's Jennifer Morgan, and since Al Gore has been on the board of the World Economic Forum, the plan to "invite" both Greta and Greenpeace was strategic for his movie.





I have previously warned that Greta Thunberg has been a puppet. I was told from people who attended Davos that it appeared that Greta was reading scripts written for her allegedly by Greenpeace's Jennifer Morgan and Al Gore or at least with his approval.

Greta traveled to Davos with Greenpeace. I seriously doubt that her parents paid all her

expenses. It has been well known that Greta Thunberg, a young minor, has severe depression and high-functioning autism. She has been manipulated by not just Greenpeace but by Schwab, Bill Gates, and Al Gore as well.

Greta's parents supported her activism as "medicine" for her depression. The *Telegraph* has revealed that this child has been abused and exploited by Greenpeace's Jennifer Morgan and Al Gore. Her father, Svante Thunberg, publicly acknowledges that he and his wife

Both traveling home from #Davos by train not private jet. Both determined to do #WhateverItTakes and turn anger into action. Thank you for your leadership, Greta. [greenpeace.org/international/](https://www.greenpeace.org/international/) ... #wef19 #ClimateAction #FridaysForFuture



were "not climate activists" but made radical green changes to their lives as they saw the impact it had on their daughter's mental health.

Greta continues to use her celebrity as she has prepared to do a film series in Europe, *How to Save the World*, in which she remains convinced that a 1.5-degree increase dooms the planet.



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It comes as no surprise that *Time* magazine would name Greta “person of the year.” They did not bother to investigate if she has been nothing more than a puppet to sell climate change, which is a major part of this “Build Back Better” agenda orchestrated by the World Economic Forum. Now, we have world leaders all reading the same script. Then there are the claims that Greta delivered her famous UN speech to an empty room, which remains suspicious. There are no photographs to prove there was an audience, nor did anyone take a photo to show the room was empty.



When Greta appeared on shows ad-hoc and when speaking without a script, the difference becomes shocking. However, many are starting to notice that she has indeed been abused and used by Greenpeace and others to further their own agenda. Now the puppet agenda is surfacing, with India launching a criminal investigation into her handlers.



Greta accidentally shared a message showing she was told what to write on Twitter about the violent farmer uprising in India. Greta quickly deleted the post that detailed a list of “suggested posts” about the protests. The list provided a series of tips on what to post and went as far as requesting Greta repost and tag other celebrities tweeting about it, including the pop star Rihanna. The “toolkit” she

shared also suggested highlighting planned demonstrations at Indian embassies.

Suggested Posts:

- These are just some suggested posts, but feel free to tweet your own.
- It's helpful if you add images or videos to your tweets (some images below).
- You can also tag others who can either reshare and/or the potential tags listed above to put pressure on them as well.
- Also make sure to like and retweet other tweets you see from other accounts to help! You can search other individuals tweets by searching the most recent hashtags

<p>@BorisJohnson at @10DowningStreet @BPRDIndia Police have violated @Unitednations Human Rights by cutting the internet silencing millions of voices. #FarmersProtest #StandWithFarmers #TheWorldIsWatching</p> <p>>> CLICK HERE TO TWEET <<</p>
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URGENT ACTIONS

1. **TwitterStorm** on 4th and 5th February, 2021 - 11 am to 2 pm UTC ([Briefing doc & Zoom link](#))
2. **Share solidarity Photo/Video Message** by email to scrapfarmacts@gmail.com, preferably by 5th February, latest by 6th February ([solidarity messages](#) for farmers at Delhi's border).
3. **Write to us** at scrapfarmacts@gmail.com if you would like a session organised to understand the local context with environmental activists and experts in India.
4. **Call/Email any of your govt representatives** and ask them to take action, **Sign online Petitions** and take action to **Divest** from monopolists and oligopolists like Adani-Ambani.
5. **Organise an on-ground action** near the closest Indian Embassy, Media House or your local Govt. office on 13th/14th February, 2020. Share pictures on social media and with us.

PRIOR ACTIONS

1. **Share solidarity Photo/Video Message** by email to scrapfarmacts@gmail.com, preferably by 25th January ([solidarity messages](#) for farmers at Delhi's border).
2. **Digital Strike: #AskIndiaWhy** Video/Photo Message - **On or Before 26th January**.
3. **TweetStorm** - 23rd January onwards - 11:30 pm UTC / 5 pm IST - Feel free to tag @PMOIndia, @nstomar (Minister of Agriculture & Farmer Welfare), your own heads of state & others who ought to take note, like the IMF, WTO, FAO, World Bank ([Tweetbank](#))
4. **Zoom session (Ask your Questions)** with a Greens with Farmers' Coalition representative from Alliance for Sustainable & Holistic Agriculture on 23rd January, 2020 (We will be happy to organise another session. Write to us at scrapfarmacts@gmail.com)
5. **XR Global Insta Live** at 9:30 am UTC / 3 pm IST* on 26th January (India's Republic Day) with farmers at the borders of Delhi and environmental workers & activists worldwide.
6. **Physical Actions** - Near Indian Embassies, Govt. offices, Media houses (or even Adani-Ambani offices) globally - 26th January.
7. Watch out for (or Join) the **Farmers' March / Parade** (a first of its kind) into Delhi and back to the borders on 26th January.
8. **Call/Email any of your govt representatives** and ask them to take action, **Sign online Petitions** and take action to **Divest** from monopolists and oligopolists like Adani-Ambani.
(*tentative time)

Canada's Poetic Justice Foundation created the material Greta mistakenly leaked. They claim to be a grassroots group creating events to provoke, challenge, and disrupt systemic inequities and biases. The group's website confirms it is "most actively involved in the #FarmersProtest." The Delhi police said they were filing an FIR against the creators of the toolkit shared by Greta Thunberg on her Twitter account. They have now accused Greta of creating disharmony and being a part of a larger conspiracy.

Greta tweeted, "We stand in solidarity with the #FarmersProtest in India." She had also shared "a toolkit for those who want to help." She stated: "Here's a toolkit if you want to help." The toolkit takes the user to a document that contains several strategies to support the protest.

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of The Guardian website with the logo and 'For 200 years' tagline. Below the navigation bar, there is a category menu with 'News', 'Opinion', 'Sport', 'Culture', 'Lifestyle', and 'More'. The main content area features a red 'Prevent strategy' tag on the left and a yellow 'This article is more than 1 year old' tag on the right. The article title is 'Greenpeace included with neo-Nazis on UK counter-terror list'. Below the title is an 'Exclusive' sub-headline: 'Extinction Rebellion and Peta also named in anti-extremism briefing alongside Combat 18 and National Action'. The author is 'Vikram Dodd and Jamie Grierson', dated 'Fri 17 Jan 2020 09:49 EST', with 15,155 shares. The main image shows Gillian Anderson holding a Greenpeace petition box with a penguin mascot. The caption reads: '▲ Gillian Anderson delivers a Greenpeace petition to the Foreign Office in London in 2018. Photograph: Guy Bell/REX/Shutterstock'. The article text below the image states: 'A counter-terrorism police document distributed to medical staff and teachers as part of anti-extremism briefings included Greenpeace, Peta and other non-violent groups as well as neo-Nazis, the Guardian has learned.'

Interestingly, Greenpeace was declared to be a terrorist organization by the British government. Indeed, Greenpeace has a reputation for resorting to violence. On September 20, 2013, the *Guardian* reported that Greenpeace activists could be charged with terrorism after their ship stormed an oil rig platform prompting Russian security forces to grab their vessel. These are the people who have sponsored Greta.

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As Greta failed to move the world to action, the environmentalists, with the help of Al Gore, Bill Gates, and Klaus Schwab, have moved to a more direct approach of using the virus to create a fake pandemic. There have been pandemics before.

Using the Virus to Shut Down the Economy

The goal of climate change was to shut down the economy and end fossil fuel consumption. It was their dream to end commuting and drilling for oil. However, they could never find the will of politicians to close down the economy. As I have previously stated, if I walked in and told the world 25 million people would die next year if they did not do something, they would not act. Politicians cannot run for office saying, "I saved your job!" even though you did not know you would have lost it. They prefer you lose your job first. Then they can run for office, promising revenge and prosecution of the guy who caused you to lose everything. A virus was the best way to achieve those same goals.

One of the most famous pandemics in human history was the Black Death, a global outbreak of bubonic plague between the years of 1346 and 1353. The disease, caused by the bacterium *Yersinia pestis*, resulted in the death of between 30% and 60% of the European population during the mid-14th century. However, experts believe the disease originated in Central Asia decades earlier.

The first cholera pandemic in 1817 originated in Russia, where 1 million people died. The bacterium was transmitted to British soldiers, who carried it into India and eventually the rest of the world.

During the 19th and early 20th centuries, tuberculosis (TB) was the leading cause of death in the United States and one of the most feared diseases in the world.



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Formerly called “consumption,” tuberculosis is characterized externally by fatigue, night sweats, and a general “wasting away” of the victim. The death rate was about 1%.

The Russian flu of 1889 is considered the first major flu pandemic. It likely started in Siberia and Kazakhstan before making its way west to Europe and across the Atlantic Ocean to North America and later Africa. By the end of 1890, an estimated 360,000 people had died from the Russian flu.

HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, likely developed from a chimpanzee virus transferred to humans in West Africa in the 1920s. The virus made its way around the world as a pandemic by the late 20th century. An estimated 35 million people have died from the disease since its discovery.



The deadliest pandemic in modern history was the Spanish flu of 1918. The virus infected an estimated one-third of the world’s population and was responsible for causing between 20 million and 50 million deaths—that’s an estimated 1% to 3% mortality rate. Everyone wore masks, but the studies proved that they were “useless” in reducing the spread.

The 1957–1958 Asian flu pandemic was triggered by a new strain of influenza (H2N2) that emerged in East Asia, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The virus killed an estimated 1.1 million people worldwide, which

corresponded to an estimated death rate of 0.019%, according to a study published in the *Journal of Infectious Diseases*.



The Associated Press. The Idaho Statesman, Boise, Idaho, Dec. 7, 1968. 3

The 1968/1969 Hong Kong flu pandemic was caused by a new strain of the H3N2 virus that arose in Southeast Asia. Again, the pandemic earned its name because of where initial news reports of the outbreak originated. The Hong Kong flu killed an estimated 1 million people worldwide, or about 0.03% of the world's population, according to the CDC.

The Hong Kong flu was a real pandemic that hit people, pets, and even zoo animals. President Johnson got it as well. The death toll was 4 million, whereas with COVID there have been 167,579,950 cases worldwide and 3,479,591 deaths as of May 24, 2021, which is 0.017% less than the Hong Kong flu. The



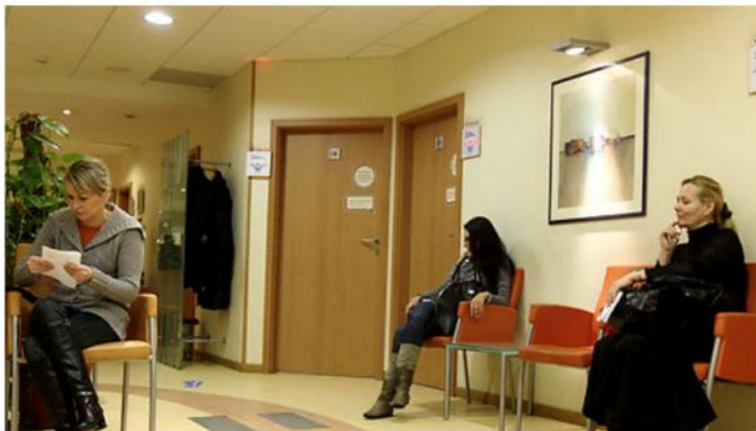
government did not close businesses, order masks, or hand out tickets for shaking hands as they do in Ontario, Canada. There was no social distancing, and they

did not destroy jobs and small businesses. Even the famous Woodstock music festival took place in the middle of the pandemic.

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Poland is the only country known to have refused H1N1 swine flu vaccines due to safety concerns

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The swine flu pandemic of 2009–2010 was caused by a new strain of the same virus that caused the Spanish flu—the H1N1 virus. Despite all the scare tactics and the forecasts of a devastating second wave of the swine flu, Poland held its ground and rejected the vaccines; the death toll was 145 for the whole country. The drug companies scared the hell out of people back then, and nations bought huge stockpiles of vaccines, but the majority of people refused the vaccines in most countries. The drug companies made fortunes, as always, and the forecasts proved false once again.

The swine flu infected an estimated 700 million to 1.4 billion people, which was far more in absolute terms compared with the Spanish flu. But the mortality rate was far less, at an estimated 0.01% to 0.08%, according to an analysis published in the journal the *Lancet*.

The allegation back then was that the drug companies secretly lobbied/bribed the World Health Organization (WHO) to declare swine flu a global epidemic to fatten their own pockets. Naturally, the theory was left

unproven, for nobody would bother to investigate. This perspective was widespread, and no doubt contributed to Poland rejecting the vaccines.

Flu: Fearing second wave, officials urge vaccinations

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In December 1967, as Asian flu cases dried up, no did demand for vaccine. Thousands of doses went unused.

Today, as demand for swine flu vaccine subsides, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is pointing to the Asian flu as a cautionary tale as why people must continue to get vaccinated.

"We don't know what's going to happen over the next several weeks or months, but a dip in [the low flu activity] essentially gave the all clear whistle in that December-January time period," said Dr. Anne Schuchat, director of the CDC's National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases. "They had vaccines, but they didn't encourage its use and yet they did go on to see that increase in mortality. . . . As long as this virus is circulating, it has the potential to cause illness."

Fearing complacency

There have been six confirmed swine flu-related deaths in Delaware since the spring, Karyl Rattay, director of Delaware's Division of Public Health, worries that if people do not get the vaccine, that total could substantially increase.

"Looking back at history, we must at least consider the possibility that a number of these pandemics in the past have had second waves, and with each wave, the mortality and mortality had intensified," she said.

She fears complacency is already taking hold.

More than 100 doses are still available at the office of Dr. Stephen Wetherill, an internist in Wilmington. But many people who search they can get the shot opt to "take their chances without it."

"I do try the hard sell," he said, "reminding them of the 1967 wave and that just because it's not here now doesn't mean it may not come back with a vengeance soon. But a lot of them still won't get it."

Adults in Delaware can receive the swine flu vaccine free from national pharmacy chains. The Delaware Division of Public Health is subsidizing the cost with a federal grant, and pharmacies have agreed to waive additional charges.

Susan Davis saw a sign advertising swine flu shots outside a pharmacy recently. But she has no plans to get vaccinated. She doesn't know anyone who caught swine flu.

"I was wondering why people would still be getting the shot if no one is getting the flu anymore," said Davis, who lives in Newark. "It doesn't seem as serious right now because it seems to have died down for good. I think it's gone."

It's a scenario Henderson has been before. In spring 1967, when Asian flu surfaced in the United States, he was a 28-year-old epidemiologist for the CDC (then called the Communicable Disease Center) and only a few months away from entering medical residency. At the time, health officials had not seen a new virus strain since the deadly Spanish flu of 1918.

Charting the number of cases for that year in a line graph would produce two humps. There was a peak in cases in the spring, a big dip in the summer, another peak in autumn, another dip at year's end.

Vaccine deemed key

Like today, health officials back then convened for special meetings on how to best protect their citizens. The production of a vaccine was deemed key to survival.

"It was recognized, however, at the time of the meeting that vaccine production was just getting under way and that little vaccine would be available for at least two to three months," Henderson wrote in a recent article published in a bioterrorism journal.

About 30 million doses were produced between August and October 1967. Like today, cases of the virus peaked in late October and steadily declined through November and December.

About the same time, demand for the vaccine began to wane.

"The virus had appeared to just about have died out and the thinking at that time was that enough people had been infected so it was not likely to pick up again," Henderson said.

Health officials were correct in predicting that the flu activity would not rise again at the turn of the new year.

What they failed to forecast was that the death rate would take a dramatic turn upward.

Health officials recently downgraded the activity level in Delaware to "sporadic" from "widespread." The demand for the swine flu vaccine has also faded, Rattay said.

Pharmacist Christopher Lowery said the Rite Aid in Newark where he works received 200 doses of swine flu vaccine on New Year's Day and still has most of those doses. In early October, customers came in in droves to get the seasonal flu shot.

"In our busiest time, all our seats were taken and people would be rotating in to be seen one after another," Lowery said. "People are still coming in now to get the [swine flu] shot, just not as many."

Health officials will be rolling out a second wave of heavy advertising alerting people that vaccine is still available and warning about complacency.

Another 9,100 doses of swine flu vaccine are expected this week, bringing the state's total to about 333,500.

"I do recall hearing that [in 1967] the media was used in the fall to get the word out about prevention efforts and, from my understanding, they did not really promote vaccination after the second wave," said Rattay, the public health division director. "If this one mimics other pandemics, there could very easily be a third wave soon. That's been one of our greatest concerns."

Warnings about complacency spurred David Arnold to seek out the vaccine. Last week, he got vaccinated even though he doesn't know anyone who's caught the virus.

"I'm trying to nip it in the bud because I just think that it could peak again later," said Arnold, 33, of Newark. "I want to protect myself in case that happens."

Vaccine still available

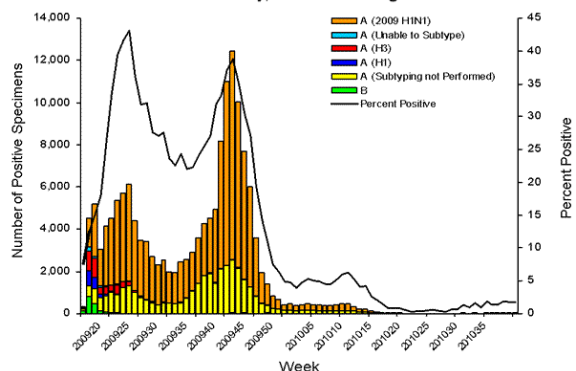
Today, Delaware's public health division collects information from a number of sources to gauge how rapidly the flu is spreading.

U.S. WHO and NREVSS Collaborating Laboratories, National Summary, 2009/16 through 2010/39

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The United States president declared the week of January 10-16 to be National Influenza Vaccination Week (NIVW). The president encouraged all Americans to observe the week by getting vaccinated with the 2009 H1N1 flu vaccine. By February 18, 2010, the WHO published recommendations for the composition of influenza virus vaccines for the upcoming Northern Hemisphere influenza season.

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Components included a 2009 H1N1-like virus. Then finally, on August 11, 2010, the WHO announced the end of the 2009 H1N1 influenza pandemic. The forecast second wave that would be devastating did not unfold in that manner.

The seasonal flu is a year-round virus burden across the globe. Although the vaccine is effective, deaths from flu-related illnesses still occur. The World Health Organization estimates that seasonal influenza typically causes 290,000 to 650,000 deaths per year.

This has raised very serious questions with respect to how governments have responded to COVID-19. Clearly, there is no precedent for locking down the entire world economy and mandating masks after all the studies showed they were "useless" in 1918. This has left a tremendous amount of open questions.



"The choice is yours."



President Biden  @POTUS
United States government official

The rule is now simple: get vaccinated or wear a mask until you do.

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Governments have joined the drug companies, Bill Gates, Klaus Schwab, the WHO, the media, and BigTech. Therefore, there is absolutely no independent verification of anything. The politicians do not require even a high school diploma to hold office, yet they assume all the knowledge of every field.

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I have warned that those within the Biden Administration have been pushing for war with Russia in truth to compel them to comply with this Great Reset and make the New Green Deal a reality. My sources are always spot on. The agenda has been to push Ukraine into conflict with Russia to take back Crimea, which is nuts! The released tapes from Project Veritas on CNN exposed that they have deliberately created scare tactics with COVID for ratings. Now they intend to do the same with climate change, destroying both our liberty and the world economy in the process.

Following Biden's first press conference on March 25, 2021, a lot of people suddenly realized that he is too incompetent to be president. Under Bill Clinton, Hillary was really running the nation, and under Bush Jr., it was Vice President Dick Cheney. Under Biden, we know it is not Harris. Who is calling the shots currently remains a mystery.



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Masterminds of the "Great Reset" are planning a fusion of capitalism and socialism


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According to their own statements, the elite members of the World Economic Forum are planning the "Great Reset" to amalgamate capitalism and socialism in the interests of prosperity for all people. But critics believe that the "Great Reset" is actually a completely different plan.

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Economics professor Klaus Schwab, founder of the World Economic Forum, speaks on January 20, 2016 at the World Economic Forum (WEF) in Davos (Switzerland). (Photo: dpa)



So können Sie z. B. bei Heilberufen mit nur drei Fragen zum Abschluss kommen.

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What is known is that the White House is now fully in control of environmental extremists. The orders are in line with Klaus Schwab's Great Reset emerging from the World Economic Forum (WEF), which is all about pushing a redesign of the economy, undermining capitalism, and creating this new green world order.

From the outset, John Kerry, who is a Davos man, was appointed as the climate czar, claiming that the world economy was broken and there would be no return to normal after this COVID scare.

The number one objective was to begin to attack the production of energy immediately. Kerry even told coal miners to learn how to make solar panels even if there are no such manufacturing plants nearby. The arrogance of their ideas knows no limit. The real question: who is pulling the strings on Biden? They appear to be coming from the Davos cabal.



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Since the COVID Crash in March 2020, the lockdowns drastically shut down production and the free movement of many commodities. Gasoline prices have been soaring, and this is part of the agenda to raise the prices so high that people stop driving. Here is a photo of an Exxon Station in California. Gasoline prices have skyrocketed, and this is a *deliberate* part of the Great Reset strategy. Cutting off pipelines was the first thing out the door for Biden. Shutting down the pipeline from Alberta ensures that it is going to impact not just travel but also the cost to heat homes in the dead of winter.



In the case of Ukraine, escalating geopolitical tensions with Russia is the main motive to stop the pipeline from Russia, which would bring fuel to Europe. Biden stopped the pipeline from Alberta but permitted the Russian pipeline. If they can create a NATO crisis, then the pipeline will be stopped.

It appears that the Biden Administration is simply trying to create a geopolitical conflict as the excuse to shut down the pipeline. Will the Biden Administration unleash World War III for environmental reasons? China would be a fool not to link up with Russia to take down the arrogance of the political establishment in

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Washington and Europe. It does not look good during 2025–2027 for world peace on our model looking ahead.



The construction of Nord Stream 2 has been delayed for more than a year, and completion is increasingly at risk after the U.S. imposed sanctions on companies involved in its construction and threatened further steps. The pipeline under the Baltic Sea has been the subject of heated debate for years as environmentalists have tried to stop it, as has been the case with pipelines from Alberta, Canada.

The project has been all about allowing Russian gas to flow directly to Germany. This has been a strategic investment that has been a cornerstone to Europe's energy supply security. The opponents criticize the project on environmental grounds, whereas the U.S. has called it a geopolitical risk on security grounds.

The Biden administration in mid-March made it clear that it would prosecute sanctions against companies constructing the project. They called on the companies to "immediately abandon work on the pipeline." While people expected a deal between Germany and the U.S., Germany will more likely stop the project and blame the U.S. Consequently, it appeared that the Biden Administration was deliberately putting pressure on Ukraine to wage war to retain Crimea and justify shutting down the Nord Stream 2 pipeline. The Biden Administration backtracked on their stance in May. It removed any sanctions

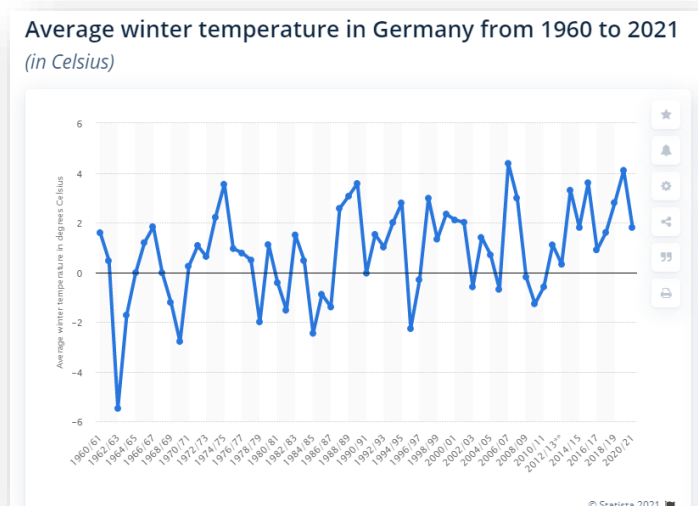
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against Russia for creating the pipeline, while maintaining its decision to block the Canadian Keystone XL oil pipeline.



In late January 2021, the European parliament called for a halt to Nord Stream 2 after the arrest of Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny. On the same day, German Chancellor Angela Merkel reaffirmed her support for Nord Stream 2. “My basic attitude has not yet changed to the point where I say the project should not exist,” Merkel said.

While people are complaining in Germany that this winter has been extremely cold, the peak in temperature came during the winter of 2006–2007. Temperatures have been turning down but will most likely not retest the coldest record of 1962–1963 until after 2024. The record low was 1962–1963, coming in at -5.8°C , according to Statista.



Simply because the average temperature rose from the early 1970s, we find everyone flipped from global cooling to global warming.



Al Gore with Jennifer Morgan (head of Greenpeace since 2016)

Al Gore is on the Board of Trustees of the World Economic Forum. He has teamed up with Jennifer Morgan, who took the helm of Greenpeace International in April 2016. She was formerly the Global Director of the Climate Program at the World Resources Institute.

Morgan has been a climate activist and a leader of large teams at major organizations. She was also involved in the Worldwide Fund for Nature, Climate Action Network, and E3G.

The *Washington Times* reported back in 2016 that governments and courts around the world were finally cracking down on Greenpeace, which they considered the eco-terrorist



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organization. The crackdown, the *Washington Times* reported in June 2016, was “long overdue, couldn’t happen to a more misguided bunch of people.”

Back in December 2014, more than 20 Greenpeace activists damaged a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The act was part of a publicity stunt meant to motivate greater



government support for renewable energy sources, which they think are necessary to battle supposed human-caused climate change. The activists walked into a “strictly prohibited” area where the Nazca Lines are located in Peru and laid big, yellow cloth letters that read, “Time for change; the future is renewable.”

These are the people Al Gore and Klaus Schwab have aligned with to bring about their Great Reset. They exploited Greta Thunberg to push their agenda and made her the center of focus in Schwab’s documentary, *The Forum*. As noted earlier, they raised Greta to be named the “person of the

year” in *Time* magazine. Then when they were not reaching critical mass, they switched gears and dumped Greta, opting to exploit a virus to create massive job losses, lockdown the world economy, and jump-start Schwab’s Great Reset.

The burning question everyone asks is how did Al Gore create the global warming scare when the fear was global cooling? In the process, Gore earned hundreds of millions of dollars.

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Gore Created Global Warming from Global Cooling



Global warming is far more profitable than global cooling. Why? When the argument changes from cooling to warming, then you can tax people for emitting CO₂. In global cooling, there is nothing you can blame on humans, which is not really profitable.

However, at the core of this problem lies the rudimentary problem in analysis. Traditionally, they take whatever trend is in motion and immediately assume that it will remain. If the temperature rises 1 degree per decade, then in 50 years, we will all die according to their logic. That is like saying the stock market rose 1,000 points last year, so it should always rise 1,000 points every year from here on out.

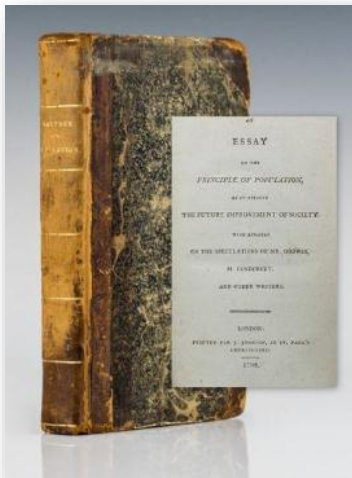
This type of analysis has plagued human society for centuries, as it is a very standard methodology in so many fields of study.



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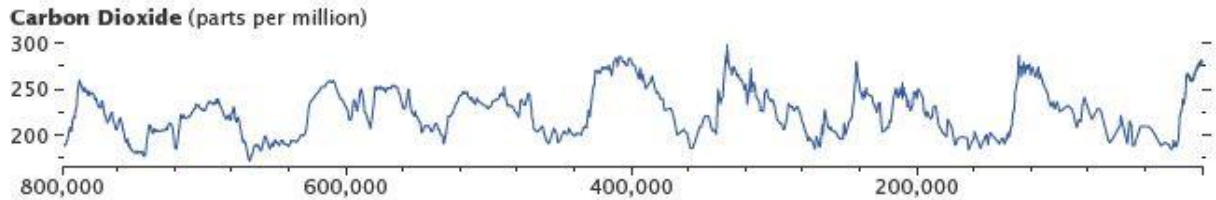
Thomas Robert Malthus (1766-1834)



This crisis in analysis has been around for a very long time. They always assume that whatever trend is in motion will remain in motion. This is how Thomas Malthus (1766–1834) first alarmed the world in his 1798 publication *An Essay on the Principle of Population*, which he published anonymously. It wasn't until the 1803 edition five years later when he allowed his name to appear in the publication.

Malthus observed that an increase in a nation's food production improved the populace's well-being. Still, the improvement was temporary because it led to population growth, which in turn restored the original per capita production level. His entire argument was that we should all be dead by now because we would not be able to produce enough food. What he failed to understand is that there are cycles to everything. He failed to understand that we were gradually coming out of a mini-Ice Age, and food production would increase. There were also cycles in technology that brought about steam power and then the combustion engine. Both dramatically increased food production, and now we have learned to grow food indoors with lights.

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Although Malthus' analysis failed to understand the nonlinear nature of the world in which we live, he was predicting the future based upon the static conditions at that point in time. If we apply the same methodology of assuming the current conditions will remain unchanged, we arrive at the dire forecasts of global warming. None of the analysis applied in global warming takes into account cyclical analysis. Sorry, nothing functions in this manner. Just because we are healthy today does not mean that we will last forever. There are long-term historical records of the rise and fall of CO₂, along with everything else in the universe. Everything has a cycle, and this is what is simply ignored.

97% Fraud In Climate Change

Al Gore has been a master at creating global warming out of global cooling. In 2009, the University of Illinois sent a survey online to about 10,000 scientists with the following two questions:

QUESTION #1

Do you agree that global temperatures have generally risen since the pre-1800s?

QUESTION #2

Do you think that human activity is a significant contributing factor?

Only 3,146 responses were received of 10,000, and of that 31%, 90% said yes to the first question, but 82% said yes to the second question.

This is how the people using this survey carried out the fraud. They narrowed down the responses and found that among meteorologists who responded, only 64% said yes to the second question, so about 1/3 said no!

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Then disregarding all the others of the 3146 responses, they focused on only 77 who described themselves as “climate experts” without any proof of their credentials and found that only 75 said yes to the second question.

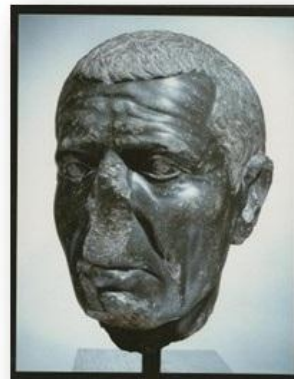
Therefore, when we divide 75/77, we get to their claim of 97% of all scientists in the world say there is a climate emergency that warrants raising taxes and seizing property.

This was only 2.3% of those who bothered to respond, and I doubt they would agree with the solution, which is **COMMUNISM!**

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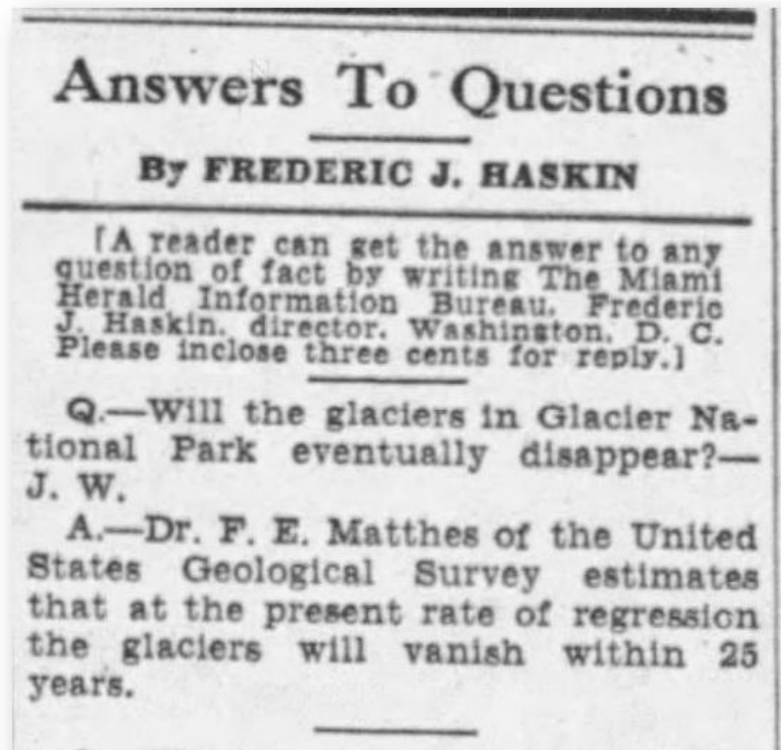
If we take the 75 responses of 10,000 scientists surveyed, that means that 0.0075% agreed that there is climate change with some human causality. Why are they lying to the entire world? Because behind this movement is the destruction of capitalism and the resurrection of communism. And people wonder why our computer has been forecasting that the financial capital of the world is moving to Asia? Climate change activists are trying to recreate the Marxist experiment all over again.

"In most cases men willingly believe what they wish."



Julius Caesar
(100-44BC)

The problem is that the press will never challenge Gore on anything because he is saying what they want to believe regardless of whether it is true. Julius Caesar (100-44 BC) said a long time ago that people believe only what they want to believe. Indeed, that observation made more than 2,000 years ago remains valid today.



The Miami Herald - Miami, Florida - September 19th, 1936, Sat • Page 6

Back during the 1930s, there was concern about global warming. As always, the analysis simply takes whatever trend is in motion at that moment and projects it out as if it will be a linear progression with no cyclical activity. It is like saying I am alive today, so I assume I will be alive forever. The forecast that the glaciers would all vanish by 1960 was the standard doom and gloom forecast.

However, weather is cyclical, which these forecasters never take into account. The concern during the 1930s was global warming, but by the 1960s, the fear was global cooling. Before Al Gore, science was worried deeply about what we are experiencing today—global cooling. On April 28, 1975, *Newsweek* magazine published an article in which they sounded the alarm bell and proposed solutions to melt the ice caps deliberately:

Climatologists are pessimistic that political leaders will take any positive action to compensate for the climatic change, or even to allay its effects. They concede that some of the more spectacular solutions proposed, such as melting the arctic ice cap by covering it with black soot or diverting arctic rivers, might create problems far greater than those they solve. But the scientists see few signs that government leaders anywhere are even

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prepared to take the simple measures of stockpiling food or of introducing variables of climate uncertainty into economic projections of future food supplies.

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The Cooling World

There are ominous signs that the earth's weather patterns have begun to change dramatically and that these changes may portend a drastic decline in food production—with serious political implications for just about every nation on earth. The drop in food output could begin quite soon, perhaps only ten years from now. The regions destined to feel its impact are the great wheat-producing lands of Canada and the U.S.S.R. in the north, along with a number of marginally self-sufficient tropical areas—parts of India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Indochina and Indonesia—where the growing season is dependent upon the rains brought by the monsoon.

The evidence in support of these predictions has now begun to accumulate so massively that meteorologists are hard-

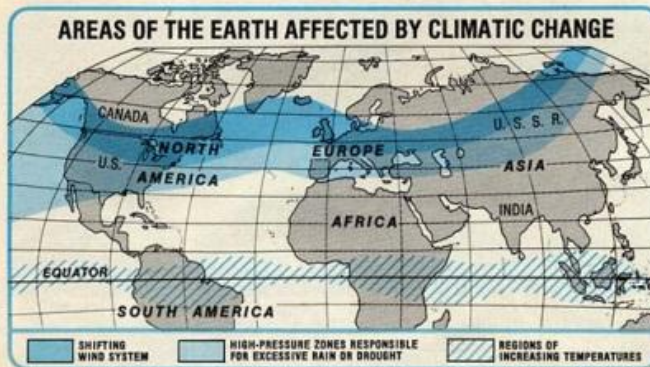
reduce agricultural productivity for the rest of the century. If the climatic change is as profound as some of the pessimists fear, the resulting famines could be catastrophic. "A major climatic change would force economic and social adjustments on a worldwide scale," warns a recent report by the National Academy of Sciences, "because the global patterns of food production and population that have evolved are implicitly dependent on the climate of the present century."

A survey completed last year by Dr. Murray Mitchell of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reveals a drop of half a degree in average ground temperatures in the Northern Hemisphere between 1945 and 1968. According to George Kukla of Columbia University, satellite photos indicated a sudden, large increase in Northern Hemisphere snow cover in the winter of 1971-72. And

ic change is at least as fragmentary as our data," concedes the National Academy of Sciences report. "Not only are the basic scientific questions largely unanswered, but in many cases we do not yet know enough to pose the key questions."

Extremes: Meteorologists think that they can forecast the short-term results of the return to the norm of the last century. They begin by noting the slight drop in over-all temperature that produces large numbers of pressure centers in the upper atmosphere. These break up the smooth flow of westerly winds over temperate areas. The stagnant air produced in this way causes an increase in extremes of local weather such as droughts, floods, extended dry spells, long freezes, delayed monsoons and even local temperature increases—all of which have a direct impact on food supplies.

"The world's food-producing system," warns Dr. James D. McQuigg of NOAA's Center for Climatic and Environmental Assessment, "is much more sensitive to



pressed to keep up with it. In England, farmers have seen their growing season decline by about two weeks since 1950, with a resultant over-all loss in grain production estimated at up to 100,000 tons annually. During the same time, the average temperature around the equator has risen by a fraction of a degree—a fraction that in some areas can mean drought and desolation. Last April, in the most devastating outbreak of tornadoes ever recorded, 148 twisters killed more than 300 people and caused half a billion dollars' worth of damage in thirteen U.S. states.

Trend: To scientists, these seemingly disparate incidents represent the advance signs of fundamental changes in the world's weather. The central fact is that after three quarters of a century of extraordinarily mild conditions, the earth's climate seems to be cooling down. Meteorologists disagree about the cause and extent of the cooling trend, as well as over its specific impact on local weather conditions. But they are almost unanimous in the view that the trend will

a study released last month by two NOAA scientists notes that the amount of sunshine reaching the ground in the continental U.S. diminished by 1.3 per cent between 1964 and 1972.

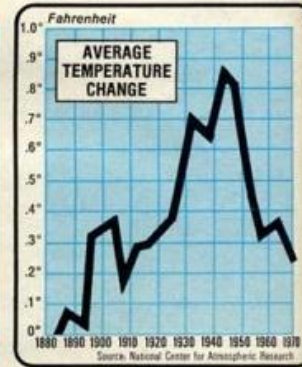
To the layman, the relatively small changes in temperature and sunshine can be highly misleading. Reid Bryson of the University of Wisconsin points out that the earth's average temperature during the great Ice Ages was only about 7 degrees lower than during its warmest eras—and that the present decline has taken the planet about a sixth of the way toward the Ice Age average. Others regard the cooling as a reversion to the "little ice age" conditions that brought bitter winters to much of Europe and northern America between 1600 and 1900—years when the Thames used to freeze so solidly that Londoners roasted oxen on the ice and when iceboats sailed the Hudson River almost as far south as New York City.

Just what causes the onset of major and minor ice ages remains a mystery. "Our knowledge of the mechanisms of climat-

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A Bill Gates Venture Aims To Spray Dust Into The Atmosphere To Block The Sun. What Could Go Wrong?



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This sounds very similar to today's proposed solution from Bill Gates to put particles in the atmosphere to deflect the sunlight to reduce global warming. There have also been proposals to pump seawater onto the ice with the hope that it will freeze and replenish lost ice. They never seem to account for nature, and eruptions of volcanos by themselves have created Ice Ages.

In 1932, they forecast that all the ice would melt and the sea would rise where you would survive if you were "above the 155th floor level in cities with skyscrapers."

Indeed, *Time* magazine's January 31, 1977, cover featured the cover story, "The Big Freeze." They reported that scientists were

predicting that Earth's average temperature could drop by 20 degrees Fahrenheit. Then there was 1816, "the Year Without a Summer," when Krakatoa erupted, and it snowed in New York City during July.

MELTING GLACIERS WOULD FLOOD EARTH'S BIG CITIES

WASHINGTON, May 2—(AP)

--Just raise the average temperature of the earth two or three degrees and you can bid goodbye to all the big cities on earth. Glaciers will melt and oceans will rise, and--

But let the weather man get in on this. It took a weather man to think up the idea and a whole audience of weather men to listen to it with composure and without adopting a resolution or staging a demonstration. Dr. William J. Humphreys of the United States Weather Bureau took a lot of evidence to make up the painstaking case, presented today to the American Meteorological Society, that the earth's glaciers if melted would raise the ocean level 150 feet, and that the aforementioned slight increase in warmth would do the melting.

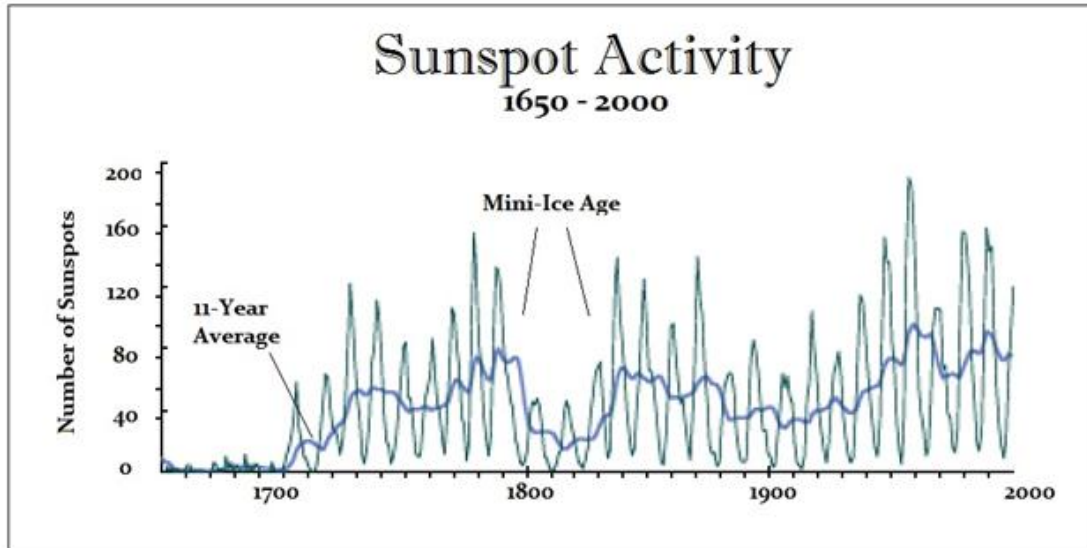
One could still be dry above the 155th floor level in cities with skyscrapers, but all about would be the bounding waves. New York, London, Paris, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, Washington, Shanghai—all gone.

By way of cheer, Dr. Humphreys pictured the world as delicately balanced between this catastrophe and the equally cheerless prospect of another glacial period. It would take but a drop of five or six degrees in the earth to bring back the ice age, with Canada and the United States as far south as Kentucky and Iowa one vast skating rink.

But skating enthusiasts needn't cheer. Dr. Humphreys said the earth is gradually growing warmer and the next ice age, although forecast, is some millions of years off. So, probably is the glacier melting period.

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There is a theory that Napoleon lost at Waterloo as the result of weather because he delayed the use of his canons due to rain. However, we must look at Waterloo and its relation to the eruption of the volcano named Tambora. A correlation of war and weather with the economy reveals that Napoleon also lost when he invaded Russia because of volcano eruptions, creating a volcanic winter.

Napoleon began his invasion of Russia on the 24th of June 1812. He was no fool. He waited for winter to be over. He was planning to take the city of Moscow in July. Instead, his army was devastated by winter and global cooling thanks to a volcano.

The Russians abandoned Moscow and set it ablaze. When Napoleon entered Moscow, he assumed he would get an offer of peace. Nothing came. He eventually retreated, and that was devastating. Napoleon had invaded with 680,000 men and retreated by November 1812 with only 27,000 effective soldiers remaining.

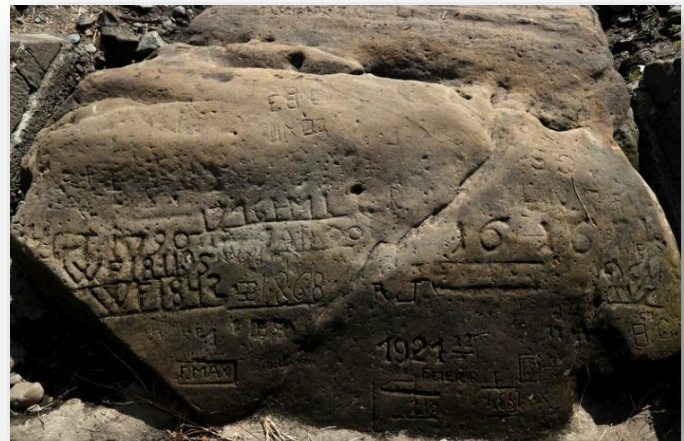


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There is no question about it. When we correlate everything, you begin to see history in a whole new light. Napoleon was defeated by the Mini Ice Age. The Hunger Stones also marked the year 1811 as a drought. The Hunger Stones date back to 1616 in the Elbe River. This is at Decin, in the Czech Republic. Throughout the centuries, there have been these cycles of extreme heat followed by extreme cold. Such events have been recorded when drought has resulted in a low water level in the Elbe river.

One year prior to the eruption in the West Indies in 1812, there is what has been called the 1808/1809 a "Mystery Volcanic Eruption," which seems to have set in motion a Mini-Ice Age during the early 1800s that defeated Napoleon. This was a monumental volcanic eruption in the VEI 6 range which appears to have taken place in late 1808. This event preceded the 1815 eruption of Mount Tambora (VEI 7), which produced the "Year Without a Summer" in 1816. Napoleon was defeated really by volcanoes. This should be our concern going into 2024. Yet, Gates has completely ignored this concern with his



crack-pot global warming theories and solution to create a volcanic winter permanently.

In both cases, these claimed scientists have always ignored nature and constantly blame human activity, be it for global cooling or warming. To them, there is never a nature cycle worth investigating. Volcanos are random, so why bother trying to forecast something they do not understand.



Al Gore

As the temperatures began to warm during the 1980s, suddenly, they had to switch the dire forecasts from global cooling caused by humans to global warming caused by humans. Al Gore came to the rescue. Global cooling meant that government should stockpile food for everyone, but that would cost money.

National Carbon Tax Upheld by Canada's Supreme Court

The tax, now equivalent to \$24 in U.S. dollars, will rise to \$135 by 2030

Switching to global warming would create a different but familiar agenda. Like smoking, they could tax it to "help" people. Of course, when tax revenues began to decline from smoking, they introduced taxes on e-cigarettes.

With global warming, governments could tax everyone for daily activities, from driving a car to heating and cooling their homes. Suddenly, global warming was a lot more profitable for government than global cooling. The alarm bell stopped ringing that warned of a continued global cooling, seen between 1945 and 1968, that was creating a new Ice Age.

Al Gore took the position of vice president under President Bill Clinton. In that capacity, with Bill Clinton chasing women, Hillary became the de facto president,

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and Al Gore was given free rein. No other vice president enjoyed that power until Dick Cheney under George Bush, Jr.

Gore set out to enact policies that would alter government and our future by placing humankind in harm's way. Gore directed all funding to ensure that the climate change agenda became a top priority for the United States government. Gore created the President's Council on Sustainable Development. The Charter was revised on April 25, 1997, and the "Scope of Activities" was dramatically altered. Gore directed that the agenda was to be exclusively a global warming agenda to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. He claimed there would be no debate regarding the science behind the new agenda. Gore deliberately silenced all opposition.

The President's Council on Sustainable Development was to focus exclusively on reducing greenhouse gas emissions by adopting the U.S. economy to his agenda. The council shifted from economic development to environmental development even though it would reduce economic development. Gore flipped the council's purpose to global warming and then set about his agenda to create a crisis to increase government control and power. That can only happen when there is a crisis, which Gore then manufactured.

To pull off the new agenda, Gore set out to purge the government of anyone who disagreed or opposed his plan in any way. He instilled not the fear of God but the fear of Gore throughout high-ranking government officials. His reach included the Department of Energy, Environmental Protection Agency, National Science Foundation, Department of Education, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Their funding would be cut unless they adopted Gore's agenda.

Gore rejected any alternative points of view on the science of climate change. He deliberately excluded all



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opposition in the tradition of a true leftist. He had concluded that the Clinton administration would go in the direction of global warming, reversing the very same argument from the '70s that fossil fuels were causing global cooling. In the accompanying cover letter the 1999 report, *Advancing Prosperity, Opportunity and a Healthy Environment for the 21st Century*, Gore made sure that the Council concluded: "Our report presents consensus recommendations on how America can reduce greenhouse gas emissions and take other steps to protect the climate." This was after he blocked all opposition!

The world had to change, and anyone who disagreed with Gore was rejected and criticized for believing in fake science. This became Gore's strategy to take over the world and force the abandonment of fossil fuels.



When physicist Dr. William Happer, then Director of Energy Research at the Department of Energy, testified before Congress in 1993 that scientific data did not support the hypothesis of manmade global warming, Gore went nuts. Gore immediately had Happer fired. It was 15 years later when Happer commented:

I had the privilege of being fired by Al Gore since I refused to go along with his alarmism. I did not need the job that badly.

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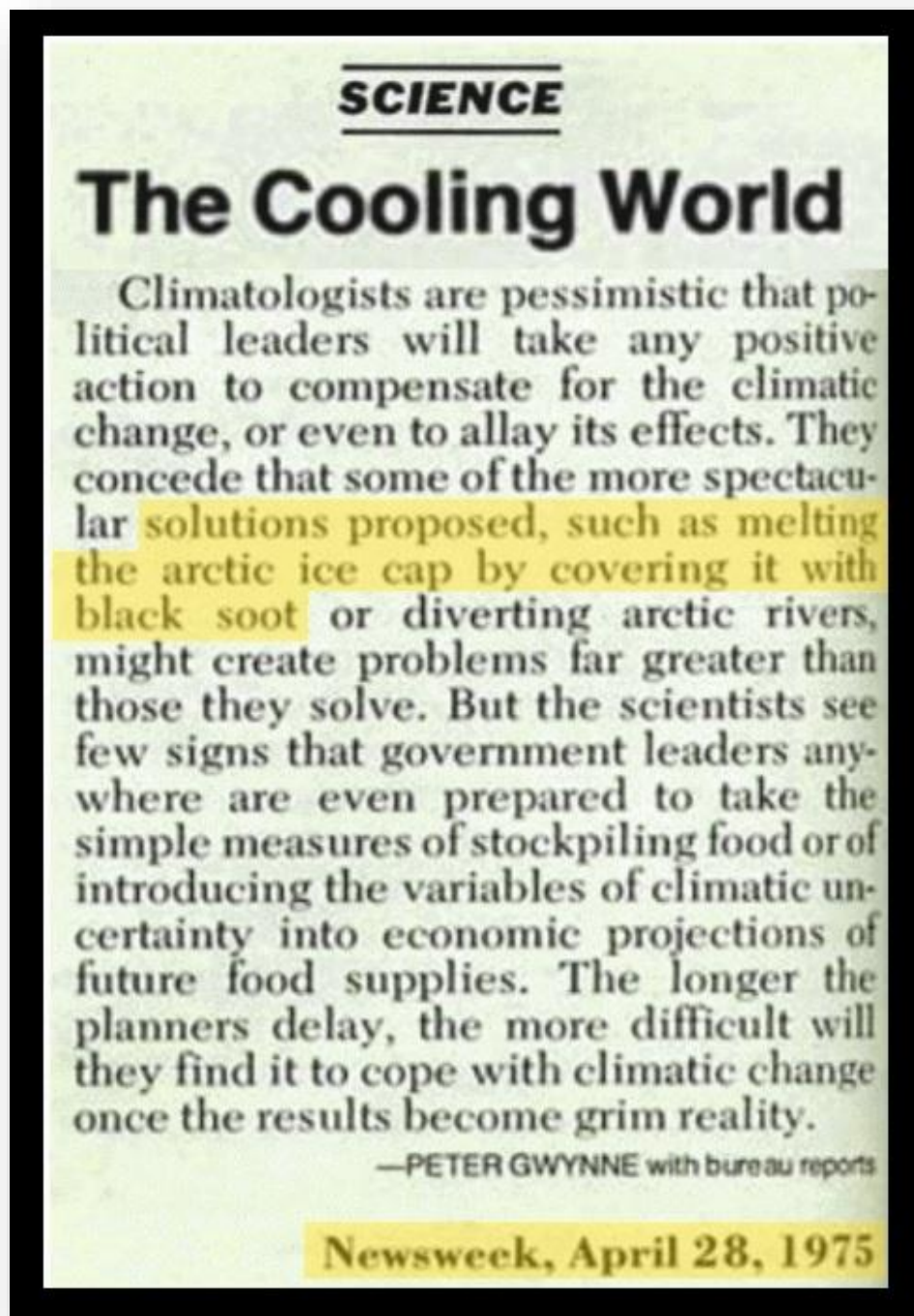
Greenpeace later tried to slander Happer by saying the energy industry was funding him. They always twist the facts and try to claim that if someone is approached for their ideas and asked to do a study, then it somehow discredits their original conclusions.



Al Gore used his theory to gather a personal fortune that has exceeded \$300 million. Gore's movie, *An Inconvenient Truth*, put forth nothing but propaganda. It was challenged in the courts in London when they were trying to force students to watch the film. The court found that Gore's documentary contains nine key scientific errors. The judge declined to ban the Academy Award winning film from British schools but ruled that it can only be shown with guidance notes to prevent political indoctrination (see: *Telegraph* 10/11/2007).

From the position of vice president, Gore changed the entire world while Bill Clinton was preoccupied with the line of girls waiting for their turn in the White House. Gore's net worth exploded from \$2 million to an estimated \$300 million. His movie, *An Inconvenient Truth*, even made him \$24 million with its apocalyptic forecasts that are an embarrassment today.





What is fascinating is that during the 1970s when the threat was global cooling, these same sorts of scientists proposed to melt the “artic ice cap by covering it with black soot.” These proposals are dangerous in and of themselves, for the environment is truly shocking. Now we have Bill Gates wanting to put dust in the atmosphere to block the sun.

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Gore went on to win the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007, which is awarded not for peace but whatever agenda they want to push at any given moment. He was awarded that prize jointly with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) "for their efforts to build up and disseminate greater knowledge about man-made climate change, and to lay the foundations for the measures that are needed to counteract such change."



Al Gore's propaganda machine has been amazing. Some believe that when he became a member of the board of trustees of the World Economic Forum, he has been instrumental in forging the agenda of the **Great Reset**.

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Astonishingly, Al Gore is neither a scientist nor a climatologist. Yet, Gore is considered the leading expert despite the fact that Gore's climate change agenda was nothing but a fraud and deliberately imposed to increase government power.



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of The Guardian website with the logo and 'US edition' dropdown. Below the navigation bar, there are category tabs: News, Opinion, Sport, Culture, Lifestyle, and More. A breadcrumb trail reads 'UK > UK politics > Education > Media > Society > Law > Scotland > Wales > Northern Ireland'. The article title is 'Greenpeace included with neo-Nazis on UK counter-terror list'. A sub-headline reads 'Exclusive: Extinction Rebellion and Peta also named in anti-extremism briefing alongside Combat 18 and National Action'. The author is 'Vikram Dodd and Jamie Grierson' and the date is 'Fri 17 Jan 2020 09:49 EST'. There are social media sharing icons and a share count of 15,130. A yellow banner above the article title states 'This article is more than 1 year old'. The main image shows a woman in a dark jacket holding a blue box with a penguin figurine. The box has text: 'OVER 355,655 PEOPLE SAY PROTECT THE ANTARCTIC'.

Gore's alliance with Greenpeace has been alarming. Greenpeace's tactics over the years have been about environmental terrorism. They were included in the list of terrorists with neo-Nazis. Nevertheless, Greenpeace is in league with Al Gore. They even escorted Greta Thunberg to Davos to appear in the World Economic Forum event and a movie to support the Great Reset entitled *The Forum*.

Both traveling home from #Davos by train not private jet. Both determined to do #WhateverItTakes and turn anger into action. Thank you for your leadership, Greta. [greenpeace.org/international/](https://www.greenpeace.org/international/) ... #wef19 #ClimateAction #FridaysForFuture



CLIMATE AND THE CORONAVIRUS

COVID-19 is awful. Climate change could be worse.

But there are lessons from the current crisis that should guide our response to the next one.

By Bill Gates | August 04, 2020 • 8 minute read



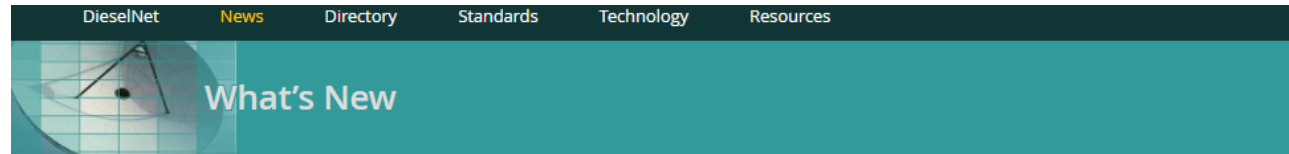
While Bill Gates is already telling people that climate change will be far worse than COVID, this consortium is already posturing for two aspects:

1. Selling vaccines by telling people they will never be safe until everyone is vaccinated, leading to a rising agenda that those who refuse to be vaccinated voluntarily should be forced to save everyone else.
2. Preparing people for future lockdowns to now save the planet from climate change.

There appears to be an undisclosed objective with COVID since the vast amount of claimed positive cases experience no symptoms, and there remain serious questions about the validity of the tests. It is clear that the object has been climate change and to lock people down to stop community.

The *Guardian* report on May 19, 2020:

The findings show the world has experienced the sharpest drop in carbon output since records began, with large sections of the global economy brought to a near standstill. When the lockdown was at its most stringent, in some countries emissions fell by just over a quarter (26%) on average. In the UK, the decline was about 31%, while in Australia emissions fell 28.3% for a period during April.



Despite economic lockdowns, CO₂ and CH₄ concentrations surged in 2020

Posted on 9 April 2021



Levels of the two most important anthropogenic greenhouse gases, carbon dioxide and methane, continued to rise in 2020, despite the economic slowdown caused by the coronavirus pandemic response, according to preliminary data by the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

The global surface average for carbon dioxide, calculated from measurements collected at NOAA's remote sampling locations, was 412.5 ppm in 2020, rising by 2.6 ppm during the year. The global rate of increase was the fifth-highest in NOAA's 63-year record, following 1987, 1998, 2015 and 2016. The annual mean at NOAA's Mauna Loa Observatory in Hawaii was 414.4 ppm during 2020.

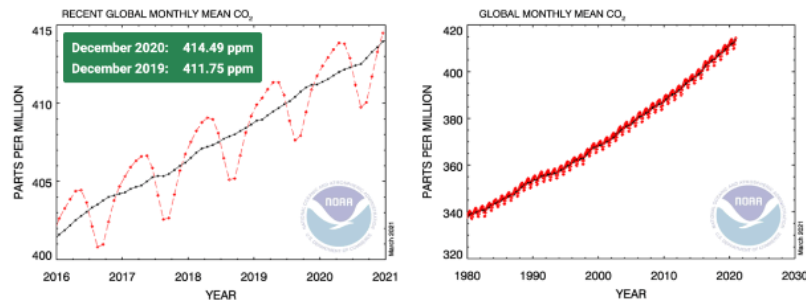


Figure 1. Global monthly average atmospheric concentration of carbon dioxide
(Source: NOAA Global Monitoring Laboratory)

However, when we looked at the data for the entire year of 2020, both CO₂ and CH₄ surged despite the lockdowns. But as always, the proponents of lockdowns pretend they just need to imprison the population longer to achieve their goals.

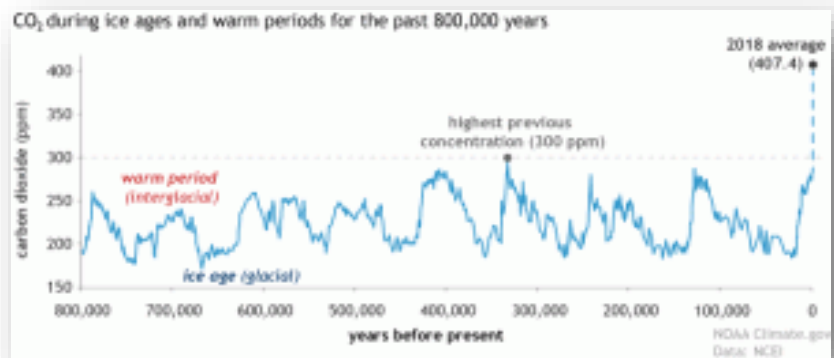
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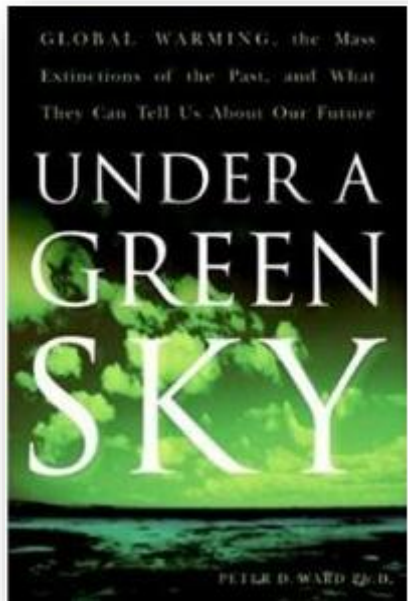
The rise of this Extinction Rebellion movement boasts: “We are in the midst of a mass extinction of our own making.” Their theories are based upon a book that put forth a theory that one of the five mass extinctions in history was caused by CO2 levels—not all, just one. The data has often been presented in charts that have been completely distorted to convince people to assemble in destructive protests.

Here is a chart easily found by just searching the internet. Note that its time frame extends back only 800,000 years.



This is how they create fake charts to support a predetermined conclusion. They

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base their conclusion on the book that states one of the big five extinctions was due to CO₂.

Peter D. Ward's book, *Under a Green Sky* (2007), has served as the foundation for destroying civilization as we know it. The proposition of simply measuring the average CO₂ concentration and concluding that CO₂ is the reason for mass extinctions is a very questionable analysis. That is like claiming that carrots are deadly because it is a fact that everyone who has ever eaten a carrot has eventually died.

The event that the book is discussing was the Permian Extinction which was 251 million years ago. The claim is that the CO₂ level was 3,000 ppm compared to a global average atmospheric carbon dioxide in 2018 of 407.4 parts per million. It is evident that the chart they use to sell climate change goes back only 800,000 years, far less than the 251-million-year-old event.

There are the big five mass extinctions known as the Ordovician, Devonian, Permian, Triassic, and Cretaceous. However, the Ordovician–Silurian extinction was a global extinction event that occurred during the Hirnantian Age (445.2 million to 443.8 million years ago) of the Ordovician Period and the subsequent Rhuddanian Age (443.8 million to 440.8 million years ago) of the Silurian Period. This extinction was caused by the Ice Age resulting in eliminating about 85% of all Ordovician.



The Devonian Extinction took place 375 million years ago—360 million years ago and resulted in the death of 70% to 80% of most life on the planet. The Permian Extinction took place about 251 million years ago and terminated 90% to 97% of

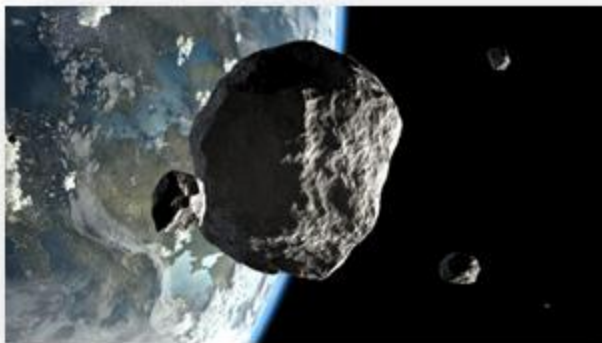
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all life. The generally accepted cause was either an asteroid impact or volcanic activity.

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the breakup of the super-continent Pangea**



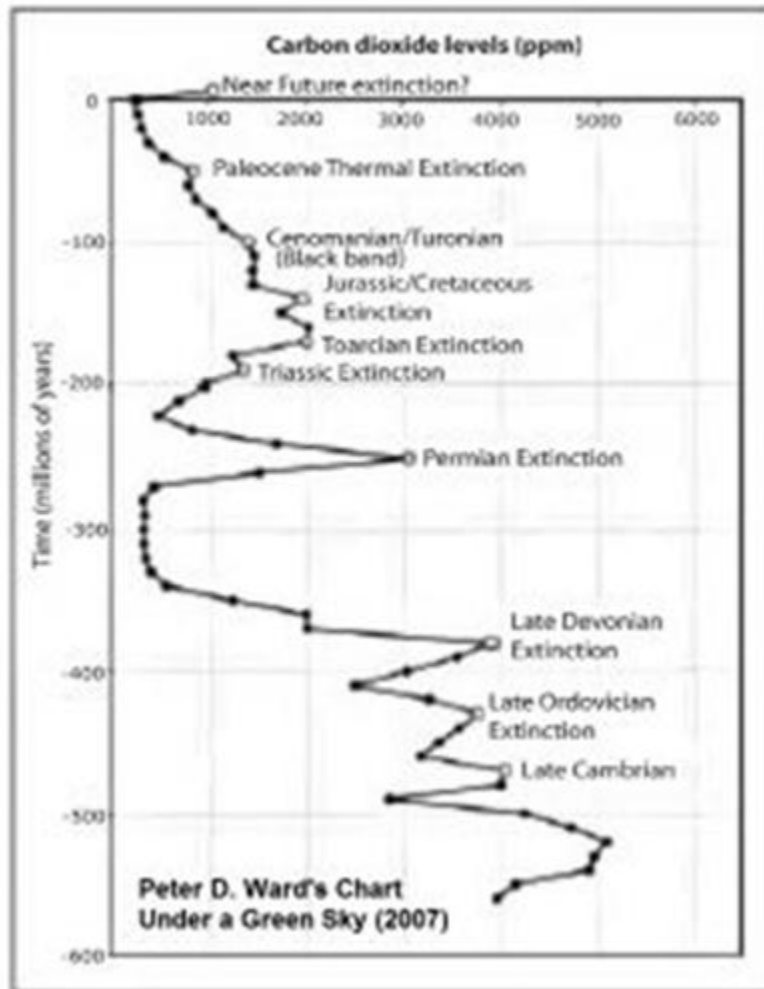
The Triassic Extinction took place about 201 million years ago, drastically affecting life on land and in the oceans. In the oceans, a whole class and 23% to 34% of marine life disappeared. One theory points to massive lava eruptions during the breakup of the super-continent Pangea, which might have released vast amounts of carbon dioxide, causing runaway global warming. Still, other scientists suspect asteroid strikes are to blame, but there have been no craters discovered as of yet unless they are under the ocean.



The Cretaceous–Paleogene Extinction event was a sudden mass extinction of some 75% of the plant and animal species on Earth approximately 66 million years ago. An asteroid impact is believed to have been the cause for the extinction that wiped out the world's non-avian dinosaurs, from T-Rex to the three-horned Triceratops. Indeed, a huge crater

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off Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula supports the asteroid hypothesis. Most mammals, turtles, crocodiles, and frogs survived, along with birds and most sea life, including sharks, starfish, and sea urchins.



If we take the graph from Peter D. Ward's book, it is true that CO2 levels have been massively higher than they are today. Looking at his chart, we are at a historic low similar to the 5,000-year low in interest rates. Any uptick is by no means cause for the assumption that we will become extinct in 12 years.

The Permian Extinction was marked by a major volcanic event that may have also involved an asteroid hit, which coincided with high atmospheric CO2. As stated above, the CO2 level, according to Ward, was 3,000 ppm compared to a global average atmospheric carbon dioxide in 2018 of 407.4 parts per million. The Permian Extinction destroyed more than 90% of all species and nearly 97% of all living things. While its origins have long been a puzzle for paleontologists,

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some argue it was caused by the impact of an asteroid, while others believe something more complicated was at work.



Ward asserted that his investigation into the Permian Extinction implied he attributed the event to CO₂, lacking evidence of a crater. In his investigations of the fates of several groups of mollusks during those extinctions and others, he concluded that the near-total devastation at the end of the Permian Extinction was caused by rising levels of carbon dioxide leading to climate change.

Ward argued that the Permian Extinction event was distinguished with very high atmospheric CO₂ (3,000 ppm) levels, creating a runaway Greenhouse Effect. He argued that this would have heated the Earth's oceans to the point where they could no longer contain dissolved oxygen. Warm water, he argued, holds less dissolved gas than cold water. Therefore, he assumed that the Permian oceans became extremely warmed and devoid of oxygen. He then theorized that this type of environment would result in sulfur creating anaerobic bacteria. Sulfur could combine with hydrogen creating hydrogen sulfide, which would lead to mass extinction because high levels of bacteria creating hydrogen sulfide would kill most of its inhabitants. However, Ward's proposition remains only a theory. There is not enough data to confirm that his theory is correct.

The extinction marking the end of the Cretaceous period 65 Million years ago, where Iridium is found worldwide, provided conclusive evidence for a meteorite

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impact as the cause. The debate over the cause of the largest extinction in the Earth's history, the Permian Extinction, will continue until more conclusive worldwide evidence is found.

Nevertheless, it has been Ward's opinion that has given justification to this CO2 climate change hysteria. Part of the problem in confirming an asteroid impact was the case is the fact that the Earth's crust is convected down into the mantle every 200 million years like a conveyor belt. Since the Permian Extinction occurred about 250 million years ago, most of the rocks would have reprocessed into the mantle by now, leaving no evidence of a crater. Yes, New York City will be consumed under the mantle within 200 million years! Does that mean we should move to the center of the ocean, claim land beneath the sea, and wait for that to become beachfront?

When we simply run all of this through our correlation models, low and behold, a very obvious fact emerges. We can ascertain from correlation models that determine the cycles from all events because there were major periods of volcanic eruptions that correspond to the Permian Extinction, Triassic Extinction, Jurassic Cretaceous, and the Cretaceous–Paleogene Extinction. This much we know does increase CO2, but it also throws ash into the atmosphere, which reduces sunlight and creates a volcanic winter.

In the upland region of Southern Peru, there is a volcano by the name of Huaynaputina. It exploded on February 19, 1600, and is recorded as the largest volcanic explosion in South America. However, studies have shown around the world that this volcano indeed altered the climate and took place during



a solar minimum. Scientists now believe that its eruption had a devastating effect around the world in Europe as well as in China and Korea. This impacted agriculture and furthered the contagion cycles from disease. In fact, the Great Famine in Russia was caused by this eruption. The Russian famine of 1601–1603 was

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Russia's worst famine in terms of a proportional effect on the population. More than two million people starved to death which was one-third of the Russian people. The famine compounded the "Time of Troubles" and weakened Russia, allowing it to be invaded by the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. This famine was part of worldwide record cold winters and crop disruption, which geologists in 2008 linked to the 1600 volcanic eruption of Huaynaputina in Peru. That eruption has been classified as a VEI6 putting some 30 cubic kilometers of earth into the sky more than eight miles high. Contemporary accounts state that some regions did not see the sun for two months. Without the sun, crops fail.



If we look back in time through the historical record, we discover another period where a major convergence of volcanic activity created global cooling and a subsequent famine. There were great volcanic eruptions that created the extreme weather events of 535–536 AD during the reign of the Byzantine Emperor Justinian I (527–565 AD). A mysterious cloud appeared over the Mediterranean basin according to the historian Procopius of Caesarea (Procopius Caesarensis; c. 500–560 AD) who wrote:

The sun gave forth its light without brightness, and it seemed exceedingly like the sun in eclipse, for the beams it shed were not clear.

This was a volcanic cloud that blocked the sun. But it was not a volcano in that region. The cloud's appearance created climate cooling for more than a decade. Crops failed, and there was widespread famine. This also set in motion a pandemic

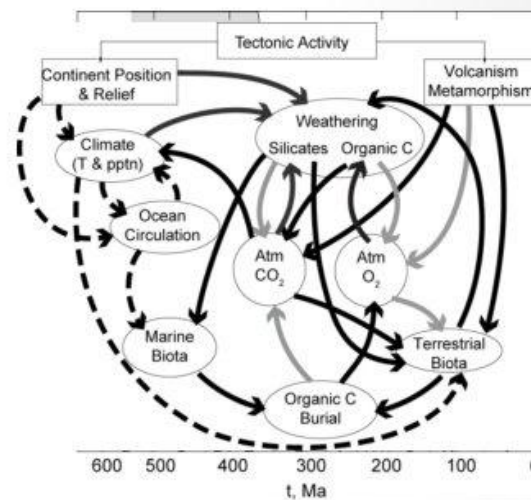
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known as the Plague of Justinian (541–542), which swept through the Eastern Roman Empire, killing 5,000 people per day in Constantinople. The dating of this is extremely close to the famous civil unrest known as the Nika Revolt of 532 AD, which preceded the cloud account of Procopius and the plague.

Scientists had postulated that the global cooling set in motion by a giant volcanic winter 535–536 AD might have been the result of the eruption of Ilopango in El Salvador, which filled Earth's atmosphere with ash, as did Mount Tambora in 1815. However, as the Smithsonian reported back in 2010, "researchers say there were two eruptions—one in 535 or 536 in the northern hemisphere and another in 539 or 540 in the tropics—that kept temperatures in the north cool until 550." This has emerged from studying the ice core samples collected in Antarctica and Greenland with data from tree rings. According to the correlation of this data, "nearly all extreme summer cooling events in the northern hemisphere in the past 2,500 years can be traced to volcanoes," reported the Smithsonian.

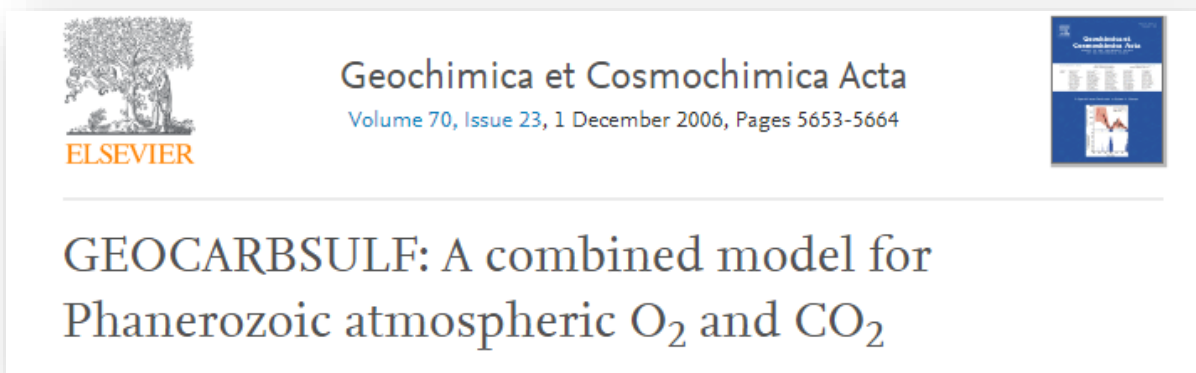
Phanerozoic GEOCARB Model

- The GEOCARB model is based on the relationships illustrated here and the record of carbon isotope ratios in marine carbonate sediments.
- The overall picture suggested by this model is one of declining atmospheric CO₂.
- A decline through the Ordovician led to a glacial epoch in the Late Ordovician–Early Silurian. The model suggests this was due to weathering of silicate rock. Continental position likely also played a role, as most evidence of glaciation comes from areas positioned near the South Pole at the time.
- CO₂ recovered in the Silurian and Devonian, but declined again in the Carboniferous, leading to the Permo-Carboniferous glaciation. This time the cause appears to be burial of vast amounts of organic carbon in bogs, swamps, and mires that was ultimately transformed into coal.
- Atmospheric CO₂ recovered in the Mesozoic, but not to levels seen in the early Paleozoic (remember, however, that less CO₂ was needed to maintain the same temperature). After reaching concentrations perhaps 5 times greater than present ones, atmospheric CO₂ declined in the late Cretaceous and early Tertiary periods.
- Long-term atmospheric CO₂ levels have remained low throughout the late Tertiary (the Neogene) into the Quaternary, although shorter term variations have occurred as a result of perturbations of the exogenous carbon cycle driven by Milankovitch cycling.



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Ward's chart that has caused all the ruckus is based upon a questionable model to begin with. The GEOCARB model is supposed to estimate major trends in carbon dioxide throughout time. However, this model works with some assumptions. CO₂ is naturally released into the atmosphere as volcanic degassing and consumed by chemical weathering of rocks on land, both of which have nothing to do with human activity. You can change model parameters of the CO₂ degassing rate (the flux of CO₂ from the solid Earth to the atmosphere), the existence of land plants, and the relative land areas and completely alter the forecast.



A second model known as GEOCARBSULF allows estimates of ancient oxygen levels throughout time. Therefore, they combine these two models to provide a presumption of how much these two gases have varied throughout time. Obviously, the atmospheric levels of carbon dioxide have moved through cyclical patterns throughout the history of the Earth. Indeed, the Earth has moved through periods of predominant tropical weather systems on one extreme to Ice Ages on the other extreme of the cycle.

Although none of the various models attempting to calculate carbon dioxide and oxygen levels over the last 500 million years have any valid precision, they have been used to discern longer-term trends greater than 1 million years in length. Nevertheless, they are based on presumptions and are attempting to forecast the past with very little hard data to establish the forecast. This is like watching a week's worth of trading in the Dow and then using those five days to project what the Dow would have done over the past 100 years. Obviously, this methodology is highly questionable. We would need a data set with hard confirmed interactions from which we could ever hope to extrapolate past history.

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Those who have argued that CO₂ is the exclusive reason for climate change have disregarded other possible causes and factors, such as the variation in solar cycle heating over time, which operates in a 300-year cycle or changes in heating from the Earth's interior, including volcanic eruptions. Correlations clearly show that during periods of solar minimum, we see the greatest number of volcanic eruptions. Solar minimum is also simultaneously the maximum output of gamma rays, which are the most energetic form of light and are produced by the hottest regions of the universe. They are also produced by such violent events as supernova explosions or the destruction of atoms, and by less dramatic events, such as the decay of radioactive material in space.

To simply disregard all other factors for CO₂ as irrelevant is irresponsible. Instead, this CO₂ group has preferred to attribute all climate changes to greenhouse gases with only theory. The study of ice core samples from glaciers formed in the Pleistocene epoch glacial event has shown that there was an increase in carbon dioxide values, but again they varied greatly. There were clearly short-term periods of sharp rises in CO₂, which are most likely attributed to volcanic eruptions. What they are doing is simply looking at what may be the result rather than the cause. This is a dangerous assumption to make, for it precludes investigation of other



factors or the more likely source is a combination of events that produce a rogue wave of energy and events.

Therefore, the average extinction cycle would be about 75.6 million years. That would not imply we have any serious risk of such an event. All the arguments claiming carbon dioxide must be

curbed are strikingly absent of definitive proof that such extinctions are exclusively caused by CO₂ levels rising. Oxygen began to climb some 375 billion years ago, and the levels of carbon dioxide plummeted and only rose again sometime in the Mesozoic era. Carbon dioxide was plentiful through much of that era, culminating

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at a maximum level during the late Jurassic period. About 150 million years ago, the carbon dioxide level began to crash, coming to a minimum level today.



From a pure cyclical perspective, during the last 200 years, carbon dioxide has been rising once again since the last mini-Ice Age. We are far from the historical levels of the past, but is the rise coinciding with the more rapid movement of the polls and the crash in the sun's solar activity? No matter what evidence you show these people, they refuse to listen and will not debate upon the evidence. This makes it impossible to correct and instead they are using force to silence and cancel anyone who dares to attack their agenda.

It may be that we are about to see dramatically colder winters, not because of CO₂, but for a combination of factors. No one seems to be investigating this because all the grant money is being sucked up by the CO₂ crowd that is desperate to support their theories in fear of their funding coming to an end.

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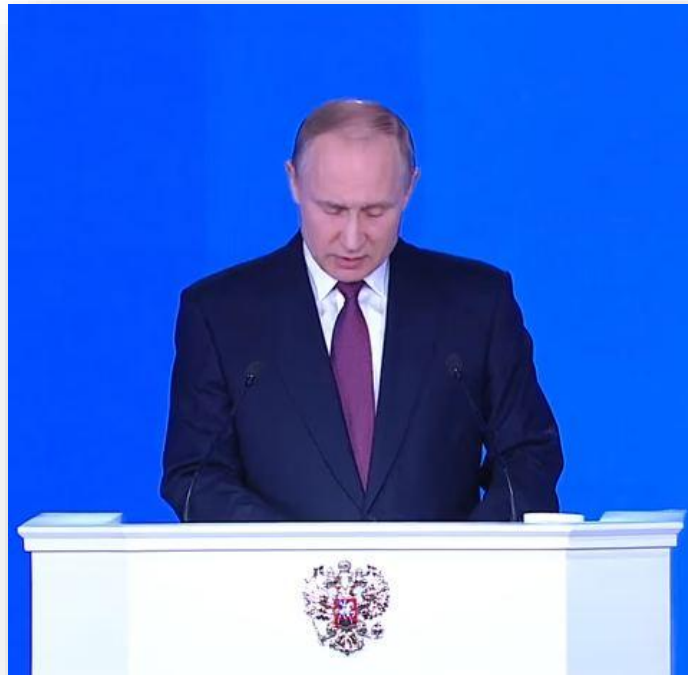
Volodymyr Zelensky

6th President of Ukraine Assumed office May 20th, 2019

The current 6th president of Ukraine is Volodymyr Zelensky, who appears to be both a war monger as well as a stooge of the Biden Administration. In response to the massing of Russian troops on the border, he told *Time* magazine: “They want us to be afraid.”

Based upon reliable sources, Ukraine is under pressure by the Biden Administration to create a confrontation with Russia. Their Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba announced that the country’s National Security and Defense Council had approved a strategy to retake Crimea and reintegrate the strategically important peninsula, which historically was always Russian. The people there are ethnically Russian—not Ukrainian.

Time magazine said that “[f]rom Kyiv to Washington, diplomats, intelligence officials, and military experts are straining to discern the meaning of Russia’s troop movements and escalating rhetoric. Is it a show of force? A sign of an imminent invasion? Or a test of resolve for Ukraine and its allies?” They have ignored the comments of the Foreign Minister entirely to paint Russia with the black hat.



This is precisely the wrong time to threaten Vladimir Putin. Russia's President warned the West against encroaching further on Russia's security interests. He made it very clear that Moscow's response will be "quick and tough" and make those agitating the situation pay for their actions.

Putin delivered the warning during his annual state-of-the-nation address. He ordered a massive Russian military buildup near Ukraine thanks to Ukraine's statements that they will take back Crimea instigated by the dark forces controlling the Biden Administration. Putin then pulled the troops back when Ukraine began to see this approach would not work.

The aggressor is clearly the United States and its allies, who appear to be taking directions emanating from Geneva to create at least the threat of war to stop the Nord Stream 2 pipeline. They are telling the Kremlin to pull the troops back while they claim to be prepared to seize Crimea.



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Putin warned: "I hope that no one dares to cross the red line in respect to Russia, and we will determine where it is in each specific case." He continued: "Those who organize any provocations threatening our core security interests will regret their deeds more than they regretted anything for a long time."

The Kremlin also has warned Ukraine against trying to use force to retake control of the ethnic Russian rebel-held East, saying Russia could be forced to intervene to protect civilians in the region. Indeed, the United States has taken the same action under the pretense of protecting American citizens in foreign lands. If we lose the hypocrisy and stop painting Russia as some rogue state, we will discover that countless times throughout history, nations invade other states to protect their own citizens.

The Mexican–American War was a U.S. intervention into Mexico from 1846 to 1848. It followed the 1845 U.S. annexation of Texas. Mexico considered Texas Mexican territory, and the Mexican government did not recognize the treaty signed by Mexican General Antonio López de Santa Anna under duress while he was held in prison during the 1836 Texas Revolution. The Republic of Texas was de facto an independent country, but most of its citizens wished to be annexed by the United States. That was the justification for the United States to invade, which is actually no different than Eastern Ukraine as they are ethnic Russians and do not speak Ukrainian.

Two-Tier US Monetary System



The United States had even issued silver trade dollars, which contained a higher silver content to facilitate trade with China. In China, there was the Boxer Rebellion where the United States with other foreign nations defended their citizens in China. In 1900, a crisis erupted in China as the "Boxers" increased their resistance to

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foreign influence and presence. In the fall of 1899, Secretary of State John Hay warned that if the Boxers succeeded in pushing the United States and other foreign countries out, they would be barred from China.

An American settlement (not really a concession) grew up around the American consulate established in Shanghai back in 1847. Foreign presence in China was common.

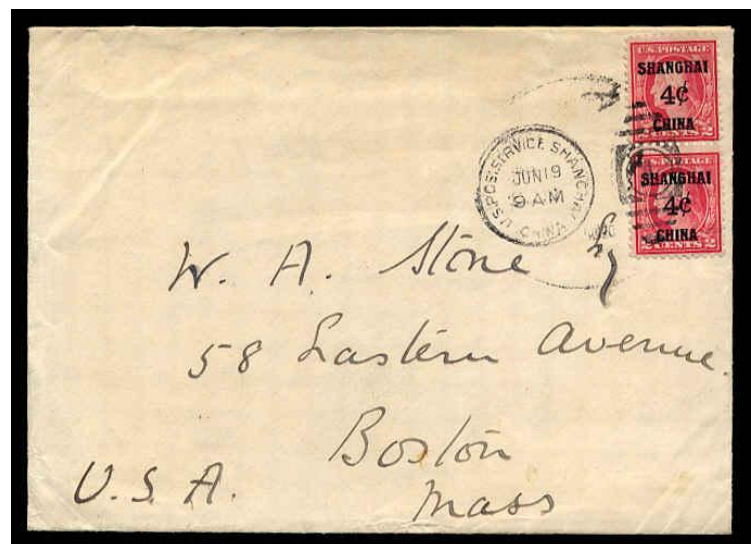
Mail remained under British control, with mail from the United States passing through the post office in Hong Kong. This was not only expensive; it was highly unreliable and may have been deliberate to curb trade between the United States and China.



It was not until 1865 when the United States Post Office finally authorized a direct mail service to the Orient given the complaints of unreliable service from the British. A contract was awarded to the Pacific Mail Steamship Company on August 28, 1865. The

company was to build four steamships to meet Post Office specifications and be in operation by January 1, 1867. The route was to be from San Francisco to Shanghai via Kanagawa (Yokohama), Japan. Postal agents were appointed in both Kanagawa and Shanghai.

A 10¢ rate was established for mail from the United States to the Orient, which was reduced to just 5¢ in 1878. In 1919, the United States issued stamps in Shanghai, which were overprinted and



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doubled in face value. The definitive stamps of 1917–1919 were used, and the overprints covered the range of 2¢ to \$2.

In October of 1911, a group of revolutionaries in southern China led a successful revolt against the Qing Dynasty, establishing in its place the Republic of China and ending the imperial system. The Qing Empire faced a number of challenges to its rule, including several foreign incursions into Chinese territory. The two Opium Wars against Western powers led by Great Britain resulted in the loss of Hong Kong to the British.

After its loss in the Sino–Japanese War (1894–1895), Imperial China was forced to relinquish control over more of its territory, losing Taiwan and parts of Manchuria and ending its suzerainty over Korea. The Russo–Japanese War (1904–1905) firmly established Japanese claims to the Northeast and further weakened Qing rule. It made a last-ditch effort at a constitutional reform that was too little too late. In the face of Sun Yat-sen, the emperor and the royal family abdicated the throne in February of 1912. Of course, the Communist Revolution completed the reform by 1949.



With the rise of the Republic of China, the United States was largely supportive of the republican project, and in 1913, the United States was among the first countries to establish full diplomatic relations with the new Republic. Then in 1922, the Shanghai Post Office and the Chinese Post Office were all brought together into a single Chinese Post Office, and they joined the Universal Postal Union. The U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai was closed on December 31, 1922, and was declared discontinued after it had completely closed its affairs on January 31, 1924.

Nations have long invaded others to protect their own citizens. Even during serious health crises, the United States has flown in transports to rescue its own citizens. Even recently, about 350 Americans arrived on government–arranged flights from China. They were evacuated because of the COVID outbreak, as reported by the *New York Times* on February 5, 2020. Eastern Ukraine is made up of ethnic Russians

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because it was once the Soviet Union; it is no different from expecting Russia to defend its own people.



Putin has come out and stated: "We really don't want to burn the bridges." Politically speaking, Putin is being the rational leader here, despite the fact that Western press always paints him as evil. He further warned: "But if some mistake our good intentions for indifference or weakness and intend to burn or even blow up those bridges themselves, Russia's response will be asymmetrical, quick and tough."

Due to the COVID pandemic orchestrated deliberately to reduce CO2 for the Great Reset, domestic violence is rising both in the West and Russia. Indeed, as Putin spoke, there were protests across Russia in support of imprisoned opposition leader Alexei Navalny. Thousands marched in central Moscow, where police blocked off a square next to the Kremlin. Police in St. Petersburg blocked off Palace Square, outside the Hermitage museum.

In Putin's State of the Union speech, he pointed to Russia's moves to modernize its nuclear arsenal and said the military would continue to build more state-of-the-art hypersonic missiles and other new weapons. He added that the development

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of the nuclear-armed Poseidon underwater drone and the Burevestnik nuclear-powered cruise missile is continuing successfully.

Under COVID, living standards in Russia are sliding as they have been in Europe and most of the Democratic states in the USA. This has naturally manifested in rising support for his opposition Alexei Navalny, a lawyer claiming to be against corruption. Pushing Ukraine to take back Crimea is highly dangerous, for as domestic protests mount, they will be providing Putin with the perfect opportunity to turn the attention on the West and their draconian collapse of the world economy with no historical precedent whatsoever.

The West raises the distinct potential to distract public attention from domestic issues and fire up patriotic Russians against the oppression of the West. In recent weeks, Putin has amassed more than 100,000 Russian troops on the border with Ukraine in response to their statements.

President Biden's Administration faces a test, and it is unlikely they even understand what they are doing because it is all about climate change to them. As long as America and its allies keep beating the drums of war for climate change, they will only strengthen Putin's position in the face of aggression abroad, even if these people think they are only intimidating Russia with no consequence of importance. I have warned that sanctions are always counter-productive, for they will not lead the people to overthrow Putin to lift the sanctions, but it allows him to point the finger at the West for all the economic distress. The West has created a Russia built



upon a siege economy, where sanctions simply fail to work.

Crimea has historically been Russian, and the people are Russian, not Ukrainian. This is the equivalent of Mexico threatening to invade the USA to take back Texas, which Mexicans do not occupy.

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This plot to create a confrontation with Russia to stop the pipeline and reduce fossil fuels to save the planet is insane, and they have no idea what they are walking into. Interestingly, 2021 is 86 years from the staging period to begin World War II. It was the 26th of February 1935, when Adolf Hitler ordered the Luftwaffe to be re-formed, violating the provisions of the Treaty of Versailles.



We can see that the greenback is positioning itself for a renewed rally against the ruble. This is clearly an inspiration brought on for climate change. There is zero justification for Ukraine to demand the return of Crimea when it was only assigned to them during the Soviet Union. It was never historically Ukrainian.

Likewise, our war index is trading against its Monthly Bullish Reversal. We may elect an important buy signal at the end of April. Meanwhile, the capital flows are clearly shifting, and this is not something we should ignore.

I seriously question the thinking process going on in the Biden Administration. Neither Biden nor Harris is in charge, and it's not even Rice. There is a serious question in my mind that the World Economic Forum is greatly influencing this administration, and one additional goal is to raise the stature of the United Nations as a one-world government. Those in the United Nations have always lusted for power and world dominance. But when we look at our models that correlate the entire world, they are seriously on the wrong side of this theory of self-aggrandizement.

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Everything is lining up to show that this idea of boosting the Green New Deal and elevating the United Nations as a one-world government will fail, but in the process, Schwab and his buddies are likely to create World War III. I cannot stress how dangerous these people are. Their attempt to discredit me over the years because I would not join this cabal will not change the outcome.

They think this is a game of influence, and that is the key to their success. They believed that eliminating me would remove outside influence. They fail to grasp that the computer will survive, and it has never been my opinion. Schwab has climbed the ladder of success by offering world leaders the chance to rub shoulders with other influential people. His entire operation was built on influence. His film, *The Forum*, was produced by the same person who produced my film, *The Forecaster*—Marcus Vetter. When Nigel Farage spoke at our Rome World Economic Conference (WEC), he said he had to come because we were “the alternative to Davos.”

So be aware that if Ukraine begins a war with Russia at the prodding of the USA, expect that China will then use that opportunity to retake Taiwan on the very same theory that it was once China. Our model is warning that this can be a major high for the market in Taiwan here in 2021. This total insanity is all for the Great Reset dreamed up by a bunch of academics with no real-world experience whatsoever! They are clueless even about military tactics. I do not have to be a brilliant general to realize that if the USA gets into a confrontation with Russia, that is the time to start a conflict in the USA. That is how Napoleon was defeated—fighting too many wars.

This comes from page 16 on the UNESCO declaration of its purpose from the very outset. They have long viewed that freedom as we know it is wrong. They have long believed in an authoritarian state between freedom of the individual (republic–democracy) and totalitarian dictatorship, with the United Nations in charge, of course! They will create war to elevate themselves to the glory and power they believe is rightfully theirs.

I believe that the people pulling the strings in the White House are doing this for environmental purposes, which will be used to shut down the controversial natural gas pipeline Nord Stream 2. However, just maybe they are starting to understand that curr



Back in 2017, EU lawyers sided with Germany and effectively told the European Commission that their bid to regulate a new Russia–Germany gas pipeline, Nord Stream 2 (NS2), was seriously flawed. The now former German Chancellor Gerhard Schröder was working with the Russians to push this project forward. This clearly demonstrates that Germany has the upper-hand in Brussels.

Indeed, back in 2017 it was John McCain who was pushing for new sanctions against Russia over Ukraine. Imposing such sanctions backfired for the damage



was to European companies, rarely American. McCain was often seen as a hawk as a personal vengeance for for being turned into Vietnam's version of Tokyo Rose when incarcerated. He intensified his attack on Russia because he hated Trump and accused Russia of interfering in the 2016 elections which was dismissed even by the Special Prosecutor's report.

Nevertheless, McCain conspired with Hillary to defeat Trump and handed the fake dossier she made to Comey at the FBI. McCain pushed the Senate to vote for new sanctions

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against Russia, which is to be punished for an interference in the 2016 presidential election, the annexation of Crimea, and Russia support for Damascus in the Syrian civil war. Never did he mention that he was using all this for an excuse to try to run a pipeline from Qatar through Syria to compete with Russia.

McCain did everything he could to stop the construction of a second tube of the Nord Stream gas pipeline through the Baltic Sea. He saw this as enriching Russia rather than supplying needed fuel for Germany.

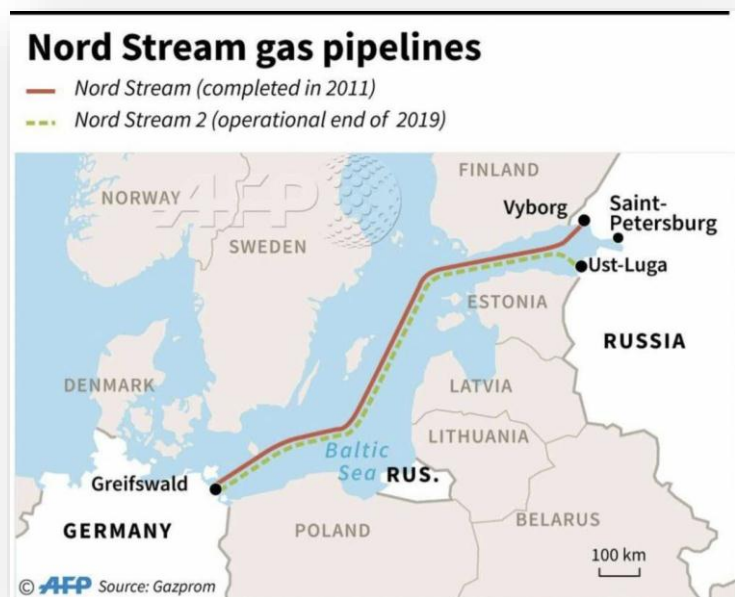


Meanwhile, Russia is within 62 miles of finishing Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline as of June 15th, 2020. Biden overruled his own staff to lift sanctions on the Nord Stream 2 pipeline against all the **Build Back Better** agenda of Klaus Schwab and his World Economic Forum (WEF).

They cannot imagine Joe Biden, who ran on the environment, would flip and go against his own staff no less the WEF. The word behind the curtain is that they are

beginning to see that they cannot cut off fossil fuels and to shut that down, more than 10% of the German people could die from the lack of heat. You have to dig deeper.

This agenda set out by Schwab to turn the economy GREEN and to transform it into the new land of Marxism claiming "equality" is the number one problem, will not succeed. This idea of flipping the world with his Great Reset in just two years of less is insane. He then claims the civil unrest because of the lockdowns is proof of inequality.

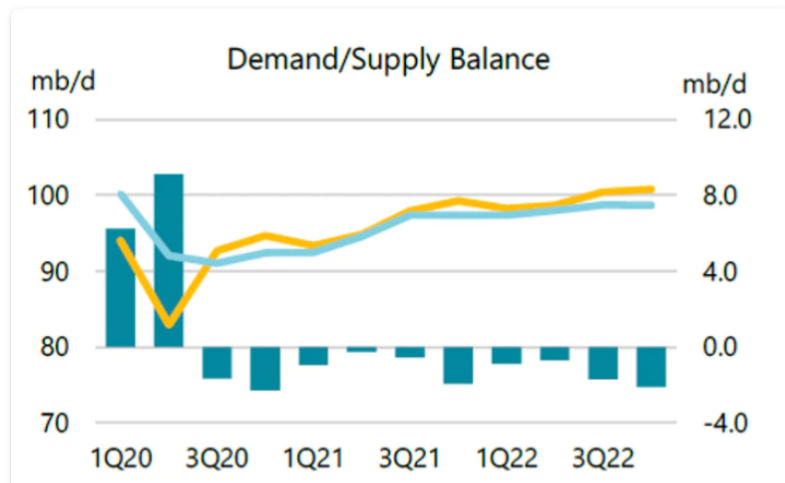


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In its latest Monthly Oil Report, the **International Energy Agency (IEA)** called on OPEC+ to increase production in order to counter higher demand in 2022. Some politicians are getting cold feet and realize that Klaus Schwab has gone way too far. This is the feedback we are getting.

It is unbelievable that Schwab seems to be relying on our models and is now warning about rising civil unrest and he has been proposing crackdowns upon the people and lockdowns to force his agenda through. Schwab is very clever. He is using the civil unrest to say the people are angry because of the lack of equality so we need his **Great Reset** to impose a communistic-like state where you will own nothing as he says. He is likewise push for cryptocurrency to end the "gray economy" and thereby force everyone into the taxed economy.

Framing Russia as the Villain



Thanks to Hillary Clinton, the West has demonized Russia after she did everything in her power to blame them for her political loss. She has not merely mischaracterized Russia, but she has sown the seeds of war in the future. Obama imposed sanctions because Russia took back Crimea being a strategic port and that Crimea was Russian and had only been handed to Ukraine during the Soviet Union. The U.S. would have acted the same if Japan was merged with Korea and the bases in Okinawa were an issue.

Moscow is a city named after the river (old Russian: град Москóв; literally "the city by the Moskva River"). Moscow first appears in recorded history in 1147 AD when Yuri Dolgorukiy called upon the prince of the Novgorod-Severski to "come to me, brother, to Moscow." It was about nine years later when Prince Yuri Dolgorukiy of Rostov ordered the construction of a wooden wall that became the Kremlin in 1156.

Moscow was sacked in 1237–1238 when the Mongols burned the city to the ground and killed almost all its inhabitants. Moscow still rose from the ashes and emerged as the capital of the independent Vladimir-Suzdal principality in 1327. Moscow grew economically,





Ivan I Danilovich Kalita
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(b 1288; 1325-1340)

expanding in trade thanks to its position on the Volga River. Moscow eventually became known as the Grand Duchy of Moscow and attracted many people from across the entire Russian area, as most city centers do, such as Rome in ancient times, London, and New York in their days.

Under Ivan I (b 1288; 1325-1340), Moscow became a political center of Vladimir-Suzdal, emerging as the sole collector of taxes for the Mongol-Tatar rulers demanding tribute. Because Ivan I was able to collect taxes, his high tribute payments to the Mongol Khan transformed Russia into an economic asset. Unlike Ukraine, Ivan did not split Moscow among his sons, and we see

the throne passing only to the eldest, a very English tradition of Monarchs.

The people of Moscow grew to resent the high taxes that led to rising civil unrest and opposition against foreign domination. In 1380, Prince Dmitri Ivanovich Donskoi (b 1350; 1363-1389), also known as Saint Dmitry of Moscow, led a united Russian army to an important victory over the Tatars in the Battle of Kulikovo. The battle, however, was not decisive and only two years later Moscow was sacked again by Khan Tokhtamysh of the Mongols.

Ivan Vasilevich III the Great (b. 1440; r. 1462-1505) became the Grand Prince in 1462. In 1480, he finally broke the Russian people free from Mongol-Tatar control, allowing Moscow to become the center of power in Russia as a nation. Under Ivan III, the city became the capital of the emerging Russian Empire that would eventually encompass all of present-day Russia and other lands.



Dmitri Ivanovich Donskoi
(Дмитрий Иванович Донской)
(b 1350; 1363-1389)



Ivan Vasilevich III, the Great
(Иван III Васильевич)
(b 1440; 1462-1505)

In 1571, the Crimean Tatars returned and sacked Moscow, burning everything but the Kremlin to the ground once again. Russia's military aggression was argued to be a retaliation against the Tatar's raids of their southern regions. Tatars eventually lost their influence in the region, and Moscow moved southward toward the Caspian Sea.

The Time of Troubles (Russian: Смутное время) was a period of about 15 years in Russian history comprising of an interregnum between the death of the last Russian Tsar of the Rurik Dynasty, Feodor Ivanovich (b. 1557; 1584–1598), who was generally unhealthy and some claimed a mentally challenged simpleton. He left no heir upon his death, and this led to a

chaotic period with no ruler until 1613, when the Romanov Dynasty was established that ended with the Communist Revolution in 1917.

In 1601–1603, Russia suffered a famine that killed one-third of the population, which was reported to be about two million. At this time, Russia had been occupied by the Polish–Lithuanian Commonwealth in the Dymytriads, who oppressed the Russian people and suffered greatly, resulting in civil uprisings.

In 1609, the Swedish army led by Count Jacob De la Gardie and Evert Horn started their march from Great Novgorod toward Moscow to help Tsar Vasili Shuiski. They entered Moscow in 1610 and suppressed the rebellion against the Tsar but left in early in 1611, following which the Polish–Lithuanian army invaded.

The nation rose together in 1612 under the leadership of Kuzma Minin, a Nizhny Novgorod merchant, and Prince Pozharsky, for the liberation of Moscow from the Polish–Lithuanian invaders. After the battle for Moscow on October 22, 1612 (1 November New Calendar Style), the invaders retreated to the Kremlin. The nearby Polish army was forced to retreat and those held up in the Kremlin surrendered to the triumphant Pozharsky. Annually on November 4, Russia officially celebrates the anniversary of this event as a Day of National Unity.

Framing Russia as the Villain



RUSSIA - Alexis I (1645-1676)

Copper Kopek, 1662 - This minting of copper coins resulted in the "Copper Riots" - Alexei Mikhailovich Romanov (Russian: Алексей Михайлович) (March 9, 1629 (O.S.) - January 29, 1676 (O.S.)) was the Tsar of Russia during some of the most eventful decades of the mid-17th century. The Copper Riot, also known as the Moscow Uprising of 1662 (Russian: Медный бунт, Московское восстание 1662 года) was a major riot in Moscow, which took place on July 25 of 1662.

Popular uprisings later followed, such as the Salt Riot of 1648, the Copper Riot of 1662, and the Moscow Uprising of 1682. This period of revolution lasted about 72 years, as is historically the case.

There were also plague epidemics that ravaged Moscow in 1570–1571, 1592, and 1654–1656. Indeed, Moscow ceased to be Russia's capital in 1712, after the founding of Saint Petersburg by Peter the Great near the Baltic coast in 1703. This was akin to Constantine moving the capital of Rome to Constantinople in 337 AD.



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Ivan Mazepa was a Ukrainian who supported the Swedish against the Russians. The Battle of Poltava on June 27, 1709, was a turning point in Russian history. This was a battle where Peter the Great and the Russians defeated the Swedish army in a turning point in a war with Sweden. Poltava is actually in Ukraine, and Ivan Mazepa remains a Ukrainian hero and a traitor to Russia to this very day. This was the decisive battle that placed Russia as a major power on the European stage of politics. So here we are facing the 309.6-year cycle, and we see Ukraine marched against Russia once again in 2018.



The Plague of 1771 was the last massive outbreak of a plague in central Russia that killed up to 100,000 citizens in Moscow alone. During the French invasion of Russia in 1812, the Muscovites burned the city and evacuated as Napoleon's forces approached on September 14th. Napoleon's Grande Armée, plagued by hunger, cold and poor supply lines, was forced to retreat and was nearly annihilated by Russian military forces during a devastating Russian winter with sporadic attacks. As many as 400,000 of Napoleon's forces died during this time, and only a few tens of thousands of ravaged troops managed to return.

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The history of Russia has been one of conflict. Many have tried to invade, but the interesting aspect of cycles is that nothing lasts forever. So, to Russians, it is not so much a theory of dominating the world, but it is a feeling that it is their turn. Putin saw the collapse of the Soviet Union as the greatest tragedy of the 20th century. It is not that Russia has been the aggressor throughout history, but far too often the pawn between Asia and Europe.

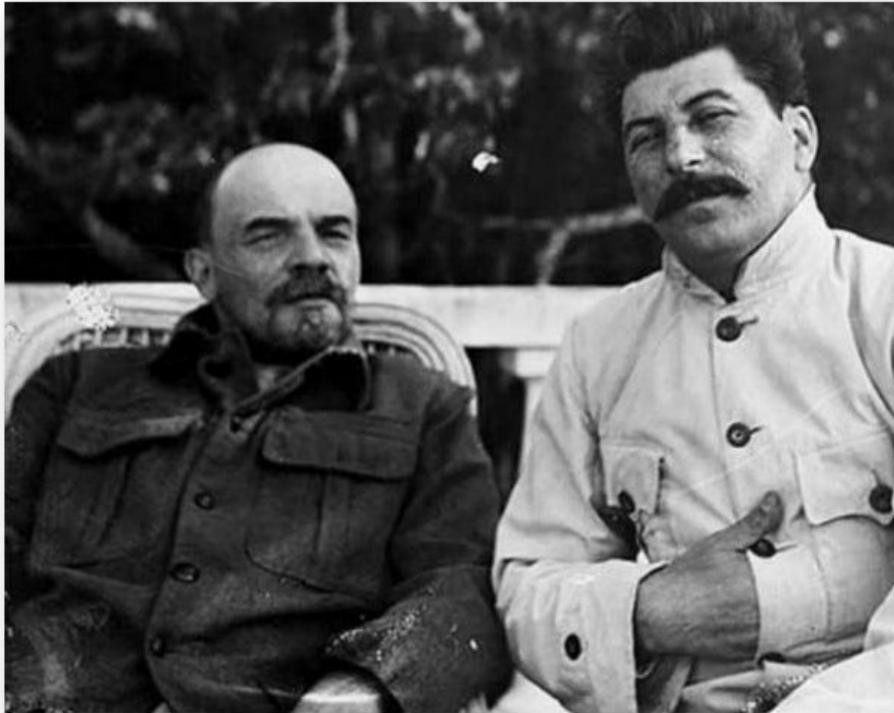
The Age of Empire is gone. Technology has rendered those ideas antiquated at best. But before these older generations die out, the memory of enemies and empires still haunt the hallow halls in their minds. As the economy turns down, governments need war to divert the people and their anger from themselves. In the dark halls of Washington where the Fourth Branch hides, the arrogance of their officialdom prevails, and they should remember that standing armies are wasted if not used—therein lies the threat to the future. We need a change of thinking on both sides.

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Revolution is certainly no stranger to Russia. It has defined its character and history. This is a chart of what revolution looks like in market terms. The Russian Revolution began in October 1905 when czarist troops opened fire on a peaceful group of workers marching to the Winter Palace in St. Petersburg to petition their grievances to Czar Nicholas II. Some 500 protestors were massacred on “Bloody Sunday,” setting off months of protest and disorder throughout Russia. It was 8.6-years later that World War I erupted in 1914. This signaled that there would be a rise in tensions 112 years, leading to 2017, and indeed, this is when we began to see protests in Moscow once again.

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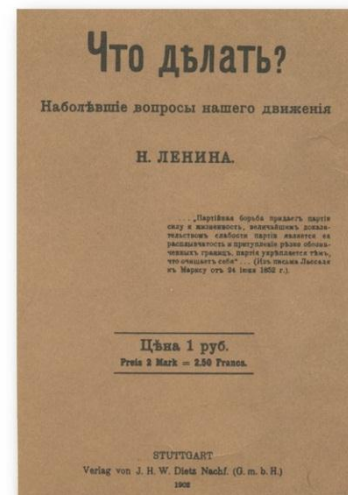


Vladimir Lenin
(1870-1924)

Joseph Stalin
(1878-1953)

Vladimir Lenin (1870–1924) was born in 1870 into a middle-class family in Ulyanovsk, Russia, but when he was a teenager, he became political after his older brother was executed in 1887 for plotting to assassinate Czar Alexander III (1845 – 1894). When he reached the age of 17, he was expelled from Kazan Imperial University for taking part in an illegal student protest. Then in December 1895, Lenin and the other leaders of the Union were arrested. Lenin was jailed for a year and then exiled to Siberia for three years.

Upon his release in 1900, Lenin went to Western Europe. In 1902, he published a pamphlet entitled *What Is to Be Done?* Lenin argued that only a revolution would bring socialism to Russia by force. In 1903, Lenin met with other Russian Marxists in London and established the Russian Social-Democratic Workers' Party.



1902 "What Is to Be Done?"

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The entire swing in politics toward the left that erupted in Russia truly began with the Russian Revolution of 1905, although the seeds were originally planted back in 1880 with the proposed new Constitution that Alexander II (1818–1881) never got to sign due to his assassination, which was a 19th century tool of revolution. Soviet labor unions were first formed in 1905.

The Revolution of 1905 was a wave of mass political and social unrest that spread through the Russian Empire's vast areas. Much of this uprising was directed against the government, while some were against industry. It included worker strikes, peasant unrest, and military mutinies. It led to the establishment of a limited constitutional monarchy, the State Duma of the Russian Empire, the multi-party system, and the Russian Constitution of 1906.



**Alexander II of Russia
(1818-1881)**

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The origins of serfdom in Russia clearly trace back to Kievan Rus' in the 11th century. Obviously, there was a feudal dependency upon peasants, the term for an unfree peasant in the Russian Empire, *крепостной крестьянин* (*крепостной крестьянин*), which is translated as "serf." Serfdom came rather late to Russia, whereas it was the standard economic system before capitalism following the collapse of Rome in 476 AD. Its hallmark was the lack of property ownership by the people.

The West is largely ignorant of Russian history. Serfdom ended in Europe during the 14th century due to the Black Plague, but it was not officially abolished in Russia until Tsar Alexander II issued a decree in 1861. This longer extension of serfdom in



Alexander I of Russia
(b 1777; 1801-1825)

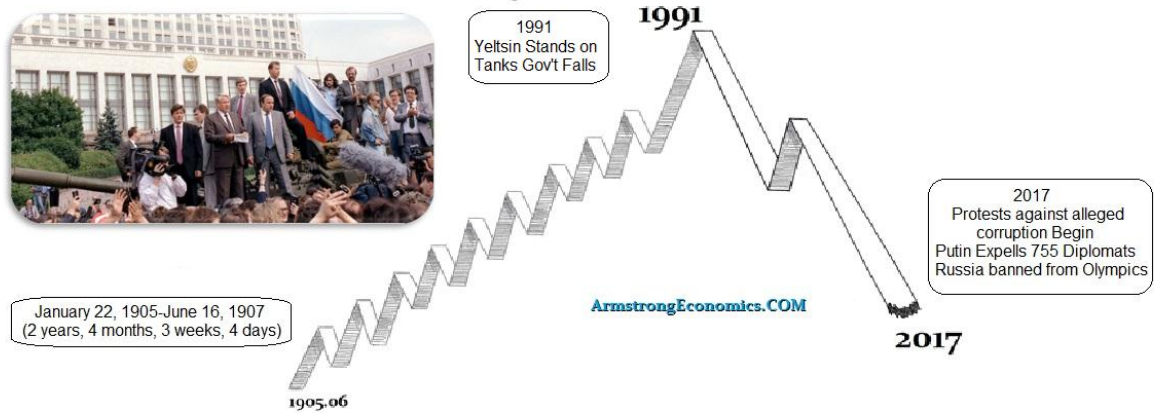
Russia compared to Europe accounts for the Communist Revolution. Serfdom became the primary and dominant form of relationship between peasants and nobility well into the 17th century. However, serfdom actually only existed in central and southern areas of the Russian Empire while it was never established in the North, the Urals, or Siberia.

Tsar Alexander I of Russia (b. 1777; 1801-1825) moved to reform the system. He was opposed much as Abraham Lincoln (b. 1809; r. 1861-1865) was opposed in attempting to end slavery in the United States. New laws, however, allowed all classes (except the serfs) to finally own land, which had been a privilege previously confined

to only the nobility.

Finally, serfdom was abolished in 1861, coinciding with the American Civil War, which most likely occurred because of the growing economic discontent. The news that European serfdom had collapsed no doubt spread to Russia. Consequently, there was a growing fear of a large-scale revolt by the serfs, which ultimately unfolded by 1905.

The Political Cycles of Russia



The Russian Revolution of 1905 was said to be a major factor to the February Revolutions of 1917. The events of Bloody Sunday triggered a line of protests. A council of workers called the St. Petersburg Soviet was created in all this chaos, and the beginning of a communist political protest had begun

Marx's publication and instigation of political uprisings in Germany also deeply influenced the thinking in Russia. Therefore, we should start looking at the rise of the left-wing in Russia with the Revolution of 1905 that began shifting the power from the Tsar to the Duma.

From the outset, Lenin's Bolsheviks (Majoritarians) advocated violence, and the Mensheviks (Minoritarians) advocated a democratic movement toward socialism. The split became official in the 1912 conference of the Bolshevik Party.

At the same time, when we saw Teddy Roosevelt split from the Republicans to begin the Progressive Party for the 1912 elections. Still, the Progressive Movement led to the Income Tax that passed on October 3, 1913, and the Federal Reserve Act passed on December 23, 1913.

When we look at Russia, the Revolution began in 1905. From that target, Russia should have peaked in 1991, which was absolutely correct. That is when Boris Yeltsin stood on the tank,



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and Russia collapsed. Thereafter, the next critical turning point would have been 2017.

On March 26, 2017, protests against alleged corruption in the federal Russian government took place simultaneously in many cities across the country. They were triggered by the lack of proper response from the Russian authorities to the published investigative film, which had more than 20 million views on YouTube.

Then on September 1, 2017, Russian President Vladimir Putin expelled 755 diplomats in response to United States sanctions. On November 5, 2017, nearly 300 protesters were arrested in Moscow. On December 5, the International Olympic Committee banned Russia from the 2018 Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang due to alleged evidence of systemic cheating at the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi.

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Wave 935 (2020.05 - 2028.65)



If we use this as the start date, we arrive at 2024, where we may see a sharp rise in class warfare tensions worldwide once again. This will be the peak of this immediate cycle which began on January 18, 2020, and the introduction of this COVID-19 to scare the population. This may mark the culmination of the Marxist-

socialism movement that could end in blood in the streets once again as Klaus Schwab pushes his Great Reset—Communism 3.0.



Consequently, World War III is more likely to be a combination of class warfare and settling old scores. Schwab and his World Economic Forum will try to conquer the world with his Great Reset, destroying our freedom under the pretense of revising capitalism by transforming it into a totalitarian state where you will own nothing and be happy.



The period of concern would be from 2024 into 2027.⁴⁹¹ (June 28). We are, in fact, just the pawns of finance. Neither those in government nor the elite, such as Schwab, Gates, or Soros, see us even remotely entitled to equality. We are the Great Unwashed, too ignorant to know what is best for ourselves, no less the planet.

They lie to us all the time to further their powers and agenda no matter what form a government may take, be it democratic, republican, monarchy, authoritarian, or totalitarian—the rules are always in the self-interest of those in power.

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This very common assumption that the West somehow succeeded in causing the collapse of the Soviet Union winning the Cold War is dead wrong. The plain and simple fact is that the Cold War ended by its own accord, not even by negotiation to the advantage of both sides, but because of sheer economics.

The reason I state that Marxism and socialism are collapsing is that central planning simply fails to work. Only people in the front line of commerce see gaps and openings that present opportunities that inspire innovation and economic expansion. This is the true thrust behind Adam Smith's invisible hand and why the Soviet Union collapsed. It was not some CIA plot, and it is what is currently behind the fall and decline of Western Economics.



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Back in December 1989, the Malta summit lined up precisely with our Economic Confidence Model and our forecast that communism would fall. Mikhail Gorbachev and President George H.W. Bush confirmed that the ideological basis for the war had evaporated into history. They acknowledged that the two nations no longer regarded each other as enemies, which is something Putin and Biden need to remember.

Over the next two years, the United States and the Soviets worked closely together in a new spirit that was even tighter than with other allies. The USA and the Soviet Empire worked to halt the arms race and ban chemical weapons while drastically reducing nuclear weapons. The old Iron Curtain was being abandoned. This conference helped solidify the collapse of communism in Russia but also China. The liberation of Eastern Europe was at hand. While Putin had regarded the collapse of the Soviet Empire as the greatest tragedy of the 20th century, this is purely seen through biased eyes of power and not economics.

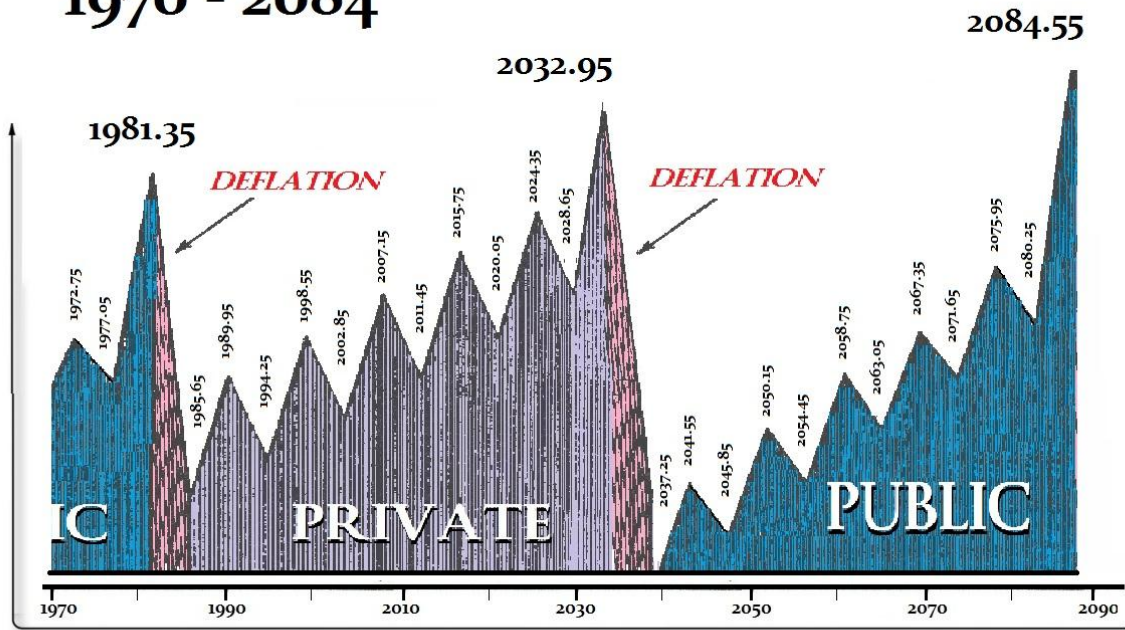
This was the voluntary abandonment of communism and its central planning ideology by the Soviet leader who some see as a traitor today in Russia—Mikhail Gorbachev. The arms race was consuming resources within the Soviet economy, preventing economic expansion and living standards from lifting in Russia.

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Gorbachev understood he could now make his country economically strong once freed from the arms race in a war that no longer made economic sense and that would allow him to focus on internal reforms.

Economic Confidence Model

1970 - 2084



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Gorbachev's Perestroika ("restructuring" in English or *перестройка* in Russian) was the political movement for both the reformation within the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and his *glasnost* ("openness") policy reform. The interesting aspect is that Perestroika began with the major shift in the Economic Confidence Model in 1985 from public to private. Perestroika became a well-known term by 1986. This was Gorbachev's goal; his economic rationalization that Perestroika was critical to the long-term survival of Russia. This was the restructuring of the Soviet political and economic system. The hard-liners blame Perestroika for the dissolution of the Soviet Union, the Revolutions of 1989 in Eastern Europe, and the end of the Cold War. However, our model successfully targeted the beginning of Perestroika with the turn in 1985, and the collapse of communism at the peak of the first wave (1989.95).

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Relaxing the iron grip of Eastern Europe set in motion a cascade failure that resulted in the collapse of the Soviet Union in a rapid fashion traditionalists did not expect. Only our model saw the rapid demise, for this was simply how all empires, nations, and city-states collapse in less than three years with the greatest pressure in the first year. The borders became porous south of Germany, and led to several weeks of civil unrest that forced the East German government to announce on November 9, 1989, that all GDR citizens could visit West Germany and West Berlin.



Crowds of East Germans crossed and climbed onto the wall, joined by West Germans on the other side in a celebratory atmosphere. Over the next few weeks, a euphoric public and souvenir hunters chipped away parts of the wall; the governments later used industrial equipment to remove most of the rest. The physical Wall itself was primarily destroyed in 1990. The fall of the Berlin Wall on November 9, 1989, paved the way for German reunification, which was formally concluded on October 3, 1990.

This rapid demise of the Berlin Wall and the Soviet Union has confused those in Russia who see it as a CIA plot and Americans who just want to take political credit for ending the Cold War. Nevertheless, neither side deserves any such credit, for this was simply an inevitable outcome of economics.

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Moreover, the breakup of the Soviet Union into 15 separate countries was not something America caused, could foresee, or even plot on a whiteboard as a goal. It was expected that Gorbachev would create a type of voluntary union of Soviet republics that mimicked the United States, excluding, of course, the three main Baltic countries where they simply hated Russia for the persecution of Stalin.

President Bush actually expressed this American political expectation in August 1991 when he urged the non-Russian Soviet republics to adopt the union treaty Gorbachev had proposed and warned against “suicidal nationalism.” Clearly, the political goal was to keep the Soviet Union together and not to see it collapse, for the great unknown would emerge—would there be unaccountable nuclear weapons? Claims that the collapse of the Soviet Union was a plot crafted by the CIA are illogical. The greatest fear was who would then control the instruments of death. This is why Bush counseled against separatism.



Russians who regret the collapse of the Soviet Union should remember that it was not Gorbachev but Boris Yeltsin who actually conspired with his Ukrainian and Belarusian counterparts to replace the U.S.S.R. with a loose and powerless “commonwealth” and Ukraine turned over all of its nuclear weapons. This was the real backdrop to why Ukraine is unarmed today.

Gorbachev maintained that “the end of the Cold War is our common victory.” Nevertheless, there was a deep division within the political structure within the Soviet Union that did not approve of ending the Cold War and saw the USA as the enemy still. At the same time, there was rising political unrest in outer Soviet Republics. The year 1990 began with nationalist turmoil in January as the Azerbaijanis rioted and troops were sent in to restore order. Then many Moldovans demonstrated in favor of unification with post-Communist Romania. Lithuanian demonstrations also erupted and continued progressively. That same month, Armenia asserted its right to veto laws coming from the All-Union level, starting the dissolution process and intensifying what became known as the “War of Laws”

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between republics and Moscow. This was the uprising against the central control of the Marxist state.

Then in 1991, there was the Soviet *coup d'état* attempt, also known as the August Putsch or August Coup (Russian: Августовский путч; Avgustovsky Putsch). A group of members within the government organized the coup to take control of the country from Mikhail Gorbachev. The coup leaders were indeed the hardline members of the Communist Party who opposed Gorbachev's reform program and the new union treaty that he had negotiated, which decentralized much of the central government's power to the republics. This political design was more or less similar to the structure of the United States with independent state rights and central federal power. In the Soviet model, all power resided in the central government, which prevented Russia's economic growth.



The coup leaders were opposed primarily within Moscow itself by a rising tide of civil unrest among the people. The coup collapsed in only two days and Gorbachev returned to government. However, this event had the impact of destabilizing the Soviet Union and contributed to the demise of the Communist Party (CPSU), and then inspired the full dissolution of the Soviet Union. This was accomplished by the Russian people and not the CIA. The Baltic states then seceded in August 1991, starting the process.

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August 19th, 1991 - Boris Yeltsin Stands on a Tank to Stop the Coup

Boris Yeltsin (1931–2007) was a Russian politician who stood on the tank during the civil unrest insisting the army not fire upon Russians. He then emerged as the first President of the Russian Federation, serving from 1991 to 1999. He had been a supporter of Mikhail Gorbachev initially, but he then emerged under the Perestroika reforms as one of Gorbachev's most powerful political opponents. Yeltsin was elected on May 29, 1990, as chairman of the Russian Supreme Soviet. On June 12, 1991, he was elected by popular vote to the newly created post of president of the Russian Soviet Federation Socialist Republic (RSFSR). At this moment in time, this was composed of the 15 constituent republics of the Soviet Union. In the aftermath of the coup, his rival Yeltsin quickly worked to consolidate his hold on the Russian government as well as the remnants of the Soviet armed forces, paving the way for Gorbachev's downfall.

Gorbachev had aimed to maintain the CPSU as a united party. In his mind, he sought to create a Scandinavian-style social democracy. However, when the CPSU collapsed with the August '91 coup, Gorbachev was left with no effective power base beyond the armed forces. The movement within the republics for economic freedom was building. Then on December 12, 1991, it was becoming apparent that no one could stop the momentum towards dissolution. This is why Bush came out counseling against the break-up of the Soviet Union and supporting Gorbachev.

It was at this time when Gorbachev began to hint that he was considering stepping down. Then on December 17, Gorbachev accepted the *fait accompli*

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and reluctantly agreed with Yeltsin to dissolve the Soviet Union. Four days later, the leaders of 11 of the 12 remaining republics had all, with the exception of Georgia, signed the Alma-Ata Protocol, which formally established the CIS. They also preemptively accepted Gorbachev's resignation. When Gorbachev learned what had transpired, he told CBS that he would resign as soon as he saw that the CIS was indeed a reality.



On the night of December 25, 1991, in a nationally televised speech, Gorbachev announced his resignation as president—as he put it, “I hereby discontinue my activities at the post of President of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.” The Soviet Union was formally dissolved the following day. Two days after Gorbachev left office, on December 27, 1991, Boris Yeltsin (1931–2007) moved into Gorbachev's old office.

Yeltsin remained in office as the President of the Russian Federation, the USSR's successor state. Yeltsin was reelected in the 1996 election; in the second round, he defeated Gennady Zyuganov from the revived Communist Party by a margin of 13%. However, Yeltsin never recovered his early popularity after a series of economic and political crises in Russia in the 1990s and corruption that was becoming obvious.

Yeltsin vowed to transform Russia's Socialist command economy into a free market economy and implemented economic shock therapy, price liberalization, and privatization programs. However, the state-owned property merely went to

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Boris Nikolayevich Yeltsin
(1931 – 2007)
First President of Russia 1991 to 1999

political favorites in the privatization process, and much of the national wealth fell into the hands of a small group of oligarchs rather than the public.

Much of the Yeltsin era was marked by widespread corruption, inflation, economic collapse, and enormous political and social problems that affected Russia and the other former states of the U.S.S.R. Within the first few years of his presidency, many of Yeltsin's political supporters turned against him, and Vice President Alexander Rutskoy denounced the reforms as "economic genocide."

There remains a mentality within the United States that insists on treating Russia as the loser, and Putin now remembers that. George Bush did not help matters when he sought to exploit the situation for domestic political gain. At his 1992 State of the Union address, he stated: "By the grace of God, America won the Cold War." The next three presidents took those words to heart and treated Russia as a loser rather than understanding it was economics and not the sheer power and might of the USA political establishment that ended the war.

The U.S. started to become more aggressive rather than wise. President Bill Clinton supported NATO's bombing of Serbia without U.N. Security Council approval. He championed the expansion of NATO to include former Warsaw Pact countries moving right into the face of Russia. Such moves clearly violated the understanding that the United States would remain restrained and not take advantage of the Soviet Union's contraction retreat from Eastern Europe. The effect on Russians' trust in the United States was devastating. In 1991, polls indicated that about 80 percent of Russian citizens had a favorable view of the United States; in 1999, nearly the same percentage had an unfavorable view because of the U.S. government's aggressiveness.

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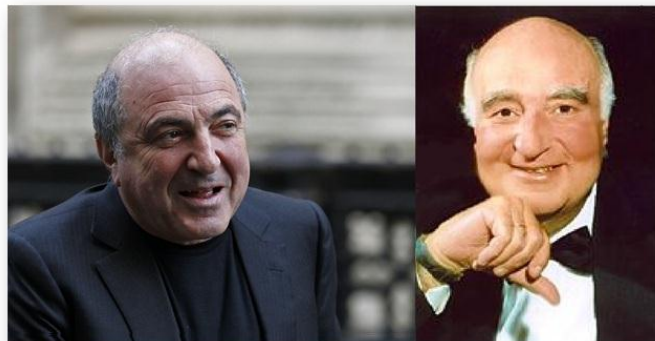
NEW YORK (CNNfn) - An investigation into alleged money laundering by a Russian crime syndicate through two U.S. banks widened Thursday as Russian investigators and the Manhattan District Attorney's office joined a growing list of legal and regulatory officials seeking answers.

A week ago, allegations arose that a Russian crime syndicate had laundered some \$10 billion - possibly funds diverted from International Monetary Fund payments - through accounts at the [Bank of New York \(BK\)](#) and [Republic National Bank \(RNB\)](#).

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In 1999, based upon information and belief, Edmond Safra (1932–1999) and his buddy Boris Abramovich Berezovsky (1946–2013) schemed to take over Russia and get their hands on its natural resources. Yeltsin had announced he would run for election in 2000. There was \$7 billion stolen from the IMF loan that was directed to Switzerland to “refurbish” the Kremlin. As soon as the Bank of New York delivered the wire, Safra’s Republic National Bank ran to the U.S. attorney, informing them that the Bank of New York was involved in a \$7 billion money–laundering scheme.

They then black-mailed Yeltsin into not running and demanded he appoint Berezovsky as president, or they would tell the world he just stole \$7 billion from the IMF. Yeltsin realized Safra set him up, and this is when he turned to Putin. Safra mysteriously was killed on December 3, 1999; Berezovsky fled to London, and Putin came to power.



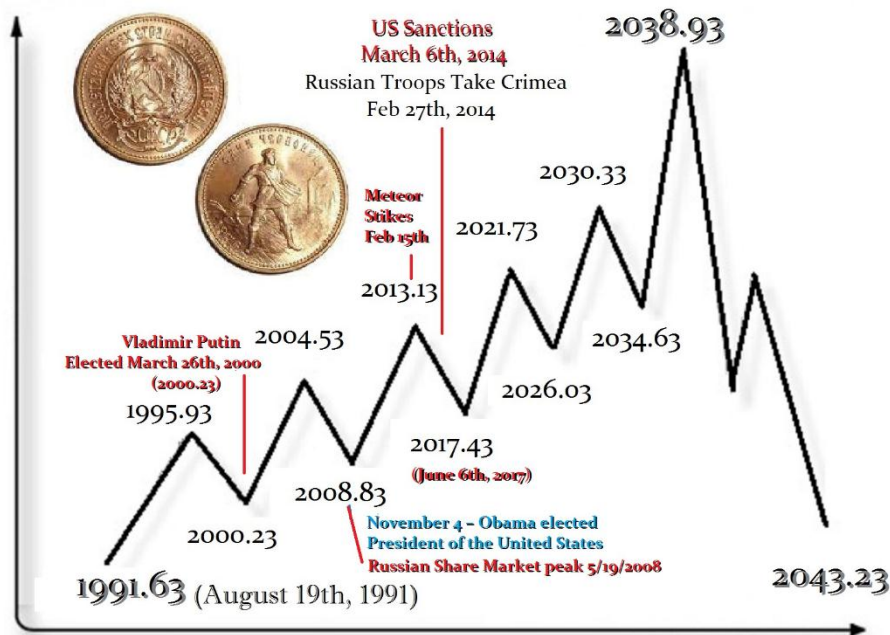
Boris Abramovich Berezovsky
(January 23, 1946 - March 23, 2013)

Edmond J. Safra
(August 6, 1932 - December 3, 1999)

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The United States and Europe have lost and created in the process a resentful Russia that now confronts the world. Their mismanagement of the entire situation and the lack of understanding of the issues central to this crisis plagued our future perspective.

The Economic Confidence Model The Fall of the Soviet Union & Birth of Russia



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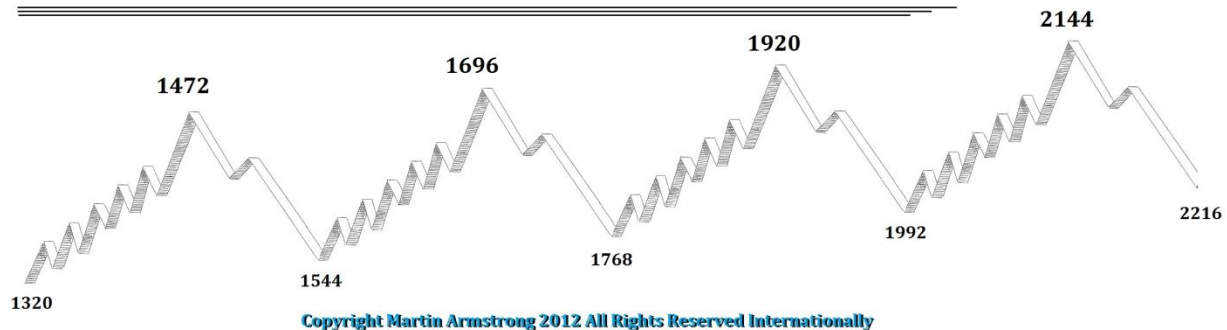
If we begin with that date in 1991, it is most interesting that the collapse of the Soviet Union that took place at that time, was the culmination of 10 waves of 8.6 years from the 1905 Revolution. It was the 2000 election when Putin formally became the head of state.

We are approaching a critical turning point for Russia, which fits into the array of global turning points. Note that we have 2021.73 (9/24/21) and 2026.03 (1/10/26). The West is committing suicide with the Great Reset that is destroying its consumer-based economy, which has prevented world war because everyone has benefited. As the West self-destructs between 2030–2032, we will see Russia and China rise. Russia will benefit from the decline of the West and peak out by 2038.

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Russia & the 224-Year Cycle of Political Change

Russia 224-Year Cycle of Political Change



The brief historical review of the 224-Year Cycle of Political Change for the Western world certainly cannot be accomplished without including Russia. Most people are unfamiliar with the major thrust behind propelling Russia from a barbarous state into a Western power. Both the national state and a learned culture emerged in Russia due to the collapse of the Eastern Roman Empire, the Byzantium, in 1453 AD.

The Ottoman Empire began in 1326 AD and was on a course of conquest that resulted in the fall of Constantinople in 1453 AD under the reign of Sultan Muhammad II (1432-1481). While the fall of Constantinople led to the spread of knowledge by the flight of scholars to Rome beginning the Renaissance in Western Europe, it was this same flight that altered the course of Russia. The niece of the last Byzantine Emperor Constantine XI (b 1404; 1449 – died on the Walls May 29, 1453), Sophia Paleologa (b c. 1440-1503; Zoe Palaiologina in Byzantine Greek), fled to Russia and married Ivan III (The Great) (1440-1505). Sophia brought her court



Sultan Muhammad II - The Fall of Constantinople
(April 6th, 1453 until Tuesday, May 29th, 1453)

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with her, but her critical contribution was putting Russia on the course to world recognition, acquiring knowledge and culture.

Early Russian history can be divided into three 224-Year Cycles of Cimmerian Rule, followed by the cycle of Scythian Rule, and finally the cycle of Sarmatian Rule, with the invasion of the Goths in the 3rd century followed by the 4th century invasion of the Huns in 370 AD. Upon the death of Attila in 453 AD, the Avars



Sophia Paleologa
(c. 1440-1503)

took control of Russia, although they were closely related to the Huns. They were followed by the Khazars, who were overrun by the Slavs in the 9th century. The first written history came only in the 12th century. According to these records of the *Primary Chronicle*, the Vikings invaded in the later 9th century after they were invited by

the Slavs, from whom Russia is said to have taken its name, the Varangian Russes.

Russia fell to the Mongols led by the grandson of Genghis Khan (1162-1227) that destroyed the capital Kiev in 1240 AD. Moscow began to rise as a city in the 14th century. Nonetheless, the Mongols were fierce warriors. Genghis Khan had tried to conquer China but broke off his invasion in 1218 and turned toward the West.



Ivan III Vasilyevich (The Great)
(Born 1440; Ruled 1462-1505)



Genghis Khan
(1162-1227)

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Kubla Khan
(1215–1294)

When Genghis Khan died in 1227 AD, his grandson Kubla Khan (1215–1294) came to power. It was Kubla Khan who turned back to conquer China in 1279. His dynasty fell in 1368, and so was the fate of the Mongolian Empire.

Against this backdrop, we come to Ivan III the Great (1462–1505) and his marriage to Sophia Palaiologina in 1472 that appears to begin the blossoming of Russia into a world power. Ivan created the first rule of

law that is the cornerstone of all national wealth. This foundation of law in 1497 was predicated upon the legal code of Justinian I (b. 482;r. 527–565AD) of Byzantium.



There was a religious upheaval in Russia which seems to have been a contagion that spread with its counterpart in Europe being the Protestant Reformation. In Russia, there was the Great Schism. Patriarch Nikon (1605–1681) was the Seventh Patriarch of Moscow in the Russian Orthodox Church, officially serving 1652 to 1666.

Indeed, ecclesiastical reform was already in the air. On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed a copy of his *95 Theses* to the door of the Wittenberg Castle church. As the Protestant Revolution began to grow in Europe, this reform was infiltrating even the Eastern Orthodox Church, which was never under the Roman Catholic Pope.

A number of ecclesiastical protopopes (deans) decided to revise the church service books that the late Patriarch Joasaph had inaugurated. When Patriarch Nikon came to power, he decided that those revisions were not enough.

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Nikon launched aggressive reforms in a totalitarian manner. The scholars of Constantinople and Kiev had convinced Nikon that the Muscovite service books were heterodox and that the icons in use had violated the ancient Constantinopolitan models, influenced by West European baroque influences.



Patriarch Nikon
(1605–1681)
Seventh Patriarch of Moscow (1652-1666)

Nikon turned ruthlessly against icons ordering a house-to-house search for them. His soldiers and servants were charged to gouge out the eyes of these heretical icons and then carry them through the town on display. He also issued a ukase threatening with the severest penalties all who dared to make or use such icons in the future.

Nikon's power using religion equaled that of the tsar, if not perhaps surpassing him since he was to be subject to the church as well. Nikon's liturgical reforms were so unpopular and seen as tyrannical among conservatives that he had created what became known as the Great Schism. When Nikon began to enforce the reforms in the parishes, discontent rose into a massive religious and regional insurrection. Towns and parishes of the North broke into civil war between the "old" and "new" bishops. The Old Believers, dissenters who refused to accept Nikon's tyrannical reforms, were either crushed by government force driven to self-destruction or reduced to silent resistance.

At the height of his career, Nikon became not only the supreme leader of the Russian Orthodox Church but virtually co-tsar with Peter the Great. He openly intervened in state affairs and counseled the Tsar on how he should rule. Nikon's influence was so great that he ruled the country while the Tsar went to war with Poland. His level of influence, combined with his tyrannical rule of the church, made him many enemies among the boyars, who eventually convinced the tsar that Nikon's glory overshadowed his own. They accused Nikon of working to supplant the state through church rule.

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Patriarch Nikon (1605-1681) Seventh Patriarch of Moscow
1666 Trial of Nikon

Over time, the Tsar started listening to the boyars and distanced himself from the Patriarch. In protest, Nikon went to live at the Ascension monastery after publicly stripping himself of his patriarchal vestments in 1658.

What began as a voluntary seclusion from arrogance in protest turned into his downfall. The church effectively had no pastor, so the Synod gathered in 1666 to appoint a new patriarch. It was ruled that Nikon was guilty of offending the tsar and was to be stripped of both his archiepiscopal rank and priestly functions. Though the tsar privately thought the measures were too drastic, he did not dare protest the decrees issued by the Synod for fear of committing a mortal sin.



Sophia Alekseyevna
(1657-1704)

After the decree was pronounced, Nikon was banished to a distant monastery to be reduced to a common monk. At the same time, the reforms he enacted were not canceled and received the Synod's approval. Hence, Nikon's reign of religious terror as the Seventh Patriarch of Moscow between 1652 and 1666 came to an end.

Starting from 1472, we arrive at 1696, which is the year Ivan V (b 1666; r. 1682—1696) died. The crown was to pass to Peter I The Great (1682-1725), who was just

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17 in 1689 when his sister, Sophia Alekseyevna (1657–1704), who one of Alexis' daughters from his first marriage, led a rebellion of the Streltsy who were Russia's elite military corps during April–May 1682. Many of Peter's relatives and friends were murdered, and Peter even witnessed some of these acts of political violence unleashed by his half-sister.

The Streltsy made it possible for Sophia to demand that her brother Ivan V (1666–1696) be proclaimed joint tsar with Peter. Ivan V was acclaimed as the senior. Peter was there simply to placate the political factions. With the help of Prince Vasily Golitsyn, Sophia installed herself during the minority of her brother Ivan V (and half-brother Peter I). Sophia acted as regent during the minority of the sovereigns and exercised all power for seven years. Ivan V was seriously ill and nearly blind, in addition to having mental problems. He did not last very long as Sophia's puppet.



Peter the Great
(1672 – 1725)

Sophia attempted to have herself crowned as tsarina, but in August 1687, the Streltsy denied assisting her. Sophia found that her political cycle had peaked, and her power position began to decline in 1688, as the Crimean war brought rioting and unrest to Moscow. The loss of the Crimean War crippled Russia, and there was the beginning of revolution in 1688, which actually spread as a contagion in Europe, manifesting in the Glorious Revolution of 1689 in England. Only professional soldiers could subdue these mobs. Ivan V only fathered a girl, which eliminated any potential claim to the throne from her branch of the family.

Peter had married, and tensions between the two factions continued to grow until Peter I turned 17-years-old when his Naryshkin relatives demanded that Sophia step down. The Shaklovityi branch told Sophia she should outright proclaim herself tsarina and attempt to induce the Streltsy to support a new uprising. But the Streltsy units deserted her. Realizing that she was losing power, Sophia sent the boyars and the Patriarch to Peter, asking him to join her in the Kremlin. He flatly refused,

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Catherine the Great
(b 1729; 1762–1796)

suspecting it may be a trap. Sophia surrendered and was arrested and sent to a convent without formally taking the veil.

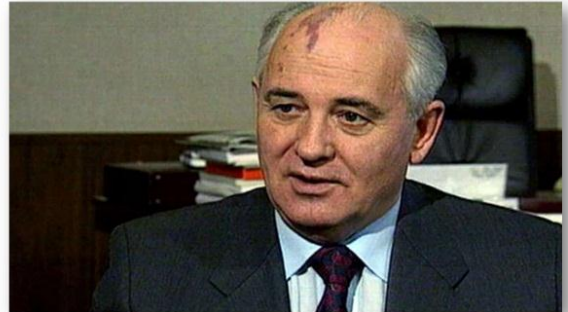
Therefore, Peter I The Great (1682–1725) came to power after the 1689 Revolution that swept Russia also following the 1688 Revolution in England. This was another contagion period, much like the Communist Revolutions of 1848 that began in Sicily and spread throughout Europe.

Seventy-two (72) years after 1696, we come to another revolution (1776) under Catherine the

Great (b 1729; r. 1762–1796) that was crushed in 1775 and was later followed by the French Revolution in 1789.

The next revolution was 1917, and 72 years later, we come to 1989. Projecting in intervals of 37.33 years from 1917, we come to the collapse of 1991 within weeks.

Russia is now on the rise, rebuilding its power and strength despite U.S. sanctions. The next turning point will be 2029.33 (1992+37.33 years), where we should once again see a major political change.



Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev[a] (born 1931)
Russian Head of State of the Soviet Union 1988 until 1991

The wave formations starting with the birth of Russia into a modern state, the turning points line up with the Revolution in 1917, the fall of economic power in 1989, followed by the resignation of Mikhail Gorbachev on December 24, 1991 marking the official collapse of the Soviet Union within weeks of the turning point beginning with the marriage of Ivan and Sophia 1472.

The 72-Year Cycle of Revolution



Using the standard 72-year Revolution Cycle, beginning with the idea of Socialistic politics in 1880 with the proposed new Constitution and the assassination of Alexander II, this brings us curiously to the death of Joseph Stalin (1878–1953). If we use the 1905 Revolution, this brings us to 1977 when Leonid Brezhnev (1906–1982) was elected president of the Supreme Soviet. It was Brezhnev who sought to expand Russia and invaded Afghanistan. Brezhnev died in 1982. The next target is 2024, which aligns with the peak of this 8.6-years wave 2020.05—2028.65.

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JUDAEA, Alexander Jannaios (Hasmoneans)

(103-76 BC)

Æ Prutah (14mm, 1.71 grams) Jerusalem mint
Anchor / Star of eight rays surrounded by diadem

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Israel has been a prize that has been fought over for thousands of years, and specifically, Jerusalem has been a prize occupied by many empires. Judaea was a province of the Persian Empire as a result of the siege of Jerusalem, which was a military campaign carried out by Nebuchadnezzar II, king of Babylon, in 597 BC. In 605 BC, he defeated Pharaoh Necho at the Battle of Carchemish and subsequently invaded Judah. According to the Nebuchadnezzar Chronicle, King Jehoiakim of Judah rebelled against Babylonian rule, but Nebuchadnezzar captured the city and installed Zedekiah as ruler.

Judea remained a Persian province until Alexander the Great conquered Persia in 332 BC. That was followed by the Jews coming under the authority of Alexander's general Ptolemy I following his death. Thereafter, Judea fell under the domain of the Seleucids of Syria from 198 BC. As the Seleucid empire weakened during the 2nd century BC, Judea finally achieved some independence under the Hasmonaean dynasty. Just before the end of that century, the Jews won autonomy from their Greek rulers.

The actual first coinage of Judea was struck under Alexander Jannaeus (103-76 BC), who was the first king of the Hasmonaean dynasty to strike any coins for Judea which was a bronze Prutah used for common daily transactions during the Second Temple Period.

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The date of the birth of Jesus is not stated in the gospels or any historical reference, but most theologians assume a year of birth between 6 and 4 BC. In the massacre of newborn babies of Bethlehem found in the Nativity story, King Herod is portrayed as a tyrant prepared to kill infants who could eventually challenge him. However, the historical evidence for the event is only Biblical, and in fact, only one verse in Matthew mentions it. Clearly, if this account is true, then Jesus would have to have been born no later than 4 BC.



JUDAEA, Herodian Kings. Herod I the Great

(40-4 BC)

Æ 8 Prutot (24mm, 7.63 grams) Samarian mint
Dated year 3 (40 BCE). HRWDOU BASILEWS, tripod with lebes
Military helmet facing; star and palms above

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KINGS of ARMENIA MINOR. Aristoboulos, with Salome

(daughter of Herodias) 54-92AD

Æ (21mm, 6.45 grsms) Dated RY 13 (66/7AD)

Salome is described in the Gospels (Matthew 14 and Mark 6) only as the daughter of Herodias, who asked Herod Antipas for the head of John the Baptist (c 25-29AD) in return for her daughter's risqué dance for the king. Salome's name is supplied by Josephus in Antiquities 18.5, where he also informs us that she grew up to marry her great-uncle Philip the Tetrarch and, after Philip's death, her cousin Aristobulus, who is featured on the obverse of this coin and with whom Salome had three sons. Aristobulus was the son of Herod V of Chalkis and great grandson of Herod I, and was appointed king of Armenia Minor in the first year of Nero's reign.

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John the Baptist was imprisoned for criticizing Herod for divorcing his wife Phasaelis and unlawfully taking Herodias, the wife of his brother Herod Philip I. On his birthday, Herodias' daughter, who Josephus identifies as Salome, danced before the king and his guests. He promised to give her anything she desired. Salome asked her mother what she should request; she was told to ask for the head

of John the Baptist on a platter. Although Herod was appalled by the request, he reluctantly agreed and had John executed in prison. None of the sources give a precise date, but it is generally assumed to be in the years 28–29 AD. Salome is pictured on the coinage of King Aristoboulos of Armenia, Minor. The crucifixion of Jesus occurred most likely in either 30 AD or 33 AD. The revolt against Rome began in 66 AD.



First Revolt

Certainly, the most prominent point in history concerning Judaea has been the First Revolt against Rome. While there were tensions over religion, what really began the crisis was taxation, fueled by the clash of dynasties in Judaea. The hatred of Roman taxation first emerged during the civil war between Octavian and Marc Antony and Cleopatra. To fund an army, Antony and Cleopatra imposed heavy taxation in Judaea. King Herod I the Great (40–4 BC) was actually a usurper who eventually overthrew the Hasmonean Dynasty. There was a strong resentment of Herodian rulers by particularly the high priests. There was clearly a Hasmonean rebellious segment in Judaea.

Under King Herod Agrippa I (37–44 AD), the king of Judah under the auspices of the Romans, there were inherent attempts of Hasmonean descendants to incite Judah against the Romans. This was the element behind the Zealots who had defended the last Hasmonean King Mattathias Antigonus II (40–37 BC).



Mark Antony & Cleopatra VII
(83–30 BC) (69–30 BC)
(Silver (debased) Tetradrachm)



Gaius (Caligula) (37-41AD)

Æ Sestertius (36mm, 28.31 grams) Rome mint Struck 37-38AD

Laureate head left / addressing troops RIC I 32

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There was perhaps the first instance when the Roman Emperor Caligula (37–41 AD) issued a proclamation for a statue of him was to be built within the temple walls in Jerusalem, which violated Jewish law and resulted in widespread protests. In Syria, the head of the troops, Petronius, was sent along with two legions of soldiers to complete the task. Rome had been built upon freedom of religion. Caligula was insane and believed himself to be a God. His personal view resulted in the first time in the history of Roman occupation where the religious autonomy of the Jewish people was overruled.

A time after Petronius' arrival in the port city of Ptolemais, he was confronted by tens of thousands of Jews who traveled from the countryside to petition him not to violate the laws of their forefathers. Petronius set course down the coast to judge the resolve of the Jewish peasants. Everywhere he went, he encountered an ever-growing contingent of Jewish peasants willing to give their lives for their faith. For forty days, the protest grew in Tiberias. The farmers created a boycott refusing to plant fresh crops in spring, reducing the supply of grain. The Jewish historian Josephus recorded the struggle faced by Petronius.

Influenced by Aristobulus (King Herod Agrippa's brother), Petronius refused to erect the monument. Petronius wrote to Caligula informing him of his inability to erect the statue. He risked his own death at the hand of Caligula for his incompetence. But fortunately for him, Caligula was assassinated on January 24, 41 AD, and the incident ended.



Nero (54-68AD)
 Post-Reform AU Aureus (Laur hd rt/Concordia seated
 from the famous Bosco Reale hoard from Pompeii
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Furthermore, Caligula had imposed a control whereby the empire assumed the role of appointing the High Priest of the Jewish religion. Such things certainly inspired the rebellious groups among the Jews (Zealots) for many years. However, Jewish tensions increased when Nero's governor plundered the Jewish Temple of its treasury in 66 AD.

Gessius Florus (64-68 AD) was the Roman procurator of Judea from 64 until 66 AD. He may not be as famous as Pontius Pilate, who served for ten years from 26 to 36 AD. Only six procurators ever issued their own local coins in bronze, with the last three being Pilate, Antonius Felix (52-60 AD), and Porcius Festus (60-62 AD).



JUDAEA, Pontius Pilate Procurators (26-36AD)
 ₤ Prutah (15mm, 1.94 grams) Dated RY 16 (29AD)
 IOYVYAIY KAICAPAOC, three bound grain ears / TIBEPIOY KAICAPAOC LIϚ, simpulum.
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Josephus the Jewish historian tells us that it was Gessius Florus who created the Jewish Revolt. He was appointed to replace Lucceius Albinus as procurator in 64 AD by Emperor Nero due to his wife's friendship with Nero's second wife, Poppaea. He apparently disliked the Jews, which became the primary cause of the First Jewish-Roman War.



POPPAEA - Second Wife of Nero
 Unique Dupondius struck in Rome

Gessius Florus favored the local Greek population of the city over the Jewish

population. The Greeks took advantage of Florus' bias to exploit the Jews. The Greeks deliberately defiled the local synagogue, and when the Jews sent a group of men to petition Florus for redress, he charged them eight talents of silver to hear the case and then had the Jewish petitioners imprisoned.

Florus then stole 17 talents of silver from the treasury of the Temple in Jerusalem, claiming the money was for the emperor. This was the last straw, and the city fell into unrest. The Jews mocked Florus by passing a basket around to collect money as if he were poor. Florus reacted by sending soldiers into Jerusalem, ordering them to arrest a number of the city leaders. Florus further had the arrested individuals flogged, and then he crucified many, despite being Roman citizens. There is no evidence that any of this was done on the orders of Nero.

Judaea First Revolt (66–70AD)



AR Silver Shekel
Year 3 68/69AD (14.19 grams)

AR Half-Shekel
Year 1 66/67AD (6.61 grams)

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During 66 AD, the Jews thus took control of Jerusalem and began to issue their own coins. The Judean Free Government was formed in Jerusalem, including former High Priest Ananus ben Ananus, Joseph ben Gurion, and Joshua ben Gamla elected as leaders. Yosef ben Matityahu was appointed the rebel commander in Galilee and Eleazar ben Hanania as the commander in Edom. Later, in Jerusalem, an attempt by Menahem ben Yehuda, leader of the Sicarii, to take control of the city failed. He was executed, and the remaining Sicarii were ejected from the city. Simon bar Giora, a peasant leader, was also expelled by the new government.

On September 22, 66 AD, Emperor Nero created the *Legio I Italica*. He also appointed the future emperor Titus Flavius Vespasian legate of the army of Judea and in command of three legions—*V Macedonica*, *X Fretensis*, and *XV Apollinaris*.

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In October 66 AD, the rebels were able to annihilate the Roman garrison (a cohort of Legio III Cyrenaica) in Jerusalem, resulting in King Herod Agrippa II and all Roman officials fleeing from Jerusalem for their lives. Meanwhile, Sicarii, the splinter group of the Jewish zealots who were the most intense fighters against the Romans, captured the fortress of Masada overlooking the Dead Sea.



Fortress of Masada

According to Josephus, the two main causes of the revolt were the cruelty and corruption of Florus in particular. This only fueled the zealots to call for Jewish religious nationalism with the aim of freeing the Holy Land from Earthly powers. Yet, the peasants were also upset with the pervasive corruption of the Jewish priesthood class. Hence, religious tensions between the Jews and the more favored Greek residents of Judea also played a role.

However, Nero's death in 68 AD and the collapse of the Julian–Claudian dynasty, since Nero had no heir, raised hopes of leaving the Roman Empire. This is when the rebellion began in 66 AD, thanks to Florus, who expanded the belief that this was the moment to break away from Rome with the fall of the last emperor Nero.

With the fall of Jerusalem, Cestius Gallus, legate of Syria, marched into Judea and led a Roman army of 30,000 men to put down the Jewish rebellion. At its core was *Legio XII Fulminata*, plus 2,000 men from the other three Syrian legions, six more cohorts of infantry, four groups of cavalry, and over 14,000 auxiliaries. The auxiliaries were furnished by Rome's eastern allies, which included Herod Agrippa II and two other client kings, Antiochus IV of Commagene and Sohaemus of Emesa, who led their forces (largely archers and cavalry) in person.

Gallus led his main force down the coast from Caesarea, entering Galilee and taking the entire Judean coast. Gallus then turned inland and marched on Jerusalem but broke off the siege in November 66 AD. As he withdrew his forces to retire to winter quarters, the Jewish rebels ambushed and defeated him. Some 5,300 Roman troops were killed in the battle. The Jewish rebels took their food supply and his artillery.

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The defeat of Gallus was viewed as a major disgrace of the Roman military. The Jewish rebels captured even the eagle standard of *Legio XII Fulminata*. Gallus abandoned his own troops in disarray and fled for his own life to Syria.



Judaea First Revolt Year 4 (69/70AD)
AE 1/8 Shekel (5.58 grams)
"Redemption of Zion"

The first Jewish coins boasted the slogan: "For the Freedom of Zion." The Jewish War for Independence lasted four years, covering 66–70 AD until the conquest of Jerusalem. Recently, a bronze coin was discovered in Israel from the fourth year of the failed rebellion against Rome, reflecting the change in attitudes. The coins of year four saw a change in the slogan to "For the Redemption of Zion." The Temple was sacked in 70 AD, and the clean up skirmishes followed, which took several years. The historian Josephus tells us of the last stand at Masada which took place around 73–74 AD.

Year one (66–67 AD) Jewish shekels and half shekels are scarce, year two (67–68 AD) shekels and half shekels were perhaps most common, and in year three (68–69 AD) shekels and half shekels are relatively common. In the fourth year of the revolt (69–70 AD) three large sizes of bronze coins were minted, possibly because the supplies of Temple silver were diminishing. They were most likely fractions of a shekel and suggest that the revolt was losing. By year five (70 AD) shekels are extremely rare, reflecting the progress of the rebellion.

Nero tasked Vespasian with crushing the rebellion in the Judaea province. His son Titus was appointed as second-in-command. Vespasian invaded Galilee in the fall of 67 AD. He avoided a direct attack on the reinforced city of Jerusalem. Instead, Vespasian launched a directed campaign to crush rebel strongholds and punish

the population. Within several months Vespasian and his son Titus, also a future emperor, took over the major Jewish strongholds of Galilee.

Roman Civil War on Death of Nero (68-69AD)



Marcus Salvius Otho
Emperor January - April 69 AD
(Born 32 - Died 69 AD)



Aulus Vitellius
(born 14AD; Emperor January - October 69 AD)



Vespasian
(born 9AD; Emperor 69-79AD)

Vespasian right / S P Q R / P P / O B C S, legend in three lines within oak wreath

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With the death of Nero in 68 AD, Rome moved into a Civil War. Vespasian became the rival general against Otho and Vitellius. Now the Judea situation was a matter of critical importance. Vespasian became emperor in 69 AD, and the defeat of the Jewish Revolt was critical, for if they succeeded, then other provinces

would rally against Rome as well. In September 70 AD, the siege of Jerusalem took place with Vespasian's son, the Roman general Titus, breaching the walls of Jerusalem, sacking the city, and destroying the Second Temple.



Trajan. AD 98-117
AU Aureus (18mm, 7.18 g)

Rome mint. Struck 111AD Trajan extending right hand towards boy and girl

Resentment in Judaea against Rome led to the second Jewish-Roman war known as the Kitos War (115-117 AD).

Rebellions erupted during 115 AD during the reign of Trajan (98-117 AD) when most of the Roman armies were fighting Trajan's Parthian War on the Eastern border of the Roman Empire. Uprisings began in Cyrenaica, Cyprus, and Egypt. The situation

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appears to have spontaneously erupted, which led to a widespread slaughter of the remaining Roman garrisons and Roman citizens by Jewish rebels.

The Roman general Lusius Quietus, whose name was corrupted into "Kitos" giving the name of the war, responded and crushed the rebels. The response left was so overwhelming that regions were left uninhabited. The Jewish leader, Lukuas, fled to Judea fled but he was captured and executed. Thereafter, the Romans were obliged under Hadrian to move the *Legio VI Ferrata* into Judea permanently.



Hadrian (117-138AD)
Gold Aureus

JUDAEA, Bar Kochba Revolt (132-135 AD)



AR Tetradrachm (25.5mm, 14.15 grams)
Jerusalem mint Dated year 2 (133/134AD)
Façade of the Temple/Bundle of lulav; etrog to left
"Year 2 of the Freedom of Israel" (in Hebrew)



AR Denarius (20mm, 3.44 grams)
Jerusalem mint Undated issue
Grape bunch on vine/ Elongated kithara;
"For the Freedom of Jerusalem" (in Hebrew)

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Æ Roman As Equivalent (27mm, 10.50 grams)
Dated year 2 (133/134AD)
Palm tree / Grape leaf;
"Year 2 of the Freedom of Israel" around.

The third and final Jewish–Roman War was known as the Bar Kochba Revolt of 132 to 135 AD, which was a rebellion led by Simon bar Kokhba against the Roman Empire. The revolt erupted primarily over religious issues in addition to political tensions. There was discontent because of the establishment of a large Roman military presence in Judea, which altered the life in Judaea.

When Emperor Hadrian visited Judaea in 130 AD, he proposed to rebuild the city under the name of Aelia Capitolina ("Aelius" was his family name) with a temple to Jupiter on the holy site. The idea of building a temple to Jupiter on the Temple Mount infuriated the Jews.

In 132 AD, a revolt led by Bar Kokhba spread rapidly, isolating the Roman garrison in Aelia Capitolina (Jerusalem). Quintus Tineius Rufus, the provincial governor, either died or was killed during the early stage of the rebellion. Despite the arrival of significant Roman reinforcements from Syria, Egypt, and Arabia, initial rebel

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victories over the Romans established an independent state over most of the Judea Province for more than two years. The Jews began to issue coinage once again.

Simon bar Kokhba took the title of Nasi ("prince"), and many Jews began to regard him as the Messiah they expected would restore a free Jewish state.



Hadrian

(117-138AD)

AV Aureus (18.5mm, 7.24 grams)

Bar Kochba Victory issue. Rome mint VICTORIA AVGVSTI, Victory holding eagle with wreath in beak on right hand and palm frond of Judaea in left

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This forced Emperor Hadrian (117-138 AD) to assemble a large-scale Roman force from across the empire. This invasion force was under the command of General Sextus Julius Severus in 134 AD with six full legions with auxiliaries and elements from up to six additional legions. Each legion had between

4,000 and 6,000 soldiers. A legion was further divided into groups of 80 men called "centuries."

The Bar Kokhba revolt led to a major depopulation of Judea far greater than the First Jewish-Roman War of 66-70 AD. According to Cassius Dio, 580,000 Jews perished in the war and many more died of hunger and disease. Many Judean war captives were sold into slavery. Dio tells us that 985 villages were completely destroyed.

Some argue that Emperor Hadrian removed the name Judaea from all the maps and replaced it with Syria, Palaestina, in 135 AD. Hadrian clearly issued coins after the war, which still show the name Judaea.

The persecution of the Jews did fade out following Hadrian's death in 138 AD.



Hadrian

(117 - 138AD)

Æ Sestertius, Roma mint struck 134-138AD (26.80 grams)

Bareheaded bust r. Rev. ADVENTVI AVGVSTI Hadrian facing Judaea standing left

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The Bar Kokhba revolt greatly influenced the course of Jewish history. The Romans barred Jews from Jerusalem, except for attendance in Tisha B'Av. Jewish beliefs in messianism became extremely cautious and conservative from this point forward.

The Talmud referred to Bar Kokhba as "Ben-Kusiba," which was a derogatory term used to indicate that he was a false Messiah. This war clearly divided the followers of Jesus from those who followed Bar Kokhba and the conservatives who rejected both.

72-Year Cycle of Revolution

While the Revolution Cycle of 72 years has been consistent in most circumstances, in the case of Judaea, from the significant rise in Christianity in Judaea leading to 63 AD, the devastation of Judaea and even wiping the name off the maps does not unfold for 72 years later in 135 AD. Gessius Florus (64–68 AD) was the major cause of the first war.



JUDAEA, Herodian Kings. Agrippa I
(37-44 AD)
Æ Prutah (3.04 grams). Year 6 (41-42 CE).
BACILEWC AGRIPA, umbrella-like canopy / Three ears of barley
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At least two expulsions of Jews from Rome appear to have taken place based upon a missionary effort to spread their faith. In 139 BC, the Jews were expelled after being accused of missionary efforts. Then again, in 19 AD, Tiberius expelled Jews from the city for similar reasons.

Herod Agrippa I (37–44AD) was the ruler of the Roman province of Judaea. He was a supporter of Emperor Caligula. When Caligula was assassinated in 41 AD,

Herod Agrippa I was given credit by the historian Josephus to have played a key role in supporting Claudius. As a result, Claudius bestowed upon Agrippa Judea, Abilene, and Samaria. He restored nearly the entire kingdom of his grandfather.



Claudius (41-54AD)
AU Aureus (Acknowledging Support of the Praetorian Camp)
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Claudius is also said to have performed a ceremony in Rome's great Forum to honor

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Agrippa's new position. Agrippa's coinage indicates that the ceremony was held according to archaic custom (Ant 19:275). Agrippa also received the symbols of the rank of consul.

While Agrippa observed the Jewish traditions, he also fiercely persecuted the Christians, executed the Apostle James, and threw Peter in chains in his prison (Acts 12:1-5). Apparently, Herod Agrippa I believed himself to be the Jewish Messiah and vigorously persecuted followers of Jesus. According to Acts, Agrippa was struck down by God for accepting the praise of sycophants, and worms ate his body.

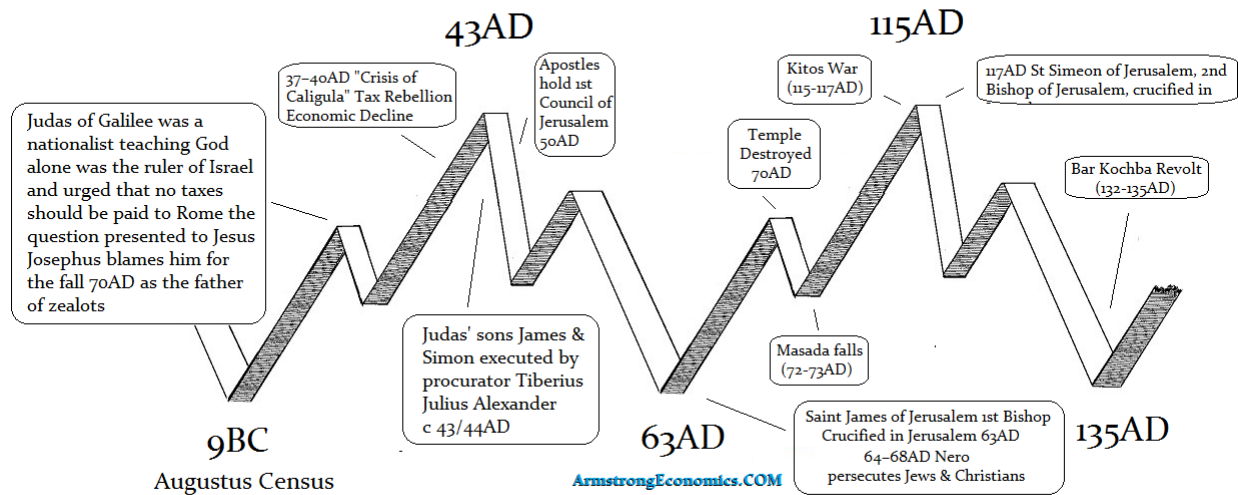
Nevertheless, Claudius appears to have also ordered the expulsion of Jews from Rome, according to contemporary sources. The Acts of the Apostles (18:2), as well as the writings of Roman historians Suetonius (69-122 AD) and Cassius Dio (150-235 AD), confirm this action. The precise date is unknown, but it is believed to have been no later than January 53 AD. Since Claudius' friend Herod Agrippa I died in 44 AD, any such expulsion most likely would have taken place after Herod's death.

The division in Judaea between the Christian and the Orthodox Jews was intense, culminating in 63 AD. Saint James of Jerusalem became one of the early martyrs in Jerusalem in 63 AD. James was not the Apostle James who Herod killed in 44 AD. This James is often called the Bishop of Jerusalem, although there was no such formal title at that time. He was the leader of the Jerusalem Christians. His popularity was evident in the Christian Jews' anger when priestly authorities had James put to death, reputedly either by stoning according to Flavius Josephus or by being thrown from a Temple tower as suggested by St. Hegesippus. Nevertheless, 63 AD was the dividing point among the people of Jerusalem, and it marked the tremendous division between the zealots and the people.



Claudius
(41-54AD)

Judaea Revolutionary Cycle (9BC - 135AD)



To a large extent, the eventual fall of Judaea to Rome cannot be fully reviewed without also understanding that there was also a deep division between Jews among those who were following Jesus and others who were expecting a Messiah who would liberate them from Rome. Christians were even crucified in Jerusalem by the high Jewish priests. After all, it was also the high priests who insisted that Rome crucify Jesus as well.

The backdrop to the historical context is the multiple facets. If we start with the Roman census that led to Jesus being born in Bethlehem, we find that this was an order by Emperor Augustus (27BC–14 AD). He sought to count all Roman citizens also for the purposes of taxation. Augustus took three (*lustrum*) Roman censuses during his 44-year reign. In his own words:

I made a census of the people with Marcus Agrippa as my colleague. I conducted a lustrum, after a forty-one year gap, in which lustrum were counted 4,063,000 heads of Roman citizens. Then again, with consular imperium I conducted a lustrum alone when Gaius Censorinus and Gaius Asinius were consuls (8 B.C.E.), in which lustrum were counted 4,233,000 heads of Roman citizens. And the third time, with consular imperium, I conducted a lustrum with my son Tiberius Caesar as colleague, when Sextus Pompeius and Sextus Appuleius were consuls (14 A.C.E.), in which lustrum were counted 4,937,000 of the heads of Roman citizens.

– *The Deeds of Augustus*

Israel & its Cycle

Roman *lustrums* involved a lesser known religious component. The conclusion of a *lustrum*, a sacred ceremony, involved the Censor (official person) offering a sacrifice to the God Mars on behalf of Rome's citizens. The information gathered also played a role in taxation. A Roman procurator was then responsible for actual tax collection activities managed through local authorities.

From this census of about 9 BC, the high of this first 72-year Revolutionary Cycle came in 43 BC. Judas of Galilee was the leader of what became the zealots, who Josephus ultimately blamed for the destruction of the Temple in 70 AD. According to Josephus, Judas was a Gaulonite of the city of Gamala, probably taking his name of Galilean from his insurrection, having had its rise in Galilee. The Gaulonites, as his followers were called, may be regarded as the doctrinal ancestors of the Zealots and Sicarii of later days who died at Masada.

Going into the high of this wave that peaked in 43 AD, Judas' two sons were executed. Yet we also come into the "Crisis of Caligula," which was a double edge sword.

First, he imposed severe taxation, then he also ordered that his statue be erected in the Temple in Jerusalem (39/40 AD). Caligula was assassinated before this was carried out, but it certainly played an important role in these events. Moreover, you will recall a man asking Jesus about paying taxes to Rome. He asked whose picture was on the coin, and the man said Caesar. He then said, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's."

As this wave concluded in 63 AD, the first bishop of Jerusalem was executed. Nero also began the persecutions of the Jews and Christians as scapegoats for the Great Fire of Rome. Within seven years, the Temple was destroyed, and Masada fell nearly two years later. The peak of this wave was met with the Kitos War (114-115 AD), which was followed by the final war of Bar Kochba.



Caligula
(37-41AD)

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The Islamic religion was founded by Mohammed in the seventh century. In 622 AD, he founded the first Islamic state, a theocracy in Medina, a city in western Saudi Arabia located north of Mecca. In 613 AD, Muhammad said he was receiving messages from Allah and learned that he was a prophet in the same lineage as Moses and Jesus Christ. The local Arabs became intolerant against Muhammad when Muhammad began insulting the traditional deities and insisted that the Pagan Arabs and their ancestors would burn in hell for eternity for worshipping false gods. They retaliated by imposing a trade embargo on Muhammad. He and his followers fled from Mecca to Medina in 622 AD, where the locals welcomed them in that city. Interestingly, there was at the same time a rising split in Christianity, which largely centered around the dual nature of Jesus Christ being the son of God, and hence divine, yet human. This was brewing from the 5th century.



Council of Chalcedon October 8th - November 1st, 451AD

The Great Schism of 1054, the break between the Catholic Church and Eastern Orthodox Church, was the culmination of theological and political differences that had developed from the 5th century between Eastern and Western Christianity. For example, the Council of Chalcedon was the fourth ecumenical council of the Christian church by Emperor Marcian (450–457 AD) from October 8 to November 1, 451 AD. The principal purpose of the Council was to re-assert the doctrine of Council of Ephesus or 431 AD against the heresy derivative of Eutyches and Nestorius, which attempted to dismantle and separate Christ's divine nature from his humanity (Nestorianism) and further, to limit Christ as solely divine in nature (Monophysitism). Nestorius' doctrine argued the distinction between Christ's human and divine natures. He further said that Mary should be called *Christotokos* (Christ-bearer) but not *Theotokos* (God-bearer).

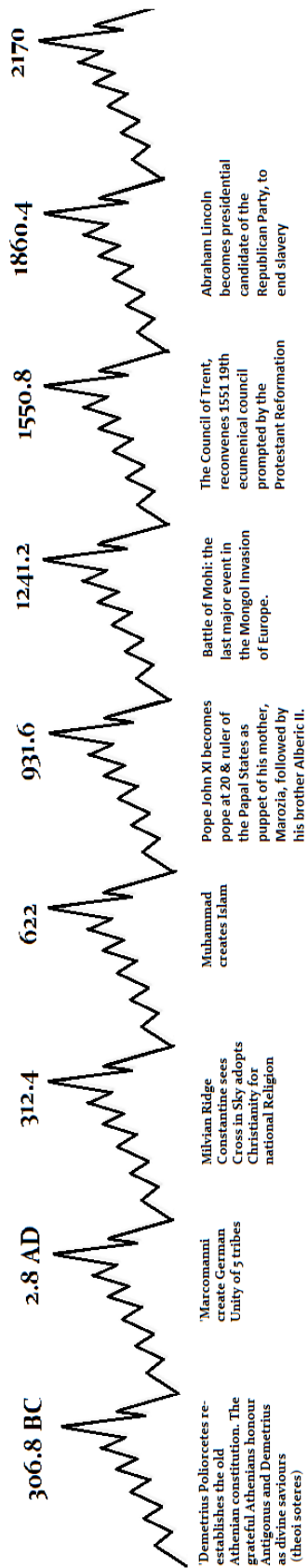


Marcian
(450-457AD)

AV Solidus (20mm, 4.46 grams)
Constantinople mint Struck 450AD

Cycle of Religious Conflict 306BC - Present

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The Third Council of Constantinople (680–681) also repudiated Monothelism and affirmed that Christ had both human and divine wills. There was clearly discontent and arguments even with Christianity during the 7th century.



Elagabalus
(218-222AD)

What is very interesting is that there also appears to be a cycle behind changes in religion. There are ebbs and flows within these 309.6-year cycles that unfold on a 51.6-year cycle interval. For example, when Elagabalus (218–222 AD) became emperor, he brought with him a black meteorite that he claimed was the stone from god. He had set up a temple to the Stone of Emesa and would parade it around in a chariot to be worshiped. When he took it to Rome, he tried to introduce this as a religion. They then assassinated him.

The Persians' battle with the Greeks was merely replaced by the war between Romans and Persians, who worshiped one god—Zoroaster. It was 51.6 years following the capture of the Roman Emperor Valerian I in 260 AD that we come to 312 AD when Constantine won the battle and made Rome Christian. While 1550 saw the Protestant Reformation impact Rome, by January 30, 1649, they beheaded Charles I of England in a religious civil war about two cycles later.



Constantine the Great's Vision of the Cross by Raphael

The cycle which peaked in 312 AD was the battle of Milvian Bridge and marked the turning point in Christianity. The next cycle of 622 AD was equally significant as Constantine declared Christianity as the Roman Empire's new faith. Therefore, from this perspective, establishing an official religious state, distinguished from the faith alone, is critical from a modeling perspective given the economic implications. This is what we have focused on rather than endorsing any one particular belief over another.

Interestingly, Christianity during this next cycle that would peak in 622 AD was dominated by conflicts between the various interpretations over his divinity, as was the case with Nestorianism. The Byzantine Emperor Heraclius (613–538 AD) tried to win back the excommunicated and persecuted Monophysites of Egypt and Syria who believed in only one nature of Christ. The Byzantine Emperor Heraclius in 638 AD, issued the "*Ekthesis*" (statement of faith), taking this position of the Monophysites.



**Heraclius & Heraclius Constantine
AU Solius (613 - 638AD)**

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Constantine II
(641-668)
AV Solidus (19.5mm, 4.48 grams)
Constantinople mint, 3rd officina. Struck 651-654

This led to widespread disunity, and Byzantine Emperor Constantine II (641–648 AD) in 648 AD issued an edict forbidding any discussion on the question. Therefore, under Constantine IV (668–685 AD), the controversy was still raging. He called a council where Monothelism was condemned and Christ was declared to have two wills, with one being human subordinate to

the divine will.

So, the year 622 AD appears to be an important point in time of religious and philosophical upheaval. The Sasanian Empire was the last Iranian/Persian Empire before the rise of Islam. It was ruled by the Sasanian dynasty from 224–651 AD. The Sassanid Empire, which succeeded the Parthian Empire, was recognized as one of the main powers in Western and Central Asia, alongside the Roman–Byzantine Empire, for a period of more than 400 years.



Khosrau II ("The Victorious")
Last great king of the Sasanian Empire (590-628AD)

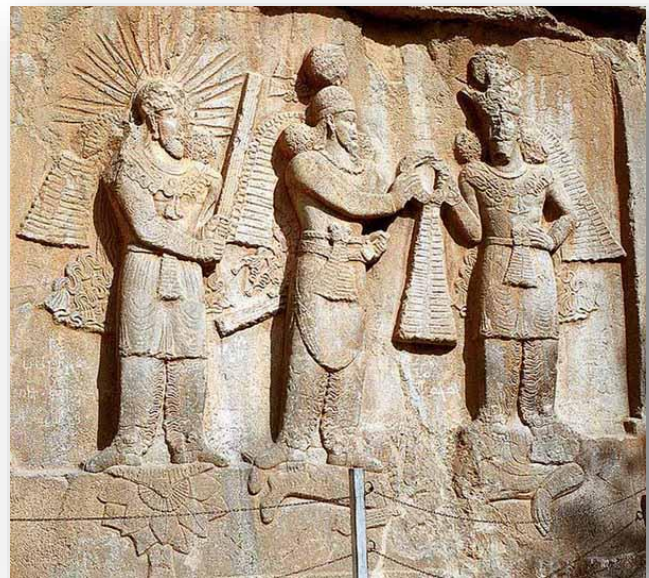
The Byzantine–Sassanid War unfolded when Emperor Heraclius sailed from Constantinople with an expeditionary force of about 50,000 men, beginning a counter-offensive against the Persian Empire. The Western Turks conquered the Oxus valley and cooperated with Heraclius against Persia, taking Khorasan (modern Afghanistan). The last great king of the Sasanian Empire, Khosrau II (590–628), was defeated and executed by Heraclius.

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Digging deeper, we realize that the Persians have always had distinct and separate beliefs from just about everyone else throughout history. As mentioned, they were the followers of Zoroaster, who were the first to believe in one God, and it is where this idea of a confrontation between good and evil emerge.

Zoroastrianism first began to decline with Alexander the Great's invasion and was eventually marginalized by Islam during the 7th century. Nevertheless, the followers of Zoroaster were the three Wise Men who followed the star in the biblical story of the birth of Jesus Christ. Zoroastrians still exist today, although it is a very small religious belief.



The Persians were always the arch-enemy of the Romans and were the only enemy ever to capture a Roman emperor, Valerian I (243-260 AD), who they kept as a footstool. When the emperor finally died, they stuffed him and put him in their trophy room. The final battle between the Byzantine and the Persians weakened both and opened a void for Islam to expand.

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Against this backdrop, we find Muhammad left Mecca on June 13, 622 AD, after being warned of a plot to assassinate him. He then migrated to Medina along with his companion Abu Bakr. They took refuge in the Cave of Thaur south of Mecca for three days. Finally, on June 27, Muhammad did not enter Medina directly, but



stopped at its outlying environs of Quba. He established the Quba Mosque there, the first mosque of Islam.

On July 1, Muhammad made his first visit to Medina for Friday prayers. After a fourteen-day stay in Quba, Muhammad moved from Quba to Medina on July 11 and was greeted cordially by its people. There he formally

established the first Muslim ummah. The year during which the emigration to Medina occurred is designated "Year One" of the Anno Hegirae (AH). Consequently, the changes in Christianity appear to rise from the same region of Egypt and Syria. The establishment of the first Islamic state in 622 by Mohamed reflects this period as well.

The Byzantine Emperor Heraclius (610–641 AD) launched a major campaign in 622 AD during the Byzantine–Sassanid War of 602–628. The Byzantine Empire was near collapse, but Heraclius managed to inspire the people and, with heavy taxation, reversed the fortunes of war. The Sassanid Empire was Persian. Heraclius' war was very costly, imposing a heavy tax burden upon both Jews and Christians. The war eventually culminated in a crushing Byzantine victory in Anatolia (Turkey). The Sassanid Persians had overrun most of the eastern provinces of the Byzantine Empire, including Syria.



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Heraclius left Constantinople the day after celebrating Easter on Sunday, 4, April 622 AD. The Persian forces in Anatolia under Shahrbaraz were forced to retreat. In 626 AD, the siege of Constantinople failed, and the Byzantine Empire survived. This warfare imposed heavy taxes, and the Persian Sassanid Empire began to decline, opening the door to the rise of a new religion and state.

The Islamic State expanded very quickly under Muhammad and the first three caliphs as the Byzantine–Sassanid War reduced the two major powers. Local populations of Jews and indigenous Christians, marginalized as religious minorities and taxed heavily to finance the Byzantine–Sassanid Wars, often aided Muslims to take the lands from the Byzantines and Persians. They clearly had an economic incentive to aid the rise of the new Muslim state. This tax revolt by Christians and Jews in Northern Africa resulted in the exceptionally speedy conquests of the Muslims.

As new areas joined the Islamic State for economic reasons, they also benefited from free trade while trading with other areas in the Islamic State. This freedom from taxation greatly encouraged commerce since within Islam only wealth was taxed but not trade. The Muslims paid Zakat on their wealth to the poor.



ISLAMIC, Umayyad Caliphate 'Abd al-Malik ibn Marwan
(AH 65-86 / AD 685-705)
Fals (Bronze, 20 mm, 3.29 grams)
'Standing Caliph' type circa AH 74-80 = AD 693/4-699/700
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Since the Constitution of Medina was drafted by the Islamic prophet Muhammad, the Jews and the Christians continued to use their own laws within the Islamic State and even maintained their own judges. Therefore, the Christians and Jews only paid for policing for the protection of their property. This was economic freedom that truly was a tax rebellion against Byzantium. The early Islamic coins were

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imitations of Byzantine's coinage in style only. The reverse of Byzantine coins displayed a cross, where the Islamic coins displayed an interesting transformed cross standing on three steps.

To assist in the quick expansion of the Islamic state, the Byzantine and the Persian tax collection systems were maintained whereby the Christians and Jews still paid a poll tax, but it was much lower than the one imposed under the Byzantines and the Persians.

Before Muhammad united the Arabs, the Arabs had been divided, and the Byzantines and the Sassanid had their own client tribes that they used to pay to fight on their behalf as mercenary troops.



Battle of the Masts in 655AD ended Byzantine Dominance of the Mediterranean

In 639 AD, Muawiyah I was appointed the Governor of Syria by Umar after his elder brother Yazid ibn Abi Sufyan (Governor of Syria) died in a plague along with Abu Ubaidah ibn al-Jarrah (the governor before him) and 25,000 other people. To stop the Byzantine harassment from the sea during the Arab-Byzantine Wars, in 649 AD, Muawiyah set up a navy manned by Monophysitise Christians, Copts, and Jacobite Syrian Christians sailors and Muslim troops. This resulted in the defeat of the Byzantine navy where about 500 of their ships were destroyed at the Battle of the Masts in 655 AD. That event opened up the Mediterranean and brought an end to Byzantine dominance.

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The Byzantine Emperor Constans II (641–668 AD) was almost killed in the battle. Under the instructions of the caliph Usman ibn al-Affan, Muawiyah (576/573 – Assassinated June 17, 656 AD), the Arabs then prepared for the siege of Constantinople itself.

By 650 AD, rebellions had broken out in the provinces of Egypt and Iraq. In 655, a group of Egyptian rebels marched on Medina, the seat of caliphal authority. Uthmān was conciliatory, and the rebels returned to Egypt. Soon, another group of rebels besieged Uthmān in his home, and, after several days, they assassinated him.



Usman ibn al-Affan, Muawiyah
(576/573 – Assassinated June 17, 656AD)
third caliph to rule after the death of the Prophet Muhammad

When Uthman ibn Affan was assassinated at Medina after an 11-year reign, he was succeeded by Muhammad's cousin and son-in-law Ali ibn Abi-Talib who became the fourth caliph of the Rashidun Caliphate. Ali made Kufah (Iraq) his capital, but his succession provoked the first Islamic Civil War.

On November 7, 656 AD, the Battle of the Camel took place where rebel Arabs under Aisha (widow of Muhammad) began a revolt against Ali. They were defeated at Basra. As a result, Aisha was exiled to Medina. It was said that some 10,000

causalities lost their lives in this battle.

Then on January 27, 661 AD, Ali ibn Abi-Talib was assassinated. He was the first Shia Imam and the fourth caliph of the Rashidun Caliphate. He was struck on the head with a poisoned sword by the Khawarij Abd-al-Rahman ibn Muljam while at prayer at a shrine at Kufa (modern-day Iraq). He died two days later. According to Shia Islam, his son Hasan ibn Ali succeeded him as the second Imam. However, according to Umayyads, he was succeeded by Caliph Muawija I (661–680 AD), age 59, who moved his seat of government to Damascus and founded the Umayyad Caliphate, ending the Rashidun Caliphate.

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Caliph Muawija I imprisoned patriarch Giwargis I after he refused to pay tribute. He also broke faith with the Christians, who he then persecuted and destroyed their churches. Thereafter, the Muslims rapidly conquered Syria and Egypt, and the consequent Byzantine losses in manpower and territory meant that the Eastern Roman Empire found itself struggling for survival. The Sassanid Dynasty, the House of Sasan in Persia, collapsed with the last ruler being Yazdgard III (633–651 AD).



SASANIAN KINGS - Yazdgard III

(632-651AD)

AR Drachm (32mm, 4.05 grams)

SK (Sakistan) mint dated RY 18 (650AD)

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*The rebel ship of Thomas the Slav using Greek fire against Byzantines in 821AD
12th century illustration from the Madrid Skylitzes*

Under Constantine IV (668–685 AD), the invention of "Greek Fire" forced the retreat of the Arabs. This was based on naphtha and quicklime. The Byzantines typically used it in naval battles, for it was said to have continued burning even while floating on water. The military technological advantage it provided was responsible for many key Byzantine military victories, most notably the salvation of Constantinople from the first and second Arab sieges prolonging the empire's survival.

The Arabs had waged a siege of Constantinople itself under the Caliph Muawija I (661–680 AD), which began in 674 AD when the Arab fleet appeared at the city walls. The siege lasted for four years, yet the city was impregnable. The Arab fleet was repelled with Greek Fire, and this confrontation stopped the Arabs from sweeping into Europe.

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Charles Martel
(c. b 688; 718–741)

This event would be matched only by Charles Martel (688–741 AD), who at the Battle of Poitiers in 732 AD prevented the Arabs from invading France by confining them to Spain. These two events were instrumental in checking the Arab rise to power, inspired by the goal to conquer Europe. The advancement of the Arab state was significantly assisted by the Christians and Jews of North Africa, who the Byzantines had heavily taxed.

Nevertheless, Justinian II (685–695 AD) entered a very favorable peace treaty with the Arabs, leaving Byzantium free to deal with the Balkans. Justinian II now allowed Slavs to settle in Asia Minor, and this group would become a military asset. However, religion did not cause his downfall, for he was the first to put the image of Christ on the coinage.

Leontius (695–698 AD) rose up and had overthrown Justinian II. However, Leontius was in turn overthrown, and the throne passed to Apsimar who took the name Tiberius III (698–705 AD). Because of this internal religious dispute over the icons, the Arabs took advantage and advanced again in North Africa. The dispute was all about putting the image of God and icons, including saints, on the coins.



Justinian II (Rhinotmetos)
(b 669; 705–711)
First to apply the Image of Jesus Christ to the coinage

Byzantine iconoclasm was the struggle between proponents and opponents of religious icons in the Byzantine Empire from 726 to 842 AD. Degrees of iconoclasm



Leontius
(695–698AD)

vary greatly among religious branches, but the theory is sort of like the modern “woke” movement insofar as the mere image of Christ was somehow idolatry. The iconoclasm resulted in persecuting people protecting an icon, and even burning them at the stake. A similar movement arose during the destruction of monarchist

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Abd al-Malik ibn Marwan (646 – 705AD)
(Arabic: عبد الملك بن مروان 'Abd al-Malik ibn Marwān)
AU Dinar 5th Caliph of the Umayyad dynasty in Damascus

symbols during the French Revolution. They also confiscated the assets of the church for even crowning monarchs. Thus, Napoleon crowned himself.

Interestingly, after the Muslims defeated the armies of the Byzantine and Sassanian Empires, there came the need to administer the conquered territories. The early Muslims from Arabia did not have a sophisticated management skill of such a system. Consequently, the best solution was for them

to maintain the existing administrative systems. Indeed, when the barbarians took Rome in 476 AD, they too tried to imitate the Roman system. Often the conquerors may have brute force, but they lack management skills. Communism collapsed for the very same reason, but there they failed to retain self-interest.

However, the early Muslims inherited two different administrative systems from the conquered two empires—Byzantine and Sasanian. Hence, they had to maintain two parallel administrative systems, one in the East and another in the West, which differed in their languages, culture, monetary systems, and controls. The Muslims maintained these parallel systems for over 50 years until the reforms of the Umayyad Caliph Abd al-Malik (685–705 AD).



ISLAMIC, Umayyad Caliphate. temp. Yazid I ibn Mu'awiya
(AH 60-64 / AD 680-683) AR Drachm (32mm, 3.89 g, 3h)
Issue of Ubayd Allah ibn Ziyad, governor of Iraq

At first, the new Islamic State used their Sassanian and Byzantine predecessors' existing monetary systems. They issue coinage imitating the issues of these empires. As they conquered the Sassanian Empire of Persia, the coinage reflected a hybrid with the former design yet with Islamic writing. Clearly, the new rising Islamic Empire began to make its presence known via the coins imitating the two great empires adding minor short phrases in Arabic and/or the addition of hijra dates. These

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UMAYYAD, 'Abd al-Malik
(AH 65-86 / 685-705AD)
AR dirham, AH 95, Arminiya (Arménie) (27 mm 2.88 grams)

lasted until a complete reform of the administrative system by Abd al-Malik, who united it in Arabic and changed the coinage drastically to what we essentially call Islamic coins.

The fifth Umayyad Caliph Abd al-Malik ibn Marwan (b. 646; r. 685 – 705) was born in Medina, Hejaz, and was well-educated. He believed in regulating state

affairs. During his reign, all important records were translated into Arabic, and for the first time, he issued Islamic currency for the Muslim world. This led to war with the Byzantine Empire under Justinian II since the Byzantine view was that their currency was the world currency in the West. Leontios led the Byzantines at the Battle of Sebastopolis in 692AD in Asia Minor, which was really over the currency. The Byzantines were defeated after the defection of a large contingent of Slavs who were mercenary troops.



ISLAMIC, Umayyad Caliphate 'Abd al-Malik ibn Marwan
(AH 65-86 / 685-705AD)
AR Dirham (33mm, 4.03 grams) Arab-Sasanian type



ISLAMIC, Umayyad Caliphate 'Abd al-Malik ibn Marwan
(AH 65-86 / 685-705AD)
AV ar (20mm, 4.23 grams) Dimashq [Damascus] mint

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They issued the silver dinar of the Sasanian Empire and the equivalent of the Byzantine gold Solidus. Above all, Abd al-Malik introduced a revolutionary reform of the Islamic coinage in 696–697 AD. 'Abd al-Malik's reform introduced a purely epigraphic coinage which created a complete break with the past.



ISLAMIC, Mongols Great Khans Chingiz (Genghis) (AH 602-624 / AD 1206-1227)
 AV Dinar (27mm, 5.62 g, 6h). Ghazna (Ghazni) mint. Dated AH 618 (AD 1221/2)
 Kalima and name of Abbasid caliph in four lines, floral ornament above and to left;
 Umayyad "Second Symbol" (al-Quran Sura 9:33) in outer margin
 Name and titles of Chingiz Khan in four lines, floral ornament

It was this Battle of Sebastopolis that actually established the Islamic currency in trade. Abd al-Malik then declared that the only currency of exchange in the Muslim world would be Islamic currency with the new coins asserting the oneness of Allah and Muḥammad as his last messenger. Also, many reforms happened in his time relating to agriculture and commerce. Abd al-Malik consolidated Muslim rule, extended it, made Arabic the state language, and organized a regular postal

service. As illustrated here, even by the 13th century, the Mongols were imitating the Islamic coinage to facilitate trade.



Umayyads, Islamic type 'Abd al-Malik, 65-86 H./685-705 AD
 AU Dinar 79 H, no mint (Damascus) 4.26 grams

Indeed, Islam rose as a political-religious empire. The Arabic word *khalifa* means a representative or successor. In the Quran, it is linked to the idea of

just government; Adam, David, and Solomon are each said to be God's *khalifa* on Earth. When the Prophet Mohammed died in 632, the title was bestowed on his successor as the leader of the Muslim community, the first of the Rashidun, the four so-called "Rightly Guided Caliphs" who ruled for the first three decades of the new Islamic era. They were appointed with popular consent. The idea of a caliph was "the choice of the people...appointed in order to be responsible to them, apply Islamic law and ensure it's executed."

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Shia Muslims challenge this version of history. The Shia believe that the first two caliphs effectively staged a coup to frustrate the leadership claims of the Prophet's cousin Ali, and this dispute about the early caliphate is the source of Islam's most enduring schism. But to today's Sunni Muslims, many of them living under autocratic regimes, the idea of a caliphate built on the principle of government by consent is likely to have a powerful appeal.



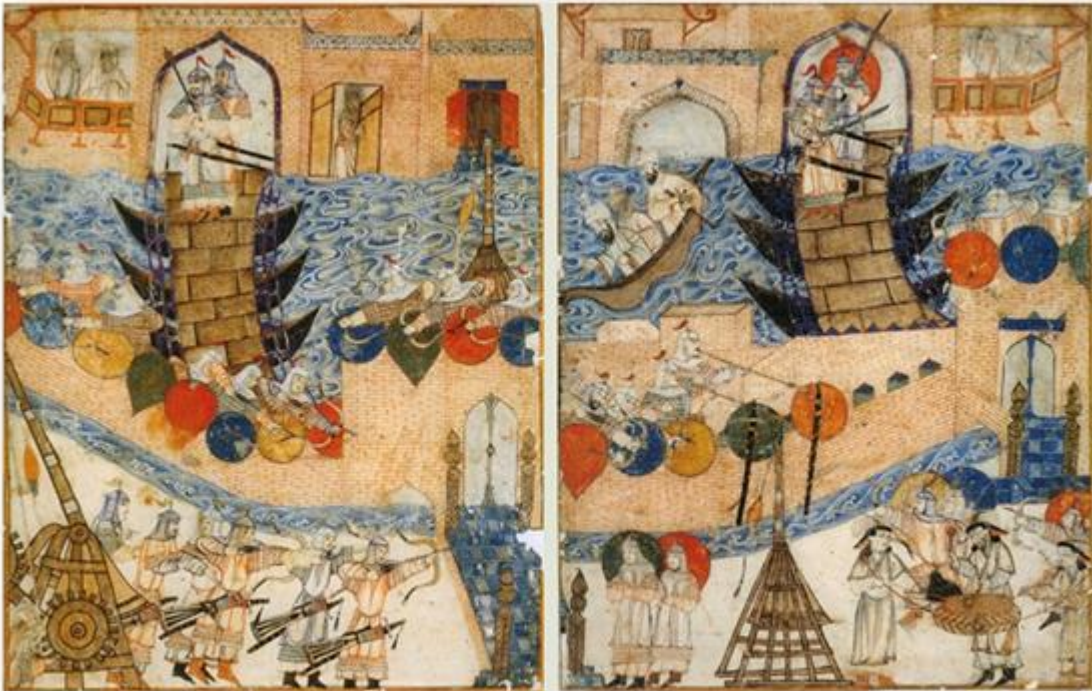
Abd-ar-Rahman III (889- 961) - Emir and Caliph of Al-Andalus

Another significant source of the caliphate's appeal today is the memory it stirs of the Muslim Golden Age. The era of the Rightly Guided Caliphs was followed by the imperial caliphates of the Umayyads and Abbasids. This transformed the Muslim world from a religion to an empire under the control of a single Muslim leader. This is seen as

the Gold Age of Muslim unity and sovereignty.

This Islamic Golden Age was also marked by great intellectual and cultural creativity. The Abbasid court in Baghdad valued literature and music. They fostered world-changing advances in medicine, science, and mathematics.

Yet these dynasties extended their rule so far, and so fast, that it became increasingly difficult for any one lineage to control all Muslim lands. As power fragmented, it was not just a political dilemma for any particular dynasty but also a theological challenge to the very idea of the caliphate. The power of unity was closely linked to the idea of a caliph. Yet, it only took just over a century of the Muslim faith for the world to see parallel and, at times, competing caliphates emerge, as we have witnessed with the ISIS group. Yet, some Muslim theologians have accepted the potential for two caliphates to exist.



Abbasid caliphate falls to Mongols in the Siege of Baghdad (1258 AD)

The Abbasid caliphate lasted for half a millennium before coming to a brutal end in 1258. When Baghdad fell to the Mongols, the last of the city's caliphs was rolled in a carpet and trampled to death under the hooves of Mongol horses. This may sound very brutal, but the Mongol belief was that people of a high rank should be killed without their blood being shed.

The institution of the caliphate, however, survived. Members of the Abbasid family were installed as titular caliphs in Cairo by the Mamluks, the main Sunni Islamic power at that point in time. They were more ornaments to the Mamluk court than anything else, but merely by existing, they preserved the dream of a single leader behind whom all Muslims could unite. So, the title was still there for the taking when a new Islamic empire arose. During the early 16th century, the caliphate passed under questionable circumstances to the Ottoman sultans, who ruled a new Islamic world power for the next 400 years.



Mustafa Kemal Atatürk
(1881 - 1938)

The caliphate was finally extinguished in 1924 by Kemal Atatürk, who became the father of modern-day Turkey. He believed the abolition of the institution was fundamental to his campaign to transform the remnant of the old Ottoman Empire into a 20th century secular nation-state. Consequently, the last Ottoman caliph was expelled from Istanbul to live out a life of cultured exile in Paris. Nevertheless, the institution he had represented existed for almost 1,300 years. This fundamental change in abolishing the caliphate had a profound impact on Muslim intellectual life; the Golden Age was over.

This change was very drastic, for it exposed a basic question. Did Muslims need to live within an Islamic state? This was perhaps as profound as the reformation in Christianity, whereas did Christians retain their identity if they no longer followed the Pope? By the mid-20th century, a movement supported by Egypt's Gamal Abdel Nasser had adopted the ideology known as Pan-Arabism, which was akin to a secular caliphate. They even established the United Arab Republic, which joined Egypt and Syria together.

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However, it was World War II and the political crafting of the new state of Israel when everything began to change in the Middle East. This effectively undermined the idea of a Pan-Arabism state with a secular caliphate. Suddenly, this dream of a Pan-Arabian state took on returning the Arabs to their position of glory, which included the liberation of Palestine. With the stunning defeat of the 1967 Six-Day War, the Pan-Arabian dream collapsed.

In the early days of the Arab Spring, the revolutions in countries like Tunisia, Egypt, and Libya were interpreted in Western capitals as evidence that the Muslim future lay with democracy. Then came ISIS. Others are arguing that a caliphate is spiritual in the Sunni thinking. Those in the Shia side hold to the idea that the religious leaders should rule the state.



When ISIS rose up, they adopted black robes and flags which were used by the Abbasids as their court dress back in the 8th century. They were indeed attempting to inspire a look back in time to Islam's Golden Age. Their original title, the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, refers back to the days when there was no national border between the two countries and the region was under one great Islamic caliphate. Consequently, ISIS clearly looked to establish the idea of a caliphate that supersedes all other forms of government, be it dictatorship or democratic. This was the real danger of ISIS.

The "Great Schism" that resulted in the split of Christianity between East and West finally took place in 1054, while the Western Schism or Papal Schism was a split within the Catholic Church from 1378 to 1418 as a result of the French King Philip IV (1285-1314) seizing the Papacy and moving it to Avignon. From a religious perspective, there appears to be a fairly regular 300-year cycle in general.

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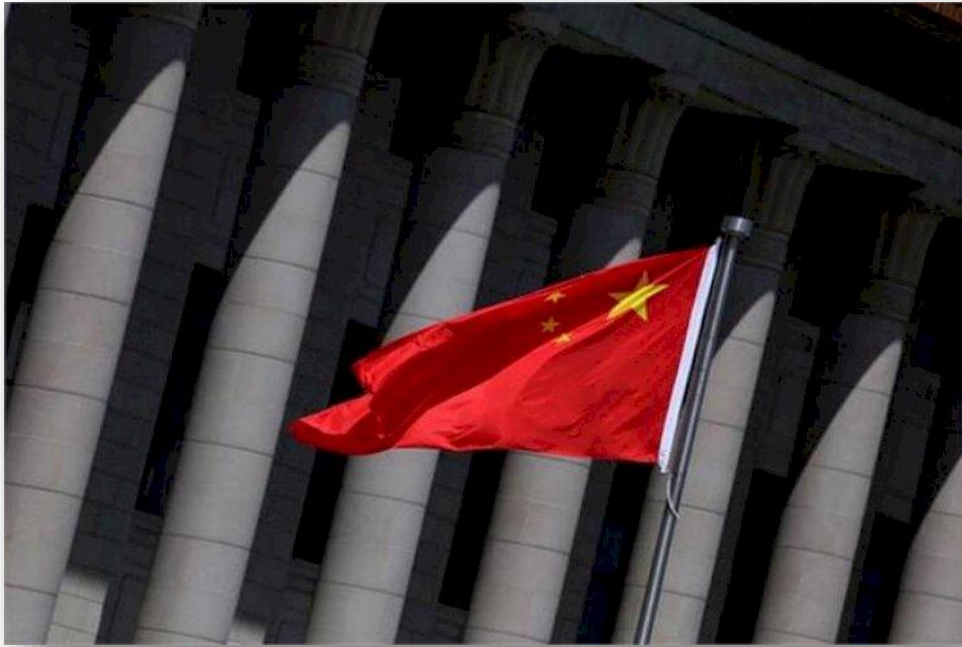


The prospects of China were laid out in three theories that all proved to be false. The first theory was that China would experience rapid growth, which would lead to democracy as the people became wealthier, leading to their discontent rising to demand freedom. The second theory was that the disparity between those who would become rich contrasted against those who were poor would lead to economic instability, and the country would collapse. The third theory was that the growth would slow down in China, and it would simply descend into political instability. None of these theories has proven to be correct. They were all clearly based on inherent political biases rather than understanding economics and how societies even form.

When the Chinese government called me in following the 1997 Asia Currency Crisis, I did not know what to expect. Instead of the typical bank of academics who had only degrees but now live experience as in the West, the people I met at the central banks were all endowed with experience. It was like sitting down with a bunch of traders swapping stories.

Instead of bureaucratic academics, China sends out their people to work in the top banks worldwide on the trading desks in London, New York, and Tokyo. They actually had experience, which was refreshing. Upon my return to the United States, I was immediately asked how it went. I told them it was enlightening, as they only hired people with experience.

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After meeting with the central bank, I was taken in a motorcade to a military facility with three huge satellites on the roof and tanks and soldiers surrounding the building. I thought I was going down the rabbit hole. I was taken into this secret installation with a room that had between 200 and 300 people downloading everything they could from the internet. They first showed me a room that was filled with everything I had ever written. They had things I did not. They said they had read it all, which was why they called me rather than an academic.

Next, I was taken into a boardroom where I was shown how they were tracking everything in the country. The economy was unfolding after the collapse of communism in 1989. I was shown that they tracked 249 varieties of tea, of which I had no idea there were that many. Why was this particular tea selling for several times the amount in one place compared to another? I asked where did the tea originate? I explained that there were first transportation costs. Secondly, people often prefer something from someplace else. It was fascinating from my perspective, for they were making the transition from a Communist economy to a free market. Under communism, that tea would have been \$1 everywhere even if it cost \$10 to get on the other side of the country. That's why communism fails, and these people who constantly call for equality are ignorant of how the world economy functions.

China & 309.6 Year Cycle Economic Confidence Model



1766
1456.4
1146.8
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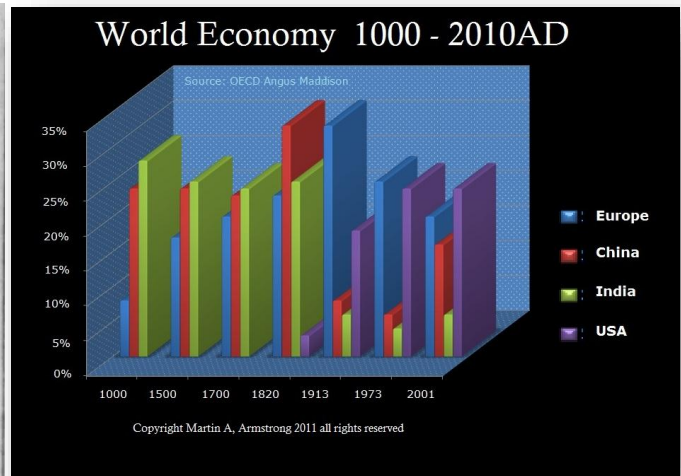
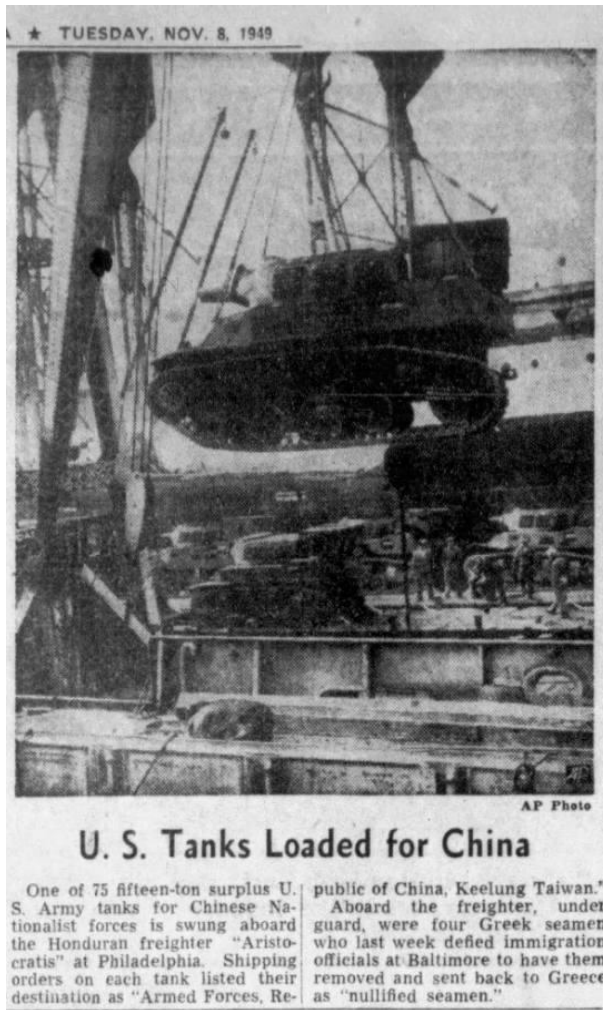
Interestingly, looking at the 309.6-year cycle with respect to China has historically been quite important. The first national coins appeared during the 3rd century BC on target. The 1st century marked the defeat of the Xiongnu invasion, a nomadic tribe that was a mixture of Turkic and Mongol elements in 89/90 AD. The next turning point saw the introduction of Buddhism. It also marked the surrender of the Southern and Northern Liang to the Later Qin emperor Yao Xing. The world's first paper currency emerged during the 11th century. China then fell to the Mongols and Tugh Temür was crowned emperor of the Yuan dynasty in 1329. By the 17th century, China adopted the heliocentric model of the solar system into their



Jiaozi (Chinese: 交子)

This was an official note representing 1,000 coins which made it convenient in trade during the 11th century in the Sichuan capital of Chengdu, China which is considered to be the first paper money in history for the government took over private issues due to fraud.

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astronomy, and the first printing press with movable type takes hold.

Note that 1949 was a critical turning point for the split in China and the birth of communism. That happens to be also the birth of Taiwan. It appears that China is poised to rise to the Financial Capital of the World, and its peak will arrive ideally around 2258, which will be approximately 224 years beyond 2032 and will mark the

peak in the West. That is a perfect cycle.

This implies that the Financial Capital of the World will move to China post-2032 and then return to the West after 2258. After the fall of Rome and then Byzantium, the Financial Capital of the World moved to India and then to China. That is why Christopher Columbus set sail for India. Columbus called the natives in America Indians, assuming that was where he arrived. It is generally believed that America was named after Amerigo Vespucci (1451-1512) who figured out it was a new continent.

In approximately 240 BC, Eratosthenes of Cyrene (276-194 BC) accurately measured the Earth's circumference. This feat was more than simply a scientific achievement. Eratosthenes's calculation contributed to the field of geodesy (the study of the shape and size of the Earth) and inspired subsequent exploration and

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expansion. Ironically, centuries later, the Greek mathematician and astronomer Claudius Ptolemy rejected Eratosthenes's mathematical calculations. Ptolemy produced a mathematical estimation of a smaller Earth, leading Columbus to think he could sail directly to India. That was the land of riches and the origin of the legendary spice trade for centuries.

If we look back in time, we find that the total exports and imports of goods in 2012 for the USA totaled \$3.82 trillion, according to the U.S. Commerce Department.



China's customs administration reported that the country's trade in the import and export of goods in 2012 amounted to \$3.87 trillion. It was 2012 when China, from a trade perspective, first exceeded the United States.

The West has simply been taken over by the environmental terrorists who engage in serious fraud to achieve their goals. Their obsession with climate change and manipulating historical data is actually contributing to our computer forecast that China will emerge as the Financial Capital of the World, taking that title from the United States.

Biden is perhaps the most incompetent president in American history. Just as Dick Cheney was really the president under Bush Jr., this time, even the vice president is a disaster. The real power controlling events remains cloaked behind the curtain.

China certainly will not follow the West down this path of destruction laid out by the environmental terrorists who are out to destroy the world economy in order to BUILD BACK BETTER green.

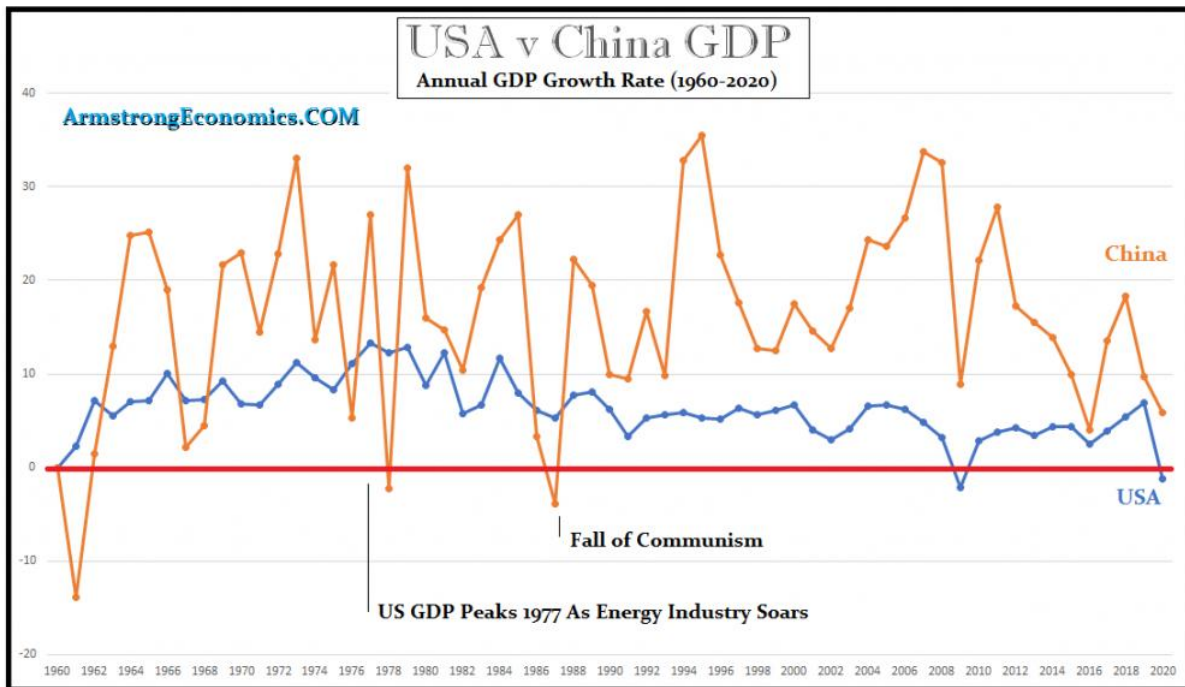
Biden is just a swamp creature and lacks the backbone to defend the people. In China, Su Wei, Deputy Secretary-General of the National Development and Reform Commission, said:

Because renewable energy (sources such as) wind and solar power are intermittent and unstable, we must rely on a stable



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power source...We have no other choice. For a period of time, we may need to use coal power as a point of flexible adjustment.



China will not follow this “woke” movement either, but it will also pay only lip service to this Great Reset and BUILD BACK BETTER agenda, which implies you first must destroy the economy. The collapse of communism in 1989 was economically driven. Once Bretton Woods collapsed, China was forced to deal with the real world. While the United States and China signed the Paris Agreement on climate, Trump pulled the U.S. out, and Biden put the U.S. back in. China only placates the climate zealots who are becoming environmental terrorists.

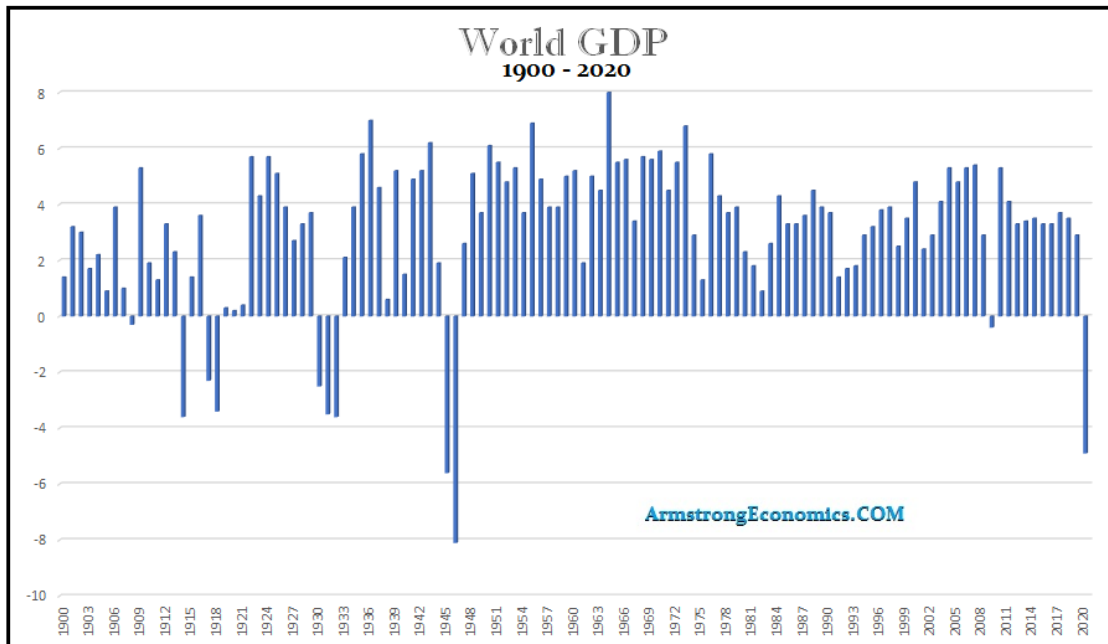
The USA truly peaked economically in 1977, initially benefiting from the sharp rise in energy. China has posted positive economic growth since the fall of communism. In contrast, the United States plunged negatively during the 2007–2009 Financial Crisis. Thanks to the manufactured COVID Financial Crisis, this BUILD BACK BETTER agenda will permanently dismantle the Western economy and transfer economic growth and innovation to China.

The total mismanagement of COVID in the West, China’s “skillful” management of COVID-19 propelled its economic growth upward, creating the largest gap in post-1989 GDP growth history. China has leaped forward compared to the West.

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Likewise, India is poised to become the third-largest economy by 2030, surpassing the EU. Environmental terrorists want less CO2 and fewer people.

Although China was the first country hit by Covid-19, it controlled the disease through swift and extremely strict action. China did not need to repeat economically paralyzing lockdowns as European countries have done exponentially and the United States to varying degrees by state.

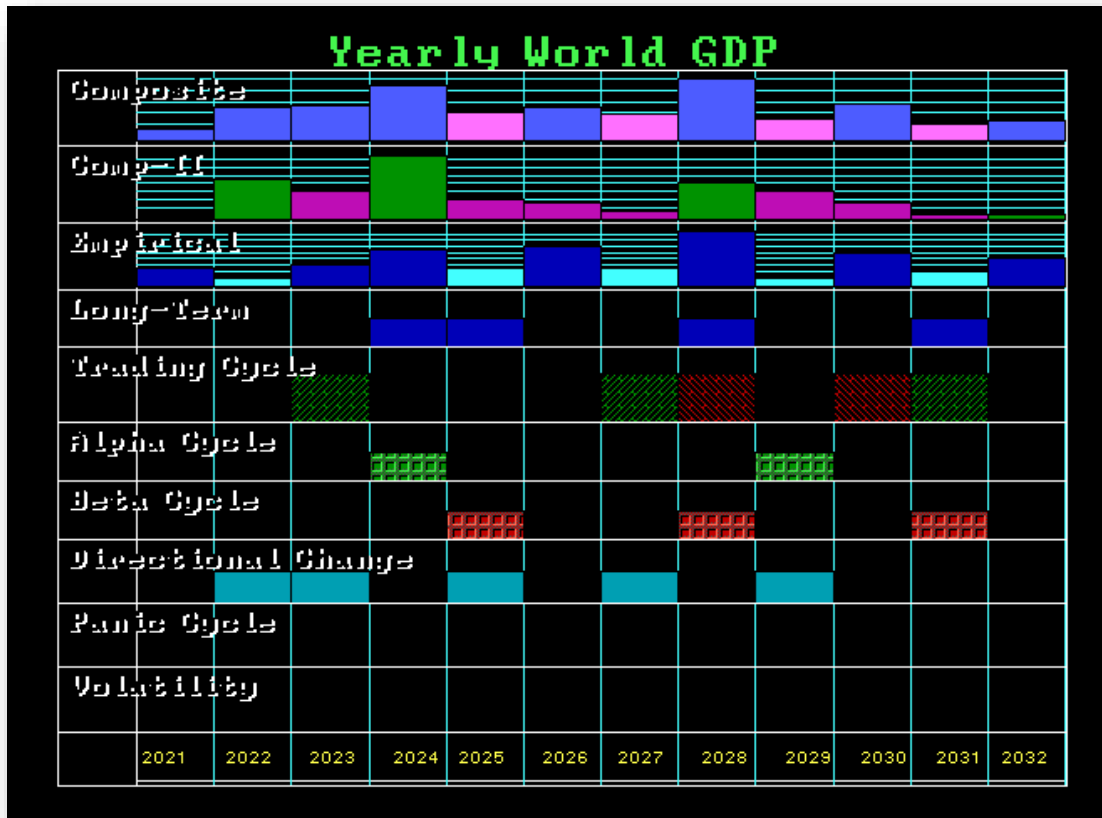


People seem to misunderstand this forecast by interpreting it as China will simply boom once it becomes the Financial Capital of the World. That is not the case. This Great Reset is the self-destruction of Western society. We have already witnessed the most drastic decline in GDP than any economic recession, including the Great Depression of the 1930s. World GDP has decline almost nearly as much during World War II when tanks were rolling around, and nobody was producing anything for commerce.

Interestingly, unlike other major economies, China has avoided the COVID Economic Recession in 2020, and is in fact expected to see at least a real growth of 2%+ in 2021. There is probably no greater symbol than the fact that now New York City, thanks to Socialists who think they can keep taxing the rich without end, lost its title as the home of more billionaires than anywhere else. Beijing has now taken that title. Some people think my reliance on history is foolish. History repeats because human nature is always the same. The rich fled Mainz and Rome because

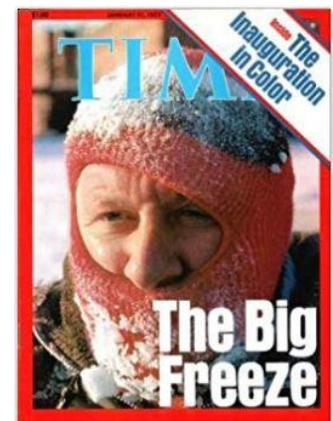
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of taxes, and the American and French Revolutions were over taxes, just to mention a few.



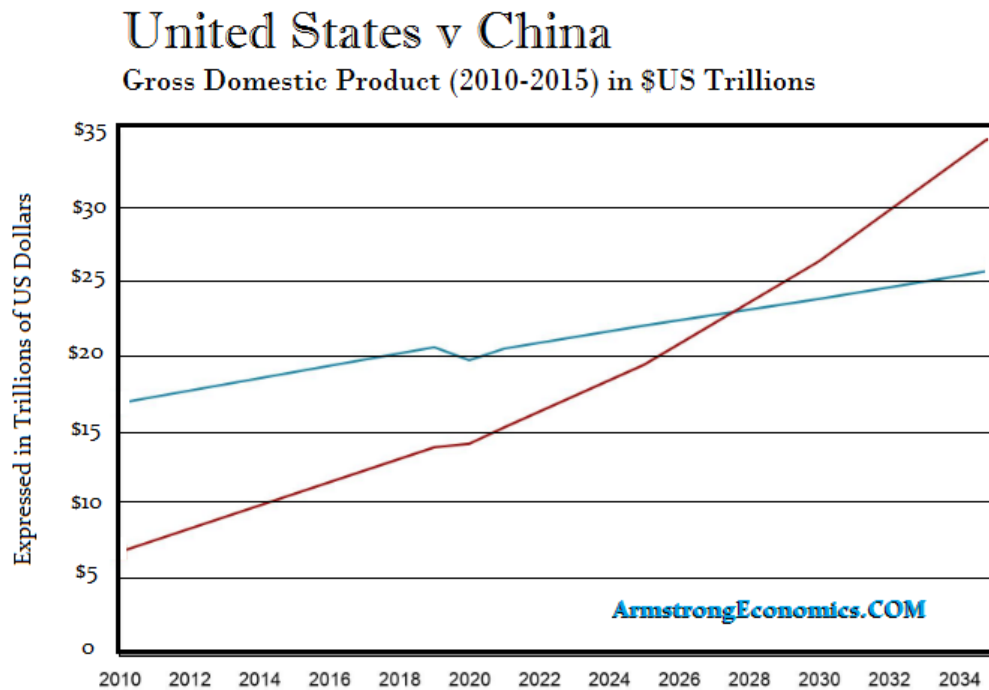
When we look at the Forecast Array for world GDP, we see the two major turning points will be 2024 and 2028. We may see a decline in 2021 which will be felt in the urban centers as there is a migration to other regions. However, with a Directional Change in 2022, things will be distorted, and governments' mismanagement appears to be exploding in 2022.

China has surpassed the USA in trade. All that remains now is to further its domestic economy, and its total GDP will soon pass that of the USA on a sustained basis. The deliberate destruction of our Western economies by leaders who think they can convert the economy to green all at once, which nobody has ever tried in history, will only destroy the Western economy, relegating it to a second or third-world status. These pretend scientists always project the future in a linear



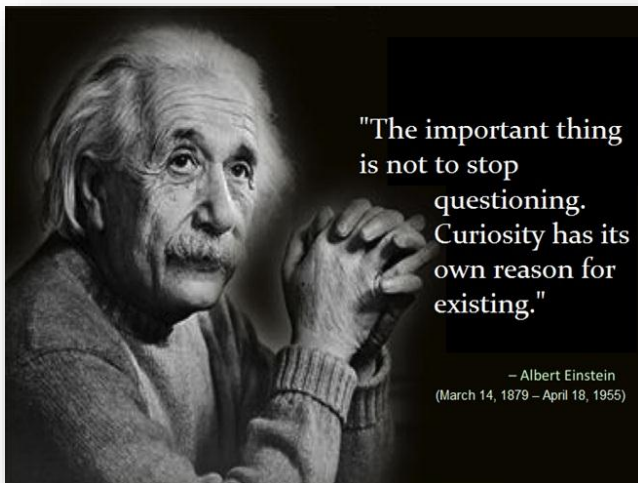
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manner, so whatever trend is in motion will continue forever. They were predicting an Ice Age in the 1970s.



Our models clearly show that post-2028, China will exceed the United States on a

sustained economic basis. This implies that the damage done under Biden will not be easily reversed by simply voting Republican. Historically, prosperity has always followed innovation, and this requires an environment where people are free to imagine and follow their curiosity. That is what Communists prevented. All governments are incapable of creating innovation, as they are simply herds of bureaucrats.



We are all individuals and attracted to careers that suit our character. I would never invent some new tool to use in surgery because I am not a surgeon. I am only capable of creating something based on my experience. This is why

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academic models of the economy have always failed. You cannot create something absent of hands-on experience.

Innovations are changes which cannot be decomposed into infinitesimal steps.

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Joseph Alois Schumpeter
(1883 - 1950)

Indeed, Joseph Schumpeter (1883–1950) saw innovation as the very key to creating the business cycle. It's a bottom-up process that has not been part of civilization from its very dawn. Someone invented the first arrowhead, and it was probably someone else who invented the knife. The invention of the wheel dramatically allowed civilization to form into urban centers, and it was perhaps the Assyrians who invented chariot warfare.



Macedonian Soldier
holding a sarissa

The invention of the *sarissa* is credited to Philip II (382–336 BC), father of Alexander the Great (356–323 BC), who introduced these long spears or pikes about 4–6 meters (13–20 ft) in length. The enemy could not get close enough to kill the Macedonian soldiers and these formidable spikes, held with two hands, conquered the ancient world. Hence, it was an innovation. It was only in 359 BC, following the Macedonian defeat from the Illyrians, which killed the majority of Macedonia's army, that this new innovation was created. It took that defeat to create the most formidable army in ancient history.

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China has soared post-1989 because they allowed the private sector to innovate. It was not a centralized plan as in communism which simply cannot work without experience.

“Technology is not an exogenous force over which we have no control. We are not constrained by a binary choice between “accept and live with it” and “reject and live without it”. Instead, take dramatic technological change as an invitation to reflect about who we are and how we see the world. The more we think about how to harness the technology revolution, the more we will examine ourselves and the underlying social models that these technologies embody and enable, and the more we will have an opportunity to shape the revolution in a manner that improves the state of the world.”

— Klaus Schwab, *The Fourth Industrial Revolution*



Klaus Schwab
(born: 1938, Ravensburg, Germany)

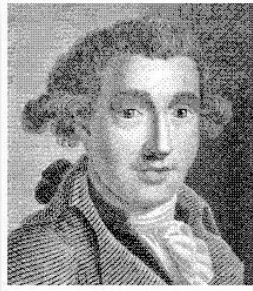
Unfortunately, Klaus Schwab and his World Economic Forum have taken the Communist approach. He thinks he can control innovation and accelerate it by directing it into his dream of a green utopia. Nobody in history has ever expanded an economy under centralized governmental control. China has been developing its domestic consumer market looking internally rather than externally, as is the case with Germany who still follows the old mercantile-based economy (sell to other people). China is following the Song Dynasty (960–1279 AD), returning to that innovative period. The greatest danger is when governments restrict or suppress entrepreneurs, fearing the loss of their own power, and will try to imprison them to take their innovations.



What is absolutely critical is the rule of law. The United States has abandoned its rule of law and imposed an authoritarian legal system where the court-appointed lawyers lose 99% of the cases, for that is how they get the jobs. Just look at the treatment of whistleblowers from Edward Snowden,

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Chelsea Manning, or Julian Assange. At least Obama commuted Manning's sentence, which is more than Trump did for any of the whistleblowers. That was my greatest disappointment in Trump.



Thomas Paine
(1737–1809)

Common Sense

Some writers have so confounded society with government, as to leave little or no distinction between them; whereas they are not only different, but have different origins. Society is produced by our wants, and government by our wickedness; the former promotes our POSITIVELY by uniting our affections, the latter NEGATIVELY by restraining our vices. The one encourages intercourse, the other creates distinctions. The first a patron, the last a punisher.

"These are the times that try men's souls."

When governments and politicians prosecute people who expose the evil of government and dare to call them traitors, it becomes tyranny. The nation is not the politicians and government—it is the people. This was precisely the observation of Thomas Paine (1737–1809), whose *Common Sense* inspired the American Revolution. This is how history repeats because those in power always want more.

China did reach out to create its bankruptcy law, asking the American Chamber of Commerce and other chambers to help to rewrite its bankruptcy law to enable capital to be quickly redeployed. China has respected that there must be a rule of law that is enforced and includes contracts to attract investment. Credit markets have opened up with foreign investors buying Chinese government bonds.



China's Ministry of Finance in 2020 issued dollar-denominated Chinese bonds, reached another \$6 billion worth of CGBs, mostly targeting American interests matching the 2019 issues. The four-part issue of 3-year, 5-year, 10-year, and 30-year maturities was well-received, despite low interest rates. The 3-year notes

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yielded 0.25% over comparable U.S. Treasuries. Bonds due in 2050 yielded 0.8% above comparable 30-year U.S. Treasuries, with 47% of the 30-year \$500 million issues sold directly to U.S. investors. The excessively low rates in the West have capital seeking any yield above local issues.



This contagion in world history is truly fascinating. There was the Great Depression that inspired the 1933 major political change bringing Franklin D. Roosevelt (1882–1945) to power in the USA and his “New Deal.” These same economic pressures and conditions also brought Adolf Hitler (1889–1945) to power in 1933. It was also 1933 when we see in China the rise to power of Mao Zedong (1893–1976). Mao led the famous Chinese Communists on their Long March to Shaanxi. By 1949, the Communists defeated Chiang Kai-Shek (1887–1975), who fled to Taiwan and created the new People’s Republic of China.

There has been a strong correlation on a global scale to economic declines for hundreds of years. Indeed, trade with China has been taking place since the days of ancient Greeks. Alexander the Great (356–323 BC) tried to invade Asia in 326 BC for the riches of the spice trade, dyes, and silk. He had to turn back.

The Romans claimed to rule the world (*orbis terrarum*), but they knew that they also stood at the opposite end of the world from the strikingly similar Han Dynasty (206 BC–220 AD) in China, which also claimed to have ruled the world (*tianxia*). There is the *History Book for Tang-Dynasty* in China covering the period 618–907 AD. Yet the text mentions 17 times what appears to be the Roman Empire (大秦). It also describes an envoy that the Roman emperor sent to China. The Roman

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emperor was recorded to have been “Anton” (安敦). The account of such an envoy who visited the older Han Dynasty predates the Venetian traveler Marco Polo (1254–1325) by more than 1,000 years.

This envoy has been attributed to 166 AD during the reign of Marcus Aurelius Antoninus (121–180 AD). Marcus Aurelius’ death marked the peak in the Roman Empire and the turning point that begins the *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*. Indeed, Rome’s monetary system collapsed just 72 years thereafter. This envoy established diplomatic contact at the peak in the Roman Empire, from which a disastrous decline begins.



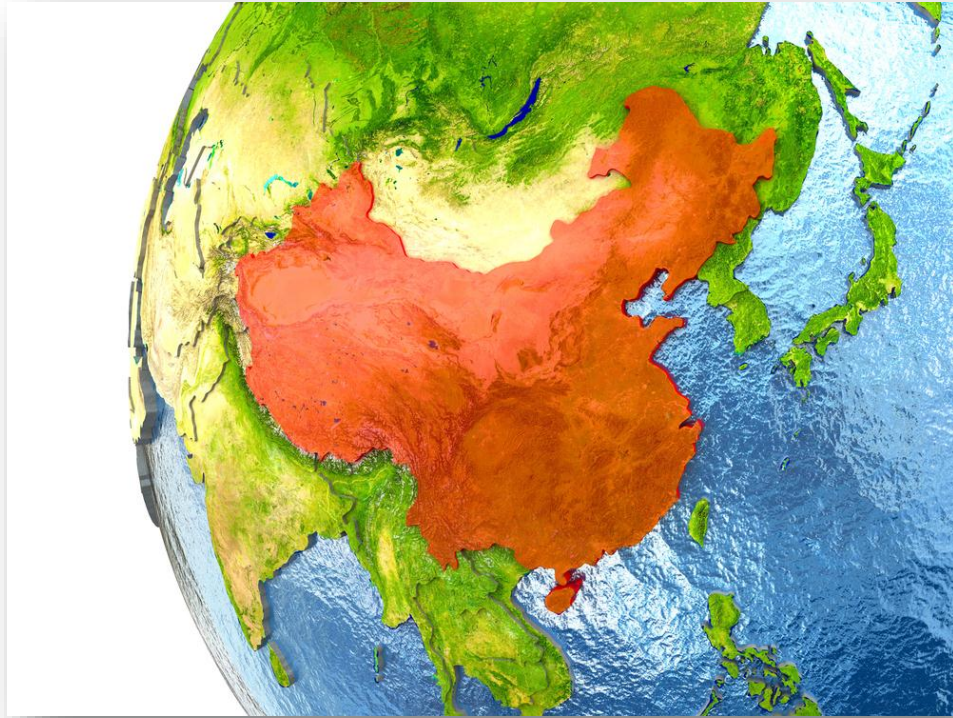
Any political-economic aspirations to further such a relationship would then die with Marcus Aurelius. Yet also, both empires would suffer the same fate of barbarian invasions. The Han Dynasty falls in 220 AD, from which emerges the chaotic period known as the Three Kingdoms (220–280 AD), which was the division of the once unified Chinese Empire.

Since the 1987 Cultural Revolution, China has been moving toward a free market that Western analysts keep calling communist when that no longer applies. Communism is where there is no private ownership. Socialism is allowing private ownership, but government regulates everything. China’s economy is similar to that of the United States, with the primary difference being that the Chinese leadership does not stand for election any more than the leadership in Europe does. In the United States, the “swamp” selects its candidates, and we have career politicians in place for the duration of their lives as well. Europe and North America reject “populism” as they turned on Trump because he was not one of them.

Perhaps the greatest hypocrisy was John Kerry, who warned of the dangers of “authoritarian populism,” remarking on Donald Trump’s use of Twitter, saying it

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allowed the president-elect to avoid accountability. Today every politician is using Twitter.



In the end, China is not Communist despite the fact that they never changed the name of the party. The difference between communism as practiced in China versus Russia is critical. China never cared what you thought or said at home. But if you spoke against the government in public, that was when you were arrested. In Russia, Stalin was concerned about what people thought. He executed tens of millions; basically, if he thought someone was intelligent, they were executed to prevent any possible counter-revolution. Hence, China boomed, whereas Russia devolved from communism to an oligarchy.

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Today, behind the curtain, the United States is beginning to fear that it may no longer be able to deter China from seizing Taiwan by force. Admiral Phil Davidson, who heads the Indo-Pacific Command, told Congress that he worried about China attacking Taiwan as soon as 2027. Is it too optimistic to think that China would wait that long? Joe Biden is the weakest president in American history. He inspires perhaps less confidence among the military than Jimmy Carter. The time to strike is when Biden is in office—not after!

War would be a catastrophe leading to bloodshed in Taiwan and the risk of escalation between two nuclear powers, but that is really unlikely. One reason is economics. The island lies at the heart of the semiconductor industry. TSMC, the world's most valuable chipmaker, etches 84% of the most advanced chips. If production at TSMC were to stop, so would the global electronics industry at incalculable cost. The firm's technology and know-how are perhaps a decade ahead of its rivals, and it will take many years of work before either America or China can hope to catch up.

Risk of Nuclear War Over Taiwan in 1958 Said to Be Greater Than Publicly Known

The famed source of the Pentagon Papers, Daniel Ellsberg, has made another unauthorized disclosure — and wants to be prosecuted for it.



The more significant reason is that Taiwan is an arena for the rivalry between China and America. Although the United States is not treaty-bound to defend Taiwan, a Chinese assault would be a test of America's military might and its diplomatic and political resolve. If the Seventh Fleet failed to turn up, China would overnight become the dominant power in Asia. America's allies around the world would know that they could not count on American military commitment. Pax Americana would collapse.

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To understand how to avoid conflict in the Taiwan Strait, we must understand that Beijing has insisted it has a duty to unify Taiwan even if that means a military solution. The Taiwanese used to agree that their island was part of China during the pre-Communist era. Of late, Taiwan has taken the position that they are a separate democratic government with elected officials. Nevertheless, they have very carefully stopped short of declaring independence. The United States has recognized the independence of Taiwan but also the government of China in Beijing. These carefully crafted diplomatic doctrines have been casually labelled status quo.

What has changed of late is the realization that the tipping point in China's cross-strait military build-up over the past 25 years has reached its climax. The Chinese navy has launched 90 major ships and submarines in the past five years, four to five times as many as the United States even has in the Western Pacific. China commissioned an amphibious assault ship that will carry multiple types of helicopters, including those for assault, transport, and reconnaissance. This is clearly a world-class standard and can serve its purpose well in islands and reefs.

China is entitled to respect, clearly demonstrated by her new Aircraft Carrier, the "*Liaoning*." China is coming of age, but she respects that the new game is economic power. To this end, she has already defeated the United States, for she



is its greatest creditor and its #1 competitor. Not bad from a broke Communist backwater nation of third-world status just in 1989. China has come a long way, and the United States lacks the sea power to do much against China.

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China builds over 100 advanced fighter planes each year; it has deployed space weapons and is bristling with precision missiles that can hit Taiwan, U.S. Navy vessels, and American bases in Japan, South Korea, and Guam. In the war games that simulate a Chinese attack on Taiwan, America will lose. China simply outguns the United States.

China has produced the Chengdu J-20 stealth fighters. On paper, the J-20 represents a major advancement and a giant step forward in terms of the capabilities of their air force. Compared with the US' fifth-generation fighter jets, the F-22 and the F-35, the J-20 has a longer range, more internal fuel capacity, and a larger internal weapons capability. Clearly, if China moves to take Taiwan, the United States under a Biden Administration would be no match.



China knows it now has military superiority, and with a weak Biden Administration, sooner or later, they will be tempted to use force against Taiwan. They will most likely do a surgical strike against its military targets and not a D-Day type of beach invasion. China has succeeded in ensuring that Hong Kong has a semi-separate government system and is seeking to convince the people of Taiwan that they should accept a peaceful unification. Throughout the South China Sea, China has been converting barren reefs into military bases.



Ursula von der Leyen
(born October 8th, 1958)
President of the EU Commission 12/1/2019
World Economic Forum Board of Trustees (2016-2019)

The rhetoric that China is still a Communist state because the leaders do not stand for election is just Western propaganda. The European Union adopted the very same structure whereby the people do not elect the head of the EU nor anyone on the Commission. Now Ursula von der Leyen was a member of the World Economic Forum and resigned to take the position of president of the EU.

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Without doubt, the picture painted by the West that China is simply an authoritarian and nationalistic state is very pessimistic, most likely because they were Communists and the West can't get over the fall of communism in 1989. Xi Jinping, China's president, has not begun to prepare his people for a war with the United States. The Communist Party (they really should change the name) is constructing its economy on the American model of building an internal consumer economy. They are building their future on the economic power of prosperity and stability. China's status has risen dramatically post-1989 to become the second-largest economy beating Europe and Japan.

There is a recognition that economic power is clearly in conflict with the old way of doing things Hitler and Napoleon style. A military conflict over Taiwan would jeopardize that rising star image. The Western military powers are lost without an enemy. They desperately need to keep the fires burning against China and Russia out of fear of becoming irrelevant.

- 1) The supreme art of war is to subdue the enemy without fighting.
- 2) He who knows his enemy and himself well will not be defeated easily.
- 3) Pretend to be weak, so your enemy may grow arrogant.

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Sun Tzu

(Born 544BC - Died 496BC)

General Secretary of the Chinese Communist Party Xi Jinping is not stupid. The best war is to win without fighting. You also have to understand your enemy as well as yourself. Above all, if you pretend to be weak, you will surely increase your opponent's arrogance and make serious mistakes. These are all ancient teachings from Sun Tzu's *Art of War*. Taking Taiwan without a fight would be fantastic. But at the same time, China has been rising from the ashes and believes it must exert power to gain respect.



Xi Jinping
General Secretary of the Chinese Communist Party
(2012 - present)

Xi Jinping's appetite for war may be a last resort. Nevertheless, he remains focused on unification with Taiwan to crown his legacy as General Secretary. China is well aware that the United States is powerless to intervene, and Japan has already publicly stated in April 2021 that they will not intervene. Clearly, China knows it could take Taiwan in less than one week, and nobody can prevent them. Yet, Xi Jinping understands the economics and that Taiwan controls the computer chip production of the world.

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Taiwan's effort to devote resources to big, expensive weapons systems is futile. Chinese missiles can eliminate such military assets. The generals in America have already lost this war. Trying to prevent China from launching an amphibious invasion would require troops from Japan and South Korea. And that would simply lead to World War III, destroy the Asian economy, and defeat the very idea of defending Taiwan from a rational perspective. But generals are never rational. They only play war games to win with no regard for the economy or the people. They are very single-minded.

There is no practical deterrence outside of a simple war game that generals like to play with other people's lives. If Taiwan's status is declared as formal independence, then the risk of a superpower arms confrontation and World War III will increase exponentially. There are military hawks in China as well as the United States. They were breastfed on the idea of war.



President Tsai Ing-wen
of the Republic of China (Taiwan)

Any superficial show of support for Taiwan, such as American warships making port calls on the island, could be exploited by the Chinese military hawks as a new dangerous shift in intentions and escalation that must be confronted.

The tension between China and Taiwan has been going on for decades. Mao Zedong formed the modern-day People's Republic of China on October 1, 1949. The Nationalists under Chiang Kai-shek had been defeated and fled to Taiwan, which they continued to refer to as the Republic of China. Chiang Kai-shek (1887–1975) established a temporary government in Taipei and established martial law overruling Japanese law, which had been used since 1895.

Back in 2016, the 18th President of the Republic of China, Tsai Ing-wen, was asked by the *Washington Post* whether Chinese leader Xi Jinping had a deadline by which he wanted Tsai to agree to the 1992 Consensus. The president stated that it was the first time she "officially refused to accept the 1992 Consensus." She continued by saying, "It isn't likely that the government of Taiwan will accept a deadline for conditions that are against the will of the people." The suggestion that a vote be submitted for the people was not welcomed in China.

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The 1992 Consensus is a political term that refers to the outcome of a meeting in 1992 between the People's Republic of China (PRC) of mainland China and the Republic of China (ROC) of Taiwan. This was the start of a diplomatic basis for semi-official cross-strait exchanges. There was no real consensus and remains under dispute in Taiwan.

In general, the consensus was "one China, different interpretations" (一中各表, 一個中國各自表述, (i.e., the ROC and PRC agree that there is one China, but disagree about what "China" means; ROC vs. PRC). Naturally, mainland China takes the position that there is one China which includes Taiwan.

Foreign ministers from the Group of Seven (G7) nations have called for greater engagement with Taiwan, and warned China not to escalate cross-strait tensions following a spike in military maneuvers around the self-ruled island.



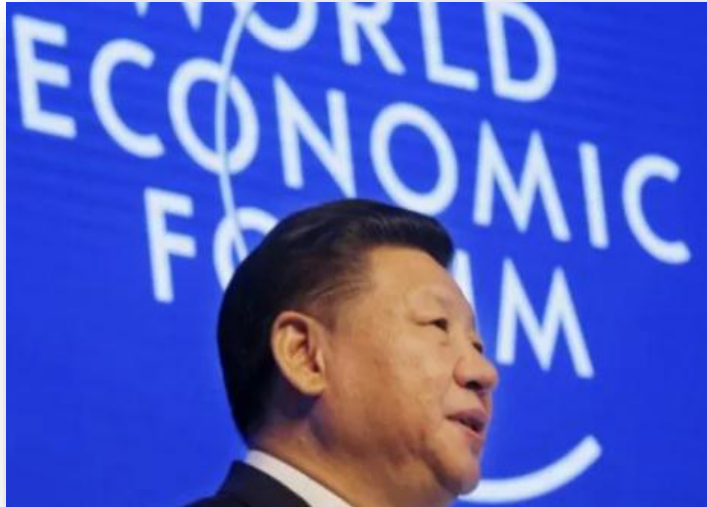
© Stefan Rousseau/AP Foreign ministers from the Group of Seven nations take part in a summit in Cornwall, United Kingdom, on May 4, 2021.

In a joint statement released Wednesday, representatives from the G7, which includes Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States, underscored "the importance of peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait," and encouraged the "peaceful resolution of cross-Strait issues."

Beijing has been flexing its military muscle with respect to Taiwan. The U.S. remains powerless if China really launched a conventional invasion. Our sources in Taiwan seem to think China will not invade but is attempting to intimidate them into rejoining China under the 1992 Consensus. The G7 can warn China, but they too are powerless to confront China. This is not Saddam Hussein.

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There is no denying that China has escalated the pressure on Taiwan. Taiwan split from the mainland after a civil war and has self-governed for 72 years from 1949. Cyclically, this is right on time. Beijing views it as an inseparable part of its sovereign territory and is no different from the USA instructing Ukraine to take back Crimea from Russia. It is hard to say China is not justified in taking Taiwan, but Ukraine is within its rights. Under this scenario, Mexico is justified in taking back Texas.



Clearly, this is not something we can say is justified for one but not for the other. Any judgment does not seem to be truly justified on this type of issue. This is simply a matter of old-war imperialism in which borders mattered and were a measure of strength. Hence, Beijing knows well that this Great Reset and the deliberate destruction of the Western economy presents an opportunity.

The World Economic Forum opened in Davos in 2021 with Chinese President Xi Jinping giving his first major public address since Joe Biden took office. Xi warned global leaders at the all-virtual Davos forum against starting a “new Cold War.” Yet, he also called for global unity in the face of the coronavirus pandemic. He was clearly warning about confrontation. He added that Beijing was ready to forge its own path regardless of how the West interprets that.

Xi Jinping emphasized that we must abandon ideological prejudice, which always absurdly paints China as Communist. He also stated we must abandon a dangerous “Cold-War mentality,” insisting that world powers must remain committed to international law and international rules instead of staying

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committed to supremacy. This was a very articulate statement that fundamentally refers to end this imperialism and let China sort out its own affairs. He warned that refusal to see the world in this manner is really “arrogance, prejudice and hatred.”



Xi said at the Davos meeting that the following four years of the Trump administration’s anti-China policies brought Sino-U.S. relations to their lowest point in decades. “Confrontation will lead us to a dead end.” To this, no doubt, the Davos virtual attendees cheered since they despised Trump as a populist, and believe only career politicians should rule. On that score, I have disagreed with Trump. He only focused on jobs lost to China and not the reality that lower prices increased the living standards of American consumers. Xi said:

To build small circles and start a new Cold War, to reject, threaten or intimate others, to willfully impose decoupling, supply disruptions, or sanctions, or to create isolation or estrangement, will only push the world into division and even confrontation.

Back in 2017, Xi also warned about the rise of anti-globalization and protectionism in his Davos speech. He stated:

Pursuing protectionism is like locking oneself in a dark room. While wind and rain may be kept outside, that dark room will also block light and air. No one will emerge as a winner in a trade war.



Interestingly, Xi Jinping is absolutely correct that sanctions and protectionism only divide the world. Sanctions never work. To yield shows weakness, and that is never a political option regardless of the country.

This pandemic has been very “convenient” to launch Schwab's Great Reset and his Build Back Better agenda, which were all laid out one year before COVID.

Strategically, Chinese diplomats have gone along with Western pundits who have embraced optimistically this Great Reset pushed by the World Economic Forum. Why not? Let the West weaken their economies. Simply by delaying such measures in China, they will emerge as the strongest Financial Capital of the World precisely as our computer has been forecasting.

Even during the U.S. Civil War, the South lost because they were an agrarian economy and lacked the economic strength of the North. Beyond mere military capability, nations require the economic fortitude to support the war to sustain a victory. With Western powers weakening their economies, they are also weakening any possible deterrence that would keep China from taking Taiwan in a week or less.



This painting was done by the Toronto-based Chinese painter Liu Yi (刘溢). There have been many interpretations, but perhaps the most common is that the girl on the left represents Southeast Asia and is concentrating hard to play this game. The girl in the middle with her back turned to the observer represents China, who is trying to cheat with the tiles hidden behind her foot. The girl facing the rear of the table is elegantly dressed and represents the West with its resources and capital. She has proper poise, implying she thinks she will win. However, she seems to be disinterested and paying attention to things outside of the mahjong game. She keeps peeking at the little girl on the side who represents Taiwan, holding a knife, suggesting resentment.

The girl on the right of the table represents Russia, who has been clearly eliminated under the rules of the game. She has no confidence left, for she understands that she has failed to develop her economy compared to China and the USA. Without a strong economy, military capability cannot be sustained.

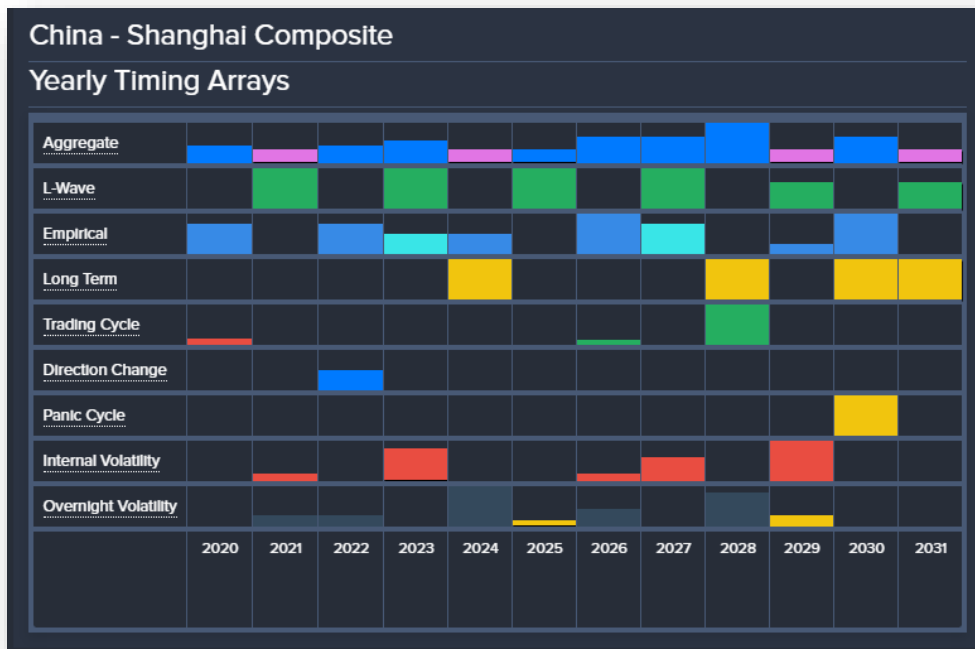
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Paying attention to Taiwan's share market will be critical going forward. Capital always has a leading edge, and a crash will often be a leading indicator. Here in 2021, there is a Directions Change after a 13-year rally. This is the first opportunity for a high in Taiwan, but exceeding the 2021 high points to 2024 where the next Directional Change is found, and the risk of international war rises exponentially during the post-2024 era when the West has severely weakened its economy.



When we look at the computer projections using the Timing Arrays, clearly 2021 also shows up in Honk Kong as a Turning Point and back-to-back Directional Changes in 2021 and 2022.



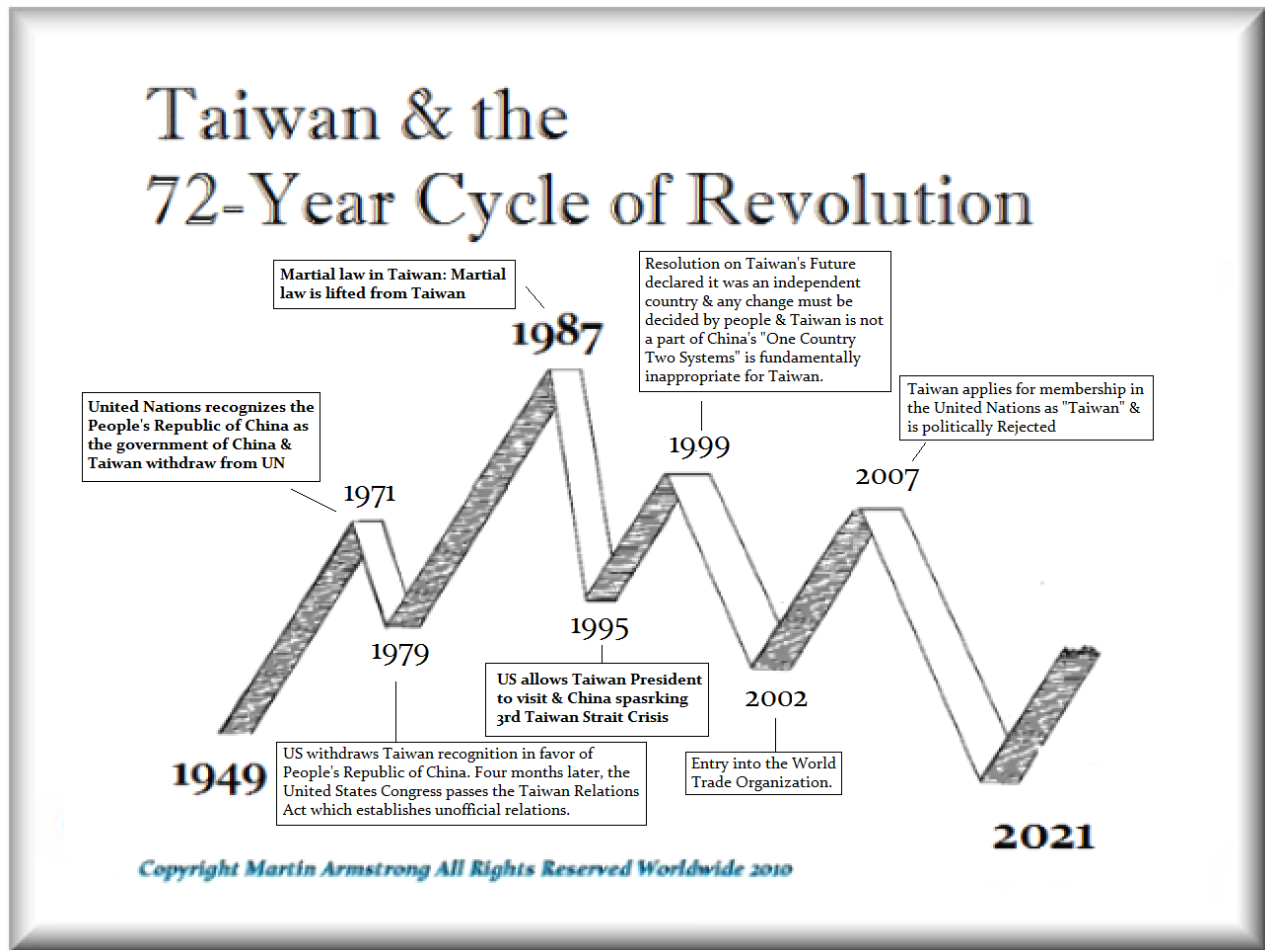
When we look directly at Shanghai, there is a Turning Point in 2021 with a Directional Change in 2022 and high volatility with a Turning Point in 2023. The major Turning Point is off in 2028, but that may be due to international war.

Obviously, there is a risk of a change in trend here in 2021/2022. Is this a global shift because of external factors, or is this the epic center of that change in Asia?

When we turn to the monthly level, August remains a critical period in 2021.



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Taiwan was previously known to Europeans as the Republic of Formosa. The origin of this particular name dates back to the 16th century when a Portuguese ship, around 1542–1544, sailed by this island. The sailors were impressed by the island's beautiful scenery and then dubbed it "*Ilha Formosa*," which translates as "Beautiful Island." The Dutch established a post there until they were overthrown in 1661. It became the Republic of Formosa and lasted until 1683. Clearly, the 72-year Revolution Cycle is due here in 2021, and this has propelled Taiwan back into the crosshairs of China as the world looks the other way.

Throughout most of its history, Formosa has been a frontier society. Sometimes it has been formally a colony, but it has almost always been a colony of the more dominant powers in the region. The Mongols conquered China establishing the Yuan Dynasty, which then sent an expedition to Taiwan in 1292 and 1297 after it

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failed to take Japan. The Mongols attempted to invade Japan twice in 1274 and 1281, but their fleet was destroyed in storms, and that became known as the Divine Wind that protected Japan, hence the Kamikaze (神風) pilots (Divine Wind) of World War II. The Mongols were not great sailors; they were horsemen.

Portuguese shipwreck survivors were the first Europeans known to have landed on Taiwan in 1582. They managed to build a raft after 45 days and returned to Macau. Nevertheless, because Taiwan has been on the fringe of the Chinese and Japanese civilizations, it has tended to be a colony of one or the other.



Zheng Chenggong, Prince of Yanping

(1624 – 1662)

Yong Li (1651-1670) AE cash (6.21grams)

Chinese Ming loyalist who resisted the Qing conquest of China during the 17th century, conquered the Dutch outposts on Formosa, and established a dynasty which ruled the island as the Kingdom of Tungning from 1661 to 1683. These coins were likely cast in Nagasaki Japan for use in Taiwan.

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Zheng Chenggong (1624–1662) was a Chinese Ming loyalist who resisted the Qing conquest of China during the 17th century, overthrowing the Ming Dynasty, and was the last dynasty to rule until the Communist Revolution.

In 1661, Zheng (also known as Koxinga) defeated the Dutch outposts on Formosa and established a dynasty. That dynasty ruled the island as the Kingdom of Tungning from 1661 to 1683. His coinage was most likely cast for him in Nagasaki, Japan, for local use. Therefore, mainland China's rule over Taiwan (Formosa) occurred when the Qing Dynasty sent an army led by General Shi Lang and annexed Taiwan in 1683. It was governed as Taiwan Prefecture of Fokien Province (Fujian) until the declaration of Fokien–Taiwan Province in 1887. Qing rule over Taiwan ended when Taiwan was ceded to Japan by the Treaty of Shimonoseki in 1895.

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There were more than a hundred rebellions during the Qing period. The frequency of rebellions, riots, and civil strife in Qing Taiwan led to this period being referred to by historians as, "Every three years an uprising, every five years a rebellion."



Tao Kuang (1820-1850)

AR dollar, ND (1838-1850)

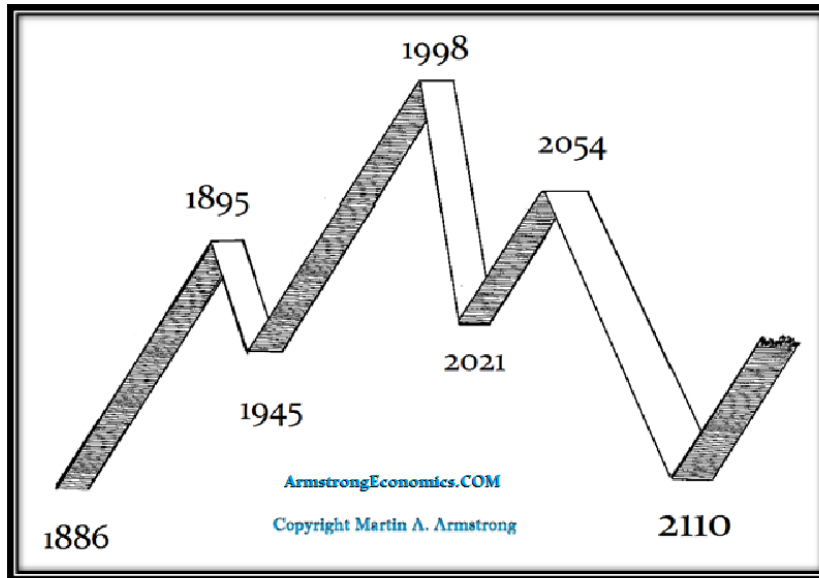
Taiwan so-called "Old Man Dollar", God of Longevity, text in Chinese, dàoguang nián zhù (cast during Daoguang [reign]) and zú wényín bīng (pure [fine] silver coin), kùpíng qī èr (treasury standard 7 [mace] 2 [candareens])

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Daoguang (Tao-kuang; 1820–1850) was the sixth emperor of the Qing Dynasty in China, who struggled to clean up the Imperial government ending corruption. He too, sought to rebuild the infrastructure of China. As noble as he was, the “swamp” was just too great, and his efforts were frustrated by the infamous Opium Wars (1839 – August 29, 1842), in which the Western powers attacked China.

The corruption and decay of government made matters worse and led to the threat of a rebellion growing out of central China. Tao Kuang died as the Taiping Rebellion was beginning. This was a revolt against the Qing dynasty in China, fought with religious conviction over regional economic conditions, and lasting from 1850 to 1864.

Taiwan & 224-Year Cycle of Political Change



The history of the Taiwan question shows that, while ethnically and culturally Taiwan may be said to be Chinese, the course of time and circumstance has set the island and the mainland on different paths for hundreds of years. Only in 1886 did Taiwan become a formal province of China. Previously, it was the Republic of Formosa. However, this province of China proved to be short-lived while it was really a colony with civil disturbances. The peak on the half-cycle was 1998, which was when the Resolution on Taiwan's Future was proposed and submitted in 1999, declaring Taiwan independence. This cycle will not conclude until 2110.

In 1895, China was defeated by Japan in the brief First Sino-Japanese War (1894–1895). China ceded Taiwan to Japan "in perpetuity" under the Treaty of Shimonoseki. While residents were given a right to relocate in China, the overwhelming majority chose to remain in Taiwan under the Japanese.



First Sino-Japanese war 1894-1895

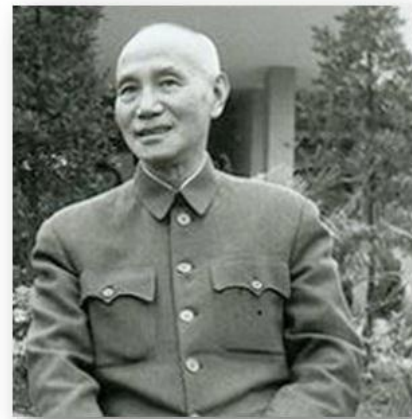
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There were those in Taiwan who declared themselves an independent republic, but Japan soon crushed all resistance. Taiwan remained a colony of Imperial Japan until the end of World War II in 1945. During that time, Japan invested heavily in the island to make it a prosperous venture. Japanese legal and educational systems were installed. Even the use of Japanese customs and language was highly encouraged and, in some instances, required.

Under the Japanese, by the 1930s, Taiwan had the equivalent of one-quarter of the entire rail network of mainland China, which was the third-largest nation in the world. Taiwan's economic expansion under the Japanese was impressive. When China declared war on Japan in December 1941, it announced that "all treaties, conventions, agreements, and contracts regarding relations between China and Japan are and remain null and void." They intended this to include the former treaty handing Taiwan to Japan as void.

In 1943 because of Japan's aggression, the Cairo Declaration was set, which also challenged Japanese possession of Taiwan. That was a statement of the United States, Britain, and China declaring that "the territories Japan has stolen from the Chinese, such as ... Formosa [Taiwan] ... shall be restored to the Republic of China." This is yet another passage relied upon by China.

With the surrender of Japan in 1945, forces from Kuomintang (KMT) arrived in Taiwan at the request of Allied Commander Douglas MacArthur. This change of administration occurred without any consultation with the people of Taiwan. At the outset, the KMT under Chiang Kai-shek seemingly was welcomed as a liberating force, but martial law was introduced. However, sentiments changed as the KMT's actions revealed them to be conquerors rather than liberators. Moving ever closer to defeat in its mainland Civil War with Mao Zedong's Communists, the KMT tolerated no dissent in Taiwan. A contemporaneous U.S. State Department brief reported that "[the KMT] ruthlessly, corruptly, and avariciously imposed [its] regime."



Chiang Kai-shek
(1887 - 1975)

The KMT authorities under Chiang Kai-shek were given unlimited powers to maintain that the Chinese constitution did not apply to Taiwan. This proved to be

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devastating, for it simply upset the nation economically, politically, and even culturally since the nation was under the Japanese system, which was strikingly different. Taiwan was suddenly thrust into yet another colonial relationship.



Taiwan's February Revolution & Massacre Feb 28, 1947

Understandably, the Taiwanese revolted against KMT rule in 1947. However, they were crushed in what became the famous massacre on February 28, 1947. At least 18000–28,000 native Taiwanese were slaughtered by the KMT soldiers. This became known as the White Terror, where tens of thousands of Taiwanese simply were missing. The repression was ruthless and was in itself a war crime by any other standard. It remains one of the most important events in Taiwan's modern history. It perhaps illustrates the deep resentment toward mainland Chinese on an equal footing with the distain of Ukrainians toward Russian because of Stalin killing seven million Ukrainians by starvation.

Chiang Kai-shek also imprisoned political opponents, engaged in torture, arbitrary censorship like the current cancel culture, and he too engaged in mass surveillance after suspecting everyone of being a political dissident if they were Taiwanese. His brutal reign created a deep divide between the Taiwanese and mainland Chinese.

Formosan Uprising Poses New Problems for China

From Late Dispatches

The Chinese Central News Agency today reported that martial law had been instituted on the island of Formosa to put down an armed rebellion against Chinese authority.

A series of clashes resulted from an attempt to put a new cigaret tax into effect. Rioters presented to Gov. Chen-Yi a demand that "all government representatives in Taiwan (Formosa) immediately and voluntarily disarm." The command of the island garrison at once ordered the dissolution of all illegal organizations and forbade meetings and demonstrations, the news agency said. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek was said to have sent a high government representative to Formosa. Chiang today blamed "Formosans with Communist inclinations" and those who had served in the Japanese armed forces for the trouble.

Foreign Roundup

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Formosa (Chinese and Japanese name: Taiwan) is a large tropical island lying close to the Chinese mainland and directly astride the Tropic of Cancer.

Formosa was wrested by Japan from the Chinese in 1895 and continued under Japanese rule until the end of World War II.

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In Nanking today a Formosan delegation demanded self-government and charged that Chinese troops had conducted a wholesale massacre of Formosan in rioting on Feb. 28.

Representatives of six Formosan organizations, presenting their demands to the Chinese government, charged that 3,000 to 4,000 of their countrymen were killed in the rioting.

They said Chinese troops that day "put to shame even Japanese cruelty."

Chinese sources had reported 500 casualties.

The government announced last week that Gov. Chen, personally appointed by Chiang, had been replaced.

A government spokesman announced that Chiang had dis-

patched Gen. Liu Yu-ching, commander of the 21st reorganized division, and a high staff officer of the ministry of national defense to Formosa in the presidential plane. Liu's troops were reported shipping to Formosa from Shanghai.

BRITAIN

The British Labor government opened critical debate in commons on its economic policies today with announcements that passenger train service would be cut 10 per cent May 1 and domestic fuel rationing might be imposed this summer.

Sir Stafford Cripps, revealing plans for new austerity measures, said, however, that tobacco would not be rationed this year.

Cripps, president of the board of trade, was the first speaker for the government in a three-day



debate on which some quarters believed a cabinet reorganization might depend. A motion of no-confidence against the government will be voted on on Wednesday. There is little possibility that it will pass.

U. S. Action Urged in Boxcar Crisis

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Representative Case (R. S. D.) suggested to President Truman today that a transportation emergency be declared to make boxcars available for moving grain to terminals.



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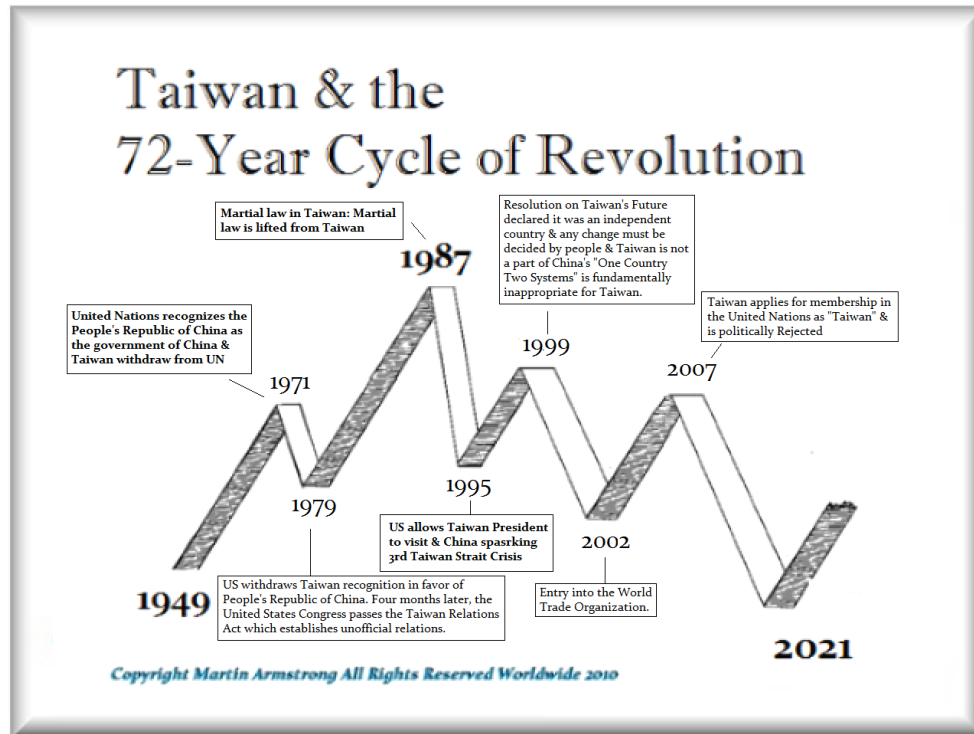
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The 1949 victory of Mao's Communists in the Chinese Civil War led to massive upheaval for Taiwan. Chiang Kai-shek and the remnants of his army fled to Taiwan, establishing the island as their sanctuary pending a return invasion of the mainland. Two million people from China fled to Taiwan, which added to a population of only seven million previously. Under Chiang Kai-shek, the mainlanders became the island's economic and political elite, and he decreed a state of martial law, which would last until 1987.

Mao delayed annexing Taiwan, preferring to focus on other more pressing economic problems on the mainland. The United States maintained that a formal disposition of Taiwan's status had not been determined, but it sided with Taiwan with the Cairo and Potsdam Declarations. The Korean War and the politics of the Cold War caused the United States to change its position. The U.S. became Taiwan's protector, signing a mutual defense pact, supplying Taiwan with aid and arms, and stationing significant forces on the island.



However, on January 1, 1979, the United States and the People's Republic of China established diplomatic relations. This resulted in March 1, 1979, when the U.S. position of troops in Taiwan was dissolved. On April 28, 1979, the U.S. flag was lowered for the last time in front of the U.S. Taiwan Defense Command. The former site of the headquarters became the Taipei Fine Arts Museum in 1983.

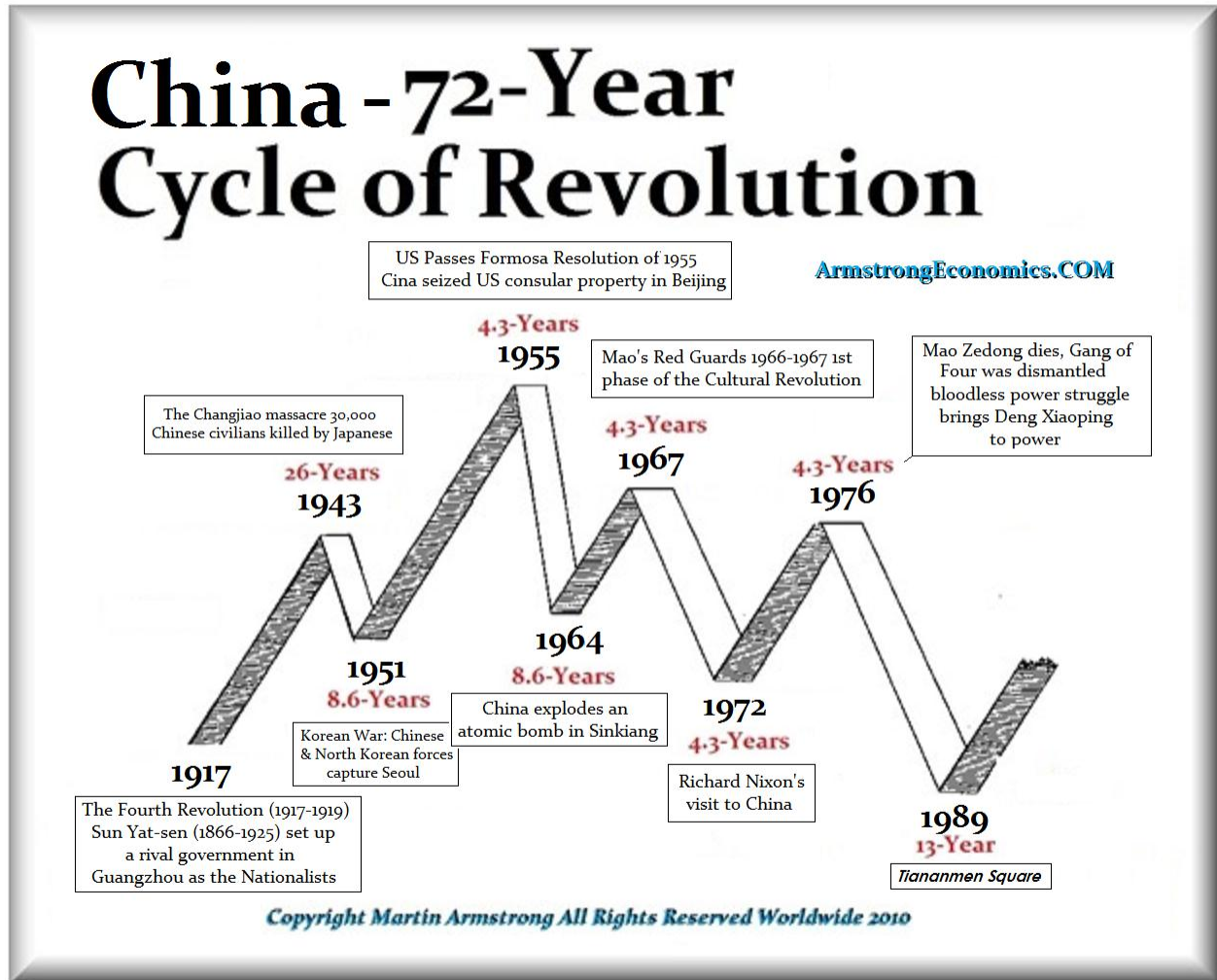


The next major event in Taiwan took place on target in 1987 when martial law came to an end, and Taiwan became a democratic republic. It was the peak of the 72-year Revolutionary Cycle. Beijing had long cited that social instability in Taiwan would justify a Chinese invasion. Therefore, allowing democracy in 1987 was a prudent strategic choice to try to ensure there would be no civil unrest.

Ever since 1987, Taiwan has improved its image in the world. Nonetheless, a declaration of independence by Taiwan remains a delicate subject for Beijing. This is not really a matter of international law, for there is nobody to enforce it. This remains an issue of national pride for Beijing, much akin to Crimea is to Russia.

International relations are never maintained with sanctions and threats. Even protests in defiance of China are not well received in Beijing. Those tactics in Hong Kong did nothing, and the world was not about to invade to protect Hong Kong.

In March 1996, there was a face-off between U.S. aircraft carriers with Chinese warships and land-based missiles. In retrospect, however, it seems to have had some impact. The crisis reminded both governments that there were serious risks. But in 1996, the United States was more powerful compared to China. Today, the tables have reversed. Where in 1996 China blinked, today it will be the United States.



The 72-year Cycle of Revolution with respect to China perhaps reflects that it just takes a standard period of time for human nature to revolt. We find that in 1917, the Fourth Revolution led Sun Yat-sen (1866-1925) to set up a rival government in

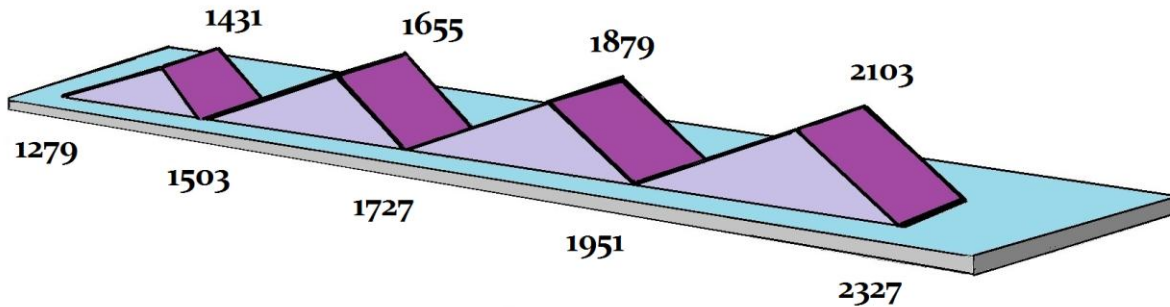


Sun Yat-sen
(1866 - 1925)

Guangzhou as the Nationalists. Curiously, this correlated to the Communist Revolution with Lenin in Russia also in 1917. In Europe, World War I was raging, and President Woodrow Wilson of the still-neutral United States called for "peace without victory" in Europe. It is just curious how the entire world was in conflict internationally or domestically.

We can see that 72 years from this new government created in 1917 takes us up to Tiananmen Square in 1989 and the new age of Chinese-controlled capitalism.

China 224 Year Cycle of Political Change



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In 1919, Sun Yat-sen reorganized the party that in 1928 was led to victory by Chiang Kai-Shek (1887–1975). Interestingly, the takeover of China by the Communist party influenced by Karl Marx (1818–1883) comes on the 224 Year Cycle of Political Change, which began with China's conquest by the Mongols in 1279 (1279 – 1503 – 1727 – 1951). In 1431, Admiral Zheng He of China led a fleet of 52 ships with nearly 30,000 men to the east coast of Africa. Even five cycles back bring us to 159 AD, which is about when Rome sent a diplomat to open up the first East-West relations, which was about 35 intervals of the 51.6-year Economic Confidence Model (ECM) cycle or nearly six intervals of the 309.6-year cycle.

Indeed, Civil War plagued China during the same time period as in the United States during 1851–1864, known as Taiping Rebellion. We also see in 1900 the famous Boxer Rebellion where foreign nationals were murdered over the issue of immigration.



Hong Xiuquan
(1814–1864)

It is very inquisitive how major conflicts appear to arise around the world that are unconnected, such as the American Civil War and the Taiping Rebellion, a religious war between the established Qing dynasty and the theocratic Taiping Heavenly Kingdom. Hong Xiuquan (1814–1864) was, believe it or not, a self-proclaimed younger brother of Jesus Christ and convert to Protestant Christianity. In the USA, the war was over

slavery also based on religion.



During this time period of 1997 to 1998, the rhetoric of ROC President Lee Tung-hui began to turn further towards Taiwan Independence. Prior to the 1990s, the ROC had been a one-party authoritarian state committed to eventual unification with China. However, with democratic reforms, the attitudes of the general public began to influence policy in Taiwan. As a result, the ROC government shifted away from its commitment to the One China policy and towards a separate political identity for Taiwan.

The People’s Liberation Army attempted to influence the 1996 ROC election in Taiwan by conducting a missile exercise designed to warn the pro-independence Pan-Green Coalition, leading to the Third Taiwan Strait Crisis. By 1998, semi-official talks had broken down when Chen Shui-bian became president of the ROC in 2000.

Despite the sovereignty dispute, the economic ties between the island and the mainland have thrived in recent years predominantly through Hong Kong. Yet political frictions still shadow the relationship, and China and Taiwan have experienced a renewal in tensions under new leadership.

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Beijing and Taipei sharply disagree on the island's status. The PRC asserts that there is only "One China" and that Taiwan is an inalienable part. Beijing says Taiwan is bound by an understanding reached in 1992 between representatives of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) and the Kuomintang (KMT) political party then ruling Taiwan. Politically, Chen is strongly pro-Taiwan independence. Chen's repudiation of the 1992 Consensus, combined with the PRC's insistence that the ROC agree to the One China principle for negotiations to occur, prevented improvement in cross-strait relations.

Taiwan's KMT still accepts the consensus as a starting point for future negotiations with the CCP. However, the island's current president, Tsai Ing-wen, leader of the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP), has rejected the consensus. In a January 2019 speech, she declared the "one country, two systems" framework advanced by Beijing unacceptable. Her rejection of the consensus and other leading voices in the governing DPP leaves open the possibility of future Taiwanese independence.

Washington's position began to shift under the Nixon administration. Back-channel diplomacy resulted in Washington's formal recognition of the PRC in 1979. The ROC lost its seat representing China at the United Nations in 1971 to Beijing. U.S. President Richard Nixon's 1972 visit to the People's Republic of China was an important strategic and diplomatic overture that marked the culmination of the Nixon administration's resumption of harmonious relations between the United States and mainland China after years of diplomatic isolation.



In 1979, the United States established formal diplomatic relations with Beijing by concluding a joint communiqué stating that "the United States of America acknowledges the Chinese position that there is, but One China and Taiwan is part of China." At that time, U.S. President Jimmy Carter terminated diplomatic relations with the ROC government in Taiwan. But months after, U.S. Congress

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passed the Taiwan Relations Act (TRA), affirming important unofficial ties with the island. The legislation allows for arms sales to Taiwan for self-defense. It does not rule out the possibility of the United States defending Taiwan from Chinese attack—a policy known as strategic ambiguity.

Since then, U.S. arms sales to Taiwan, totaling more than \$25 billion between 2007 and 2018, have led to U.S.–China friction and an upsurge in bellicose rhetoric across the strait. Political transitions in the United States have also prompted tensions between Beijing and Washington. Taiwan's Tsai spoke with former U.S. President Donald J. Trump by telephone ahead of his inauguration, the first such high-level contact between the two sides since 1979. The Trump Administration

also seems to be deepening ties with Taiwan over Chinese objections, proposing multiple arms deals and unveiling a new \$250 million complex for its de facto embassy in Taipei.

The KMT governed the island from 1949 to 1987 under martial law. Political dissent was harshly repressed, and the Taiwanese who had long inhabited the island before 1945 faced discrimination. Taiwan held its first free legislative elections in 1992 and presidential elections in 1996.



The KMT and coalition partners have historically viewed Taiwan as a part of “One China” and do not support the island’s independence. After 2000, the KMT often opposed parties representing Taiwanese who had been on the island before 1949 and their descendants. Although driven by its own factionalism, the KMT retains deep ties to the island’s business leaders and consistently calls for closer ties with Beijing. The party lost its majority in Taiwan’s legislative body for the first time in the 2016 elections.

The KMT’s chief rival, the DPP, was founded in 1986 and became legal in 1989 after a ban on opposition parties was dropped. The DPP has traditionally called for a de jure independent Taiwan as a separate political entity from China and has become an outlet for the expression of Taiwanese identity. Chen Shui-bian

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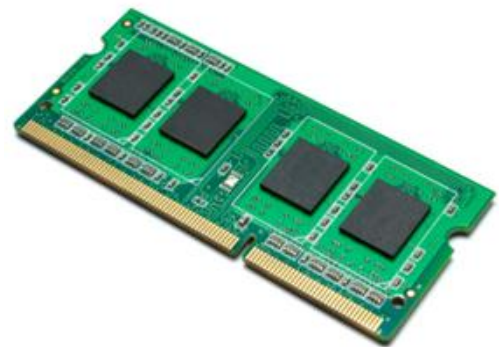
was the first non-KMT politician to serve as president (2000–2008) and pushed for Taiwanese sovereignty. Shortly after his term, Chen was convicted and imprisoned on charges of embezzlement and accepting bribes. He was later sentenced to four months in prison for leaking classified information.

Beijing closely observes the island's elections. It has favored a steady deepening of ties with Taiwan, forging economic linkages that could ultimately become too costly for the island to sever, thus nudging it closer to unification. However, since the PRC's own leadership transition in 2012, President Xi Jinping has embraced a tougher, nationalistic stance toward all of the special regions it claims, including Hong Kong, Tibet, Xinjiang, and Taiwan. Taiwan's election of Tsai in 2016 brought even closer scrutiny of cross-strait ties from Beijing, and Xi has shown a willingness to use pressure to try to limit Tsai's ability to reset the island's relations.

For example, Beijing suspended a cross-strait communication mechanism with the main Taiwan liaison office in June 2016 because of Tsai's reluctance to adhere to the 1992 Consensus. Beijing has also restricted tourism to Taiwan, excluded the island from international entities addressing civil aviation and global health issues, and pressured global corporations to list Taiwan as a Chinese province.

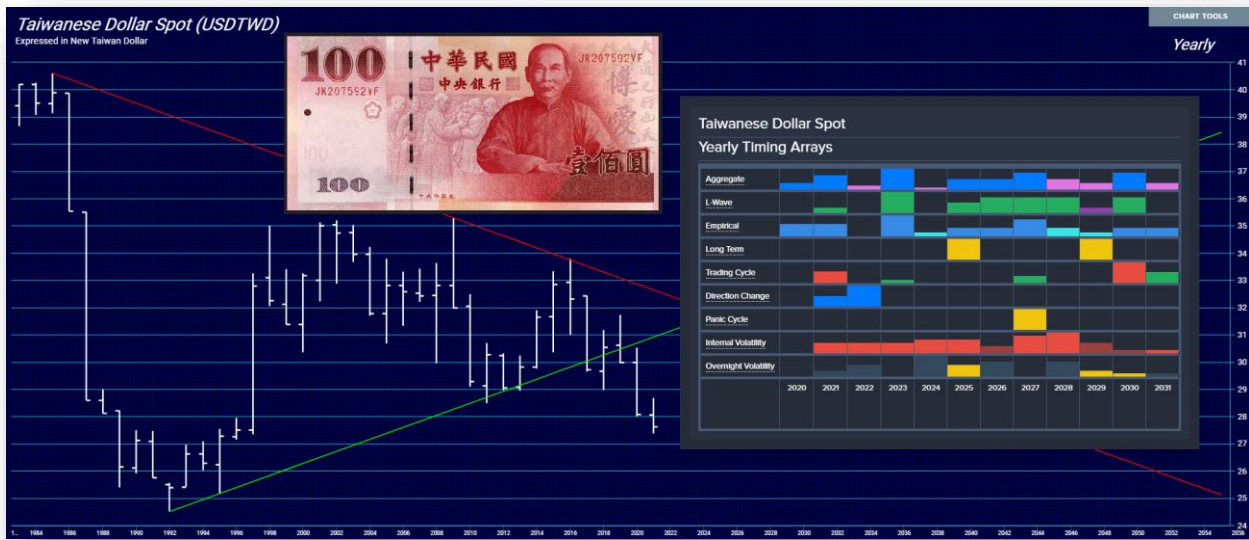
Meanwhile, Taiwanese leaders consider formal diplomatic relations with major powers and international organizations essential if Taiwan is to survive separately from the mainland. However, only fifteen states maintain official diplomatic ties with the island.

Economically, Taiwan is one of the four main producers of computer memory chips along with the U.S., Malaysia, and China. The four manufacturing plants have more than 35 Surface Mount Technology (SMT) lines for producing virtually every kind of memory available in the world for computers.

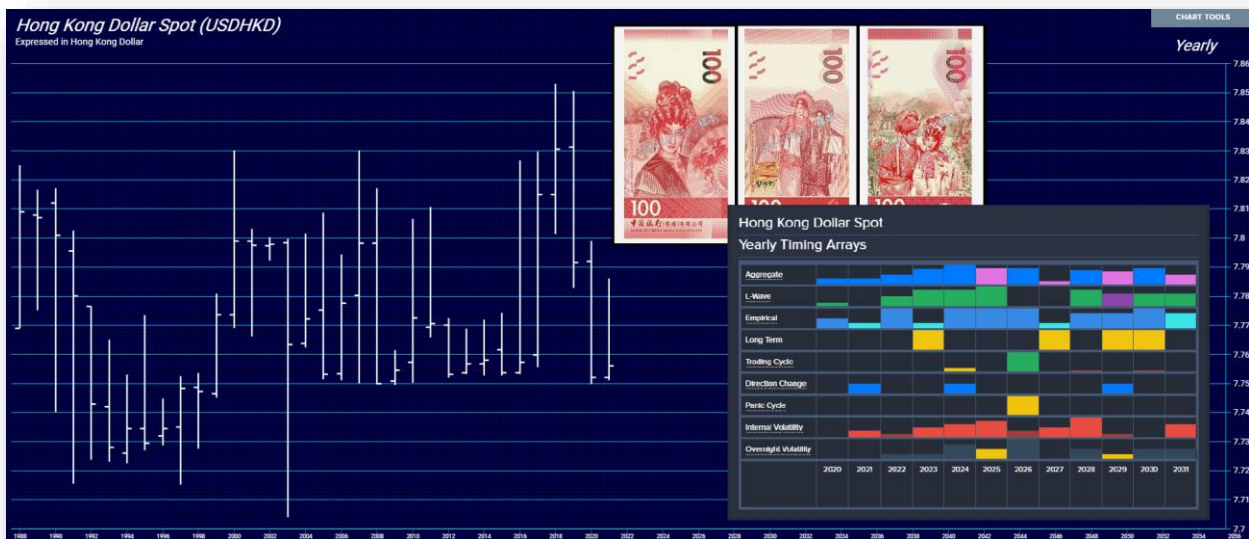


The likelihood of China launching a D-Day styled invasion is probably zero. Anything they do would be a surgical strike against the military. China wants the economic power of Taiwan in addition to the idea that it is entitled to Taiwan to restore its sovereignty.

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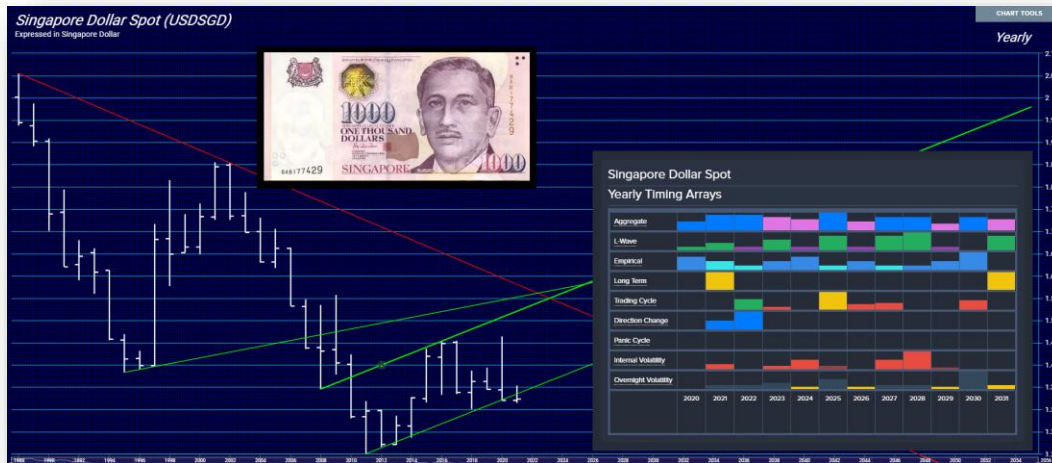


Our model on the Taiwanese dollar shows a rise in volatility beginning in 2021 that eventually peaks in 2028. There are two back-to-back Directional Changes in 2021 and 2022, with a strong Turning Point in 2023.



In Hong Kong, we also see a Directional Change in 2021, but only a long-term Turning Point in 2022. Volatility rises into 2025, and the main turning point in 2024 will be followed by 2028, with the latter appearing to be a global conflict.

Taiwan Cyclically



When we look at Singapore, we also see back-to-back Directional Changes in 2021–2022. Turing Points appear to be 2022, 2025, and 2028. The fall of Taiwan appears as though it would also cause a shockwave through that region, for China would then have the South China straits and control of all shipping.

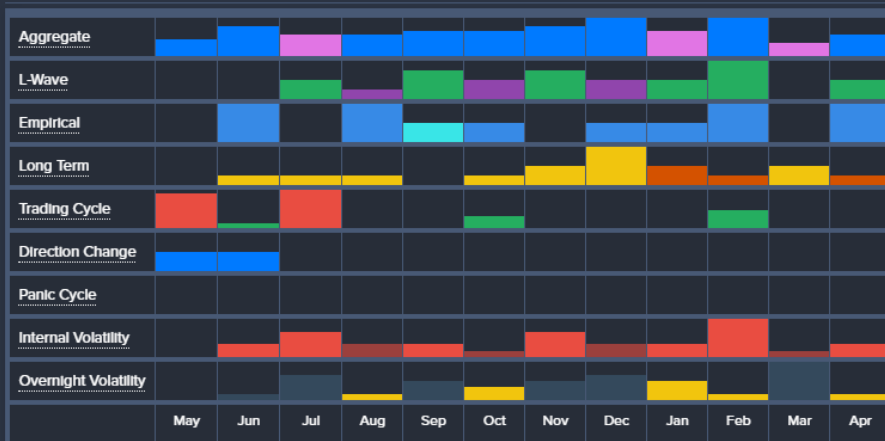


When we look at China directly, we see three Directional Changes from 2020 into 2022, and the major target remains 2024. It still appears that volatility will rise in 2022 and sharply into 2023. Nevertheless, this does not appear to be a scorched-earth campaign in the classic sense of warfare. With Biden in office, they clearly understand that the Deep State, not Biden, would orchestrate any response.

Taiwan Cyclically

Taiwanese Dollar Spot

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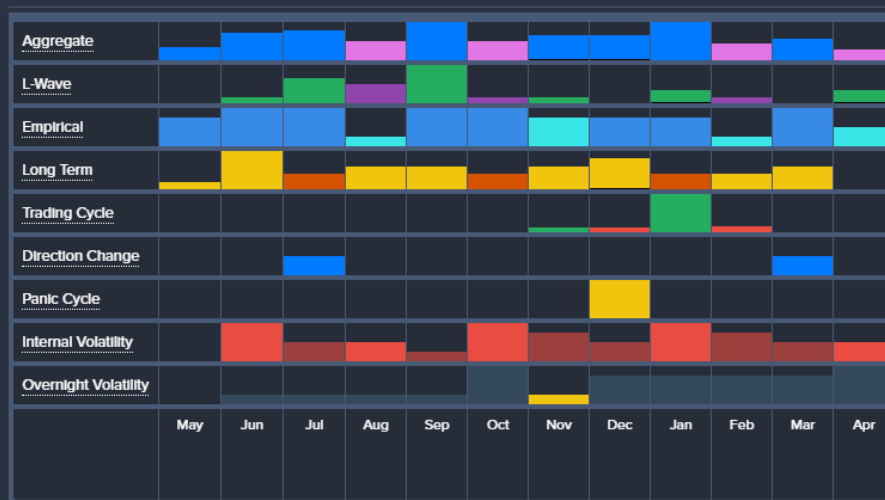
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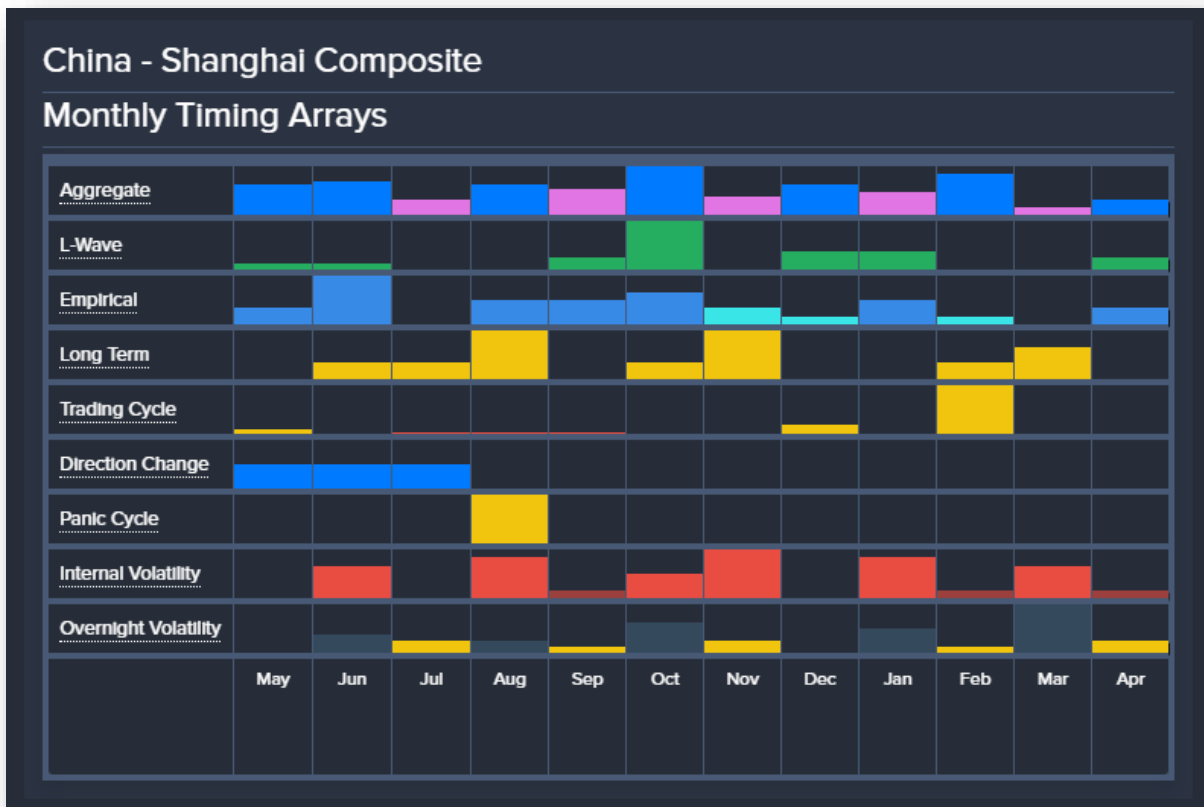
Monthly Timing Arrays



Japanese Yen Futures

Monthly Timing Arrays





It appears that we have an important Turning Point in the currencies, which may unfold during July and spill over into August. Even when we look at the Shanghai share index, there are a series of Directional Changes into July and a Panic Cycle during August. Therefore, any surprise in 2021 will most likely come during the July-August time period.

Killer Drones are Here



Sci-fi movies are great forecasters because they take ideas of what could be developed and show us a glimpse of the world's future. Arnold Schwarzenegger could have seen this one coming. Little do people know that behind the veil of the United Nations lurks a thirst for world domination. The UN lacks troops, and those who send people to be U.S. “peace keepers” cannot be trusted to pit the United Nations against their own people.

The solution has always been military robots that will simply kill upon orders without remorse. The United Nations repealed a block on developing killer robots back in 2018. Recently, a new report from the UN admits that Terminator-like drones are now here. An army of robots to kill humans without thinking twice has arrived.

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The United Nations admitted that just last year in 2020, “an autonomous weaponized drone hunted down a human target” and attacked them without being specifically ordered to do so. This report from the UN Security Council’s Panel of Experts on Libya, published in March 2021, was published in the *New Scientist* magazine.

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Killer AI drones 'hunted down humans without being told to' warns bombshell UN report

The explosive-carrying quadcopters, which were deployed during an engagement between rival factions in the Libyan civil war, are thought to have deliberately crashed into targets without being ordered a human controller

The March 2020 attack took place in Libya and was perpetrated by a Kargu-2 quadcopter drone produced by Turkish military tech company STM. They wrote:

[D]uring a conflict between Libyan government forces and a breakaway military faction led by Khalifa Haftar, commander of the Libyan National Army,” which was also reported in the Star reports, adding: “The Kargu-2 is fitted with an explosive charge and the drone can be directed at a target in a kamikaze attack, detonating on impact.

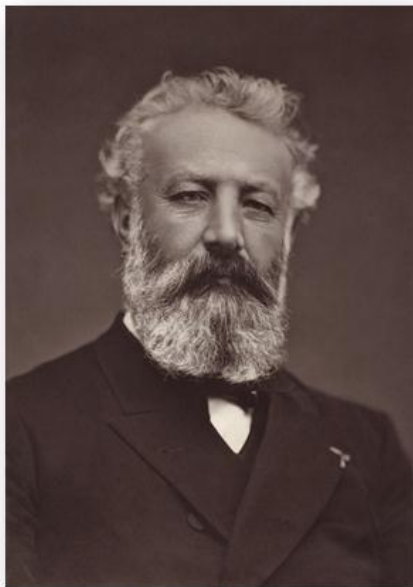
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It has been reported that the drones were operating in a “highly effective” autonomous mode that required no human controller. The UN report noted:

The lethal autonomous weapons systems were programmed to attack targets without requiring data connectivity between the operator and the munition: in effect, a true ‘fire, forget and find’ capability” – suggesting the drones attacked on their own.



I find it alarming that the UN repealed the ban on killer robots. It seems that they realize that they lack the power and authority to dominate the world. Any such killer robots would seem to be a violation of human rights, which they profess to be so concerned about. If this type of capability is unleashed in force, they will systematically exterminate people autonomously. We are seriously approaching the very ideas behind *The Matrix* and *The Terminator*.



Jules G. Verne
(1828 – 1905)

There are those who argue that autonomous weapons could be regulated, which I suppose would be as effective as speed limits. Instances still regularly happen despite the laws and regulations. Others call for legislation against “killer robots,” and it seems that the only politician to address the issue was NYC mayoral candidate Andrew Yang, who called for a global ban on killer robots.

Jules Verne (1828–1905) was considered a sci-fi writer for his 1869 piece *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Seas*. Many laughed at the idea that submarines would ever exist on such a scale, just as they laughed at the proposal that the Earth was round.

Killer Drones are Here



**to Boldly Go Where No Man
Has Gone Before**



Star Trek first aired on TV in 1968. The Apollo 11 landing on the moon was July 20, 1969, when Neil Armstrong made "one giant leap for mankind." You can even buy objects like the ICEORB floating bluetooth speaker, which *Star Wars* clearly inspired. Of course, you can even use the cyclical wave of sound to levitate things. It is real and mind-blowing for most people who do not understand that cycles are how energy moves, including markets. Numerous things you see in these movies may seem like hype, but you may be surprised.



NASA's funding increased because of *Star Trek*. This is why they named the first Space Shuttle the Enterprise. NASA even invited William Shatner to walk into the lunar module before it took off. Shatner publicly stated that he was surprised by the number of engineers who came up to him and thanked him because *Star Trek* had inspired them as children to go into the field.



Most of us starting in computer science back then were inspired by *Star Trek*. Dragon Systems, which is well known now, was just starting out back then. It was hardware at that time rather than software as it is today. The object was to be able to speak and talk to a computer, as was on *Star Trek*.

Killer Drones are Here



Star Trek inspired so many people, including myself when I was young. It showed me what was possible. Even the first cell phone was of the familiar design of a flip phone used on *Star Trek*. This was the Motorola MicroTAC 9800X issued in 1989.

Various objects that appeared in *Star Trek* have made it to reality.

When you go to a doctor, they use hand-held devices to take your temperature without sticking anything in your mouth. *Star Trek's* medical assessments through a handheld device called a tricorder were also adopted, as were 3D printers that create objects, synthesizers of food, and lasers that are used as weapons.

The *Star Trek* Phaser is already here—creating one that can be set to “stun” or “destroy” is not quite there yet. They can even restore some of your sight with laser



surgery. Today, the Phaser is a high-powered microwave radiation transmitter parked on top of a 20-foot shipping container. Accompanying radars, including the MPQ-64 Sentinel or Close Combat Tactical Radar, would detect, track, and track the target, then hand off that info to the Phaser.

So, sci-fi has always been a very good forecaster of the future. Now there are killer robots. Can this cookie be put back in the jar? It does not look so.

Conclusion

The image is a screenshot of a CNBC news article. At the top, the CNBC logo is visible on the left, and navigation links for MARKETS, BUSINESS, INVESTING, TECH, POLITICS, CNBC TV, WATCHLIST, and PRO are on the right. Below the navigation bar, the text 'WORLD NEWS' is displayed. The main headline reads: 'Pandemic must lead to real change to avoid risk of conflicts and revolutions, WEF founder says'. Below the headline, it says 'PUBLISHED MON, JUL 13 2020-7:24 PM EDT | UPDATED TUE, JUL 14 2020-6:15 AM EDT'. The author is identified as Sam Meredith (@SMEREDITH19). There are social media share icons for Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Email. A 'KEY POINTS' section follows, containing two bullet points: 'Professor Klaus Schwab and French author Thierry Malleret's book, "Covid-19: The Great Reset," looks ahead to what the post-coronavirus world could look like barely four months after the outbreak was first declared a pandemic.' and 'They argue that the global health crisis has "magnified the fault lines that already beset our economies and societies," noting a multitude of surveys have shown many "collectively desire change."' Below the text is a video player showing Klaus Schwab speaking at a World Economic Forum event. The video title is 'WEF founder: Must prepare for an angrier world' and the duration is 05:51.

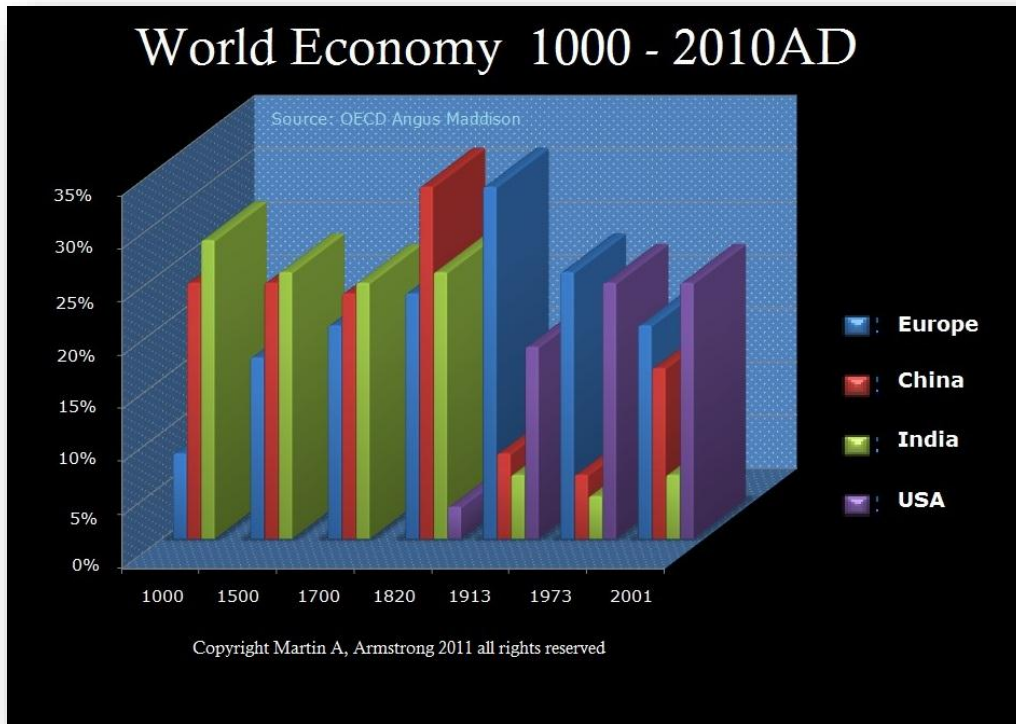
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While our model on civil unrest and international war turned up in 2014 and builds going into the 2027 time period in intensity, Klaus Schwab has been arguing that violence will rise BECAUSE of the "inequality" within the economy which to a very large extent he has accelerated. With the lockdown he has cheered, those who could work remotely were the upper bank of workers. The lower bank which depend on physical presence have been made to suffer the greatest.

This entire COVID orchestrated crisis in hopes of imposing his ideas of how the world economy should run which are on par with Karl Marx, has indeed increased the economic tensions which has been his very objective so he could claim only seizing the economy as a whole will restore order.

Conclusion

Karl Marx was responsible for the deaths of over 200 million people to impose his idealized world of equality. How many people must die because of Klaus Schwab is yet to be determined. But my guess he will be remembered by history as perhaps the greatest mass murderer in human history.



These three areas of Taiwan, Crimea, and the Middle East are the hot spots that can lead to World War III. Schwab thinks that he can force China and Russia into his Great Reset. To the contrary, all they need do is be patient for Schwab is undermining the entire Western Economy and when they smell weakness, it will be time to bring the West to its knees and then we will see post-2032, China will emerge as the Financial Capitol of the World which historically always migrates around the globe historically.



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Judaea Timeline

JUDAEA TIMELINE

ABRAHAM & PROMISED LAND (13TH CENTURY-1000 BC)

Abraham, Isaac, Jacob—patriarchs of the Jewish people and bearers of a belief in one God, settle in the Land of Israel

Famine forces Israelites to migrate to Egypt

13th century BC Exodus from Egypt; Moses leads Israelites from Egypt, followed by 40 years of wandering in the desert

Torah, including the Ten Commandments, received at Mount Sinai

13th–12th centuries BC Israelites settle in the Land of Israel

1020 BC Jewish monarchy established; Saul becomes the first king

1000 BC Jerusalem made capital of David's kingdom

THE FIRST TEMPLE (960-586 BC)

960 BC First Temple, the national and spiritual center of the Jewish people, built in Jerusalem by King Solomon

930 BC Divided kingdom: Judah and Israel

722–720 BC Israel crushed by Assyrians; 10 tribes exiled (Ten Lost Tribes)

586 BC Judah conquered by Babylonia; Jerusalem and First Temple destroyed; most Jews exiled

THE SECOND TEMPLE (538-63 BC)

538–142 BC Persian and Hellenistic periods

538–515 BC Many Jews return from Babylonia; Temple rebuilt

332 BC Land conquered by Alexander the Great; Hellenistic rule

166–160 BC Maccabean (Hasmonean) revolt against restrictions on practice of Judaism and desecration of the Temple

142–129 BC Jewish autonomy under Hasmoneans

129–63 BC Jewish independence under Hasmonean monarchy

63 BC Jerusalem captured by Roman General Pompey

ROMAN RULE (63 BC-313 AD)

Herod, Roman vassal king, rules the Land of Israel; Temple in Jerusalem refurbished

20–33 AD Ministry of Jesus of Nazareth

66 AD Jewish revolt against the Romans

70 AD Destruction of Jerusalem and the Second Temple

73 AD Last stand for the Jews at Masada

132–135 AD Bar Kochba uprising against Rome

210 AD Codification of Jewish oral law (Mishna) completed

BYZANTINE Rule (313-636 AD)

390 AD Commentary on the Mishna (Jerusalem Talmud) completed

PERSIAN INVASION (614 AD)

When Justinian II put Christ on the coins
Arabs were forced to create their own currency



Byzantine Emperor Justinian II
(First reign, 685-695)
AV Solidus (20mm, 4.46 grams)
Constantinople mint, 10th officina. Struck 692-695AD



Umayyad (second) Islamic caliphate
(661–750AD) Dated 89h (708 AD)
In 77 H (696 AD) 'Abd al-Malik introduced the gold dinar the first true Islamic coin because anyone who had a Byzantine gold coin must exchange them or be executed. Probably struck in Damascus, the Umayyad capital.

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ARAB RULE (636-1099 AD)

691 AD On site of First and Second Temples in Jerusalem, Dome of the Rock built by Caliph Abd el-Malik

CRUSADER DOMINATION (1099-1291 AD)

Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem

MAMLUK RULE (1291-1516 AD)

OTTOMAN RULE (1517-1917 AD)

1564 AD Code of Jewish law (Shulhan Arukh) published

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1860 AD First neighborhood built outside walls of Jerusalem's Old City

1882–1903 AD First Aliya (large-scale immigration), mainly from Russia

1897 AD First Zionist Congress convened by Theodor Herzl in Basel, Switzerland; Zionist Organization founded

1904–14 AD Second Aliya, mainly from Russia and Poland

1909 AD First kibbutz, Degania, and first modern all-Jewish city, Tel Aviv, founded

1917 AD 400 years of Ottoman rule ended by British conquest; British Foreign Minister Balfour pledges support for establishment of a "Jewish national home in Palestine"

BRITISH RULE (1918-1948 AD)

1919–23 AD Third Aliya, mainly from Russia

1920 AD Histadrut (General Federation of Labor) and Haganah (Jewish defense organization) founded.

Vaad Leumi (National Council) set up by Jewish community (Yishuv) to conduct its affairs.

1921 AD First moshav (cooperative village), Nahalal, founded

1922 AD Britain granted Mandate for Palestine (Land of Israel) by League of Nations; Transjordan set up on three-fourths of the area, leaving one fourth for the Jewish national home

Jewish Agency representing Jewish community vis-a-vis mandate authorities set up

1924 AD Technion, first institute of technology, founded in Haifa

1924–32 AD Fourth Aliya, mainly from Poland

1925 AD Hebrew University of Jerusalem opened on Mount Scopus

1929 AD Hebron Jews massacred by Arab terrorists

1931 AD Etzel, Jewish underground organization, founded

1933–39 AD Fifth Aliya, mainly from Germany

1936–39 AD Anti-Jewish riots instigated by Arab terrorists

1939 AD Jewish immigration severely limited by British White Paper

1939–45 AD World War II; Holocaust in Europe

1941 AD Lehi underground movement formed; Palmach, strike force of Haganah, set up

1944 AD Jewish Brigade formed as part of British forces

1947 AD UN proposes the establishment of Arab and Jewish states in the land

STATE OF ISRAEL (1948-CURRENT)

1948 AD End of British Mandate (May 14)

State of Israel proclaimed (May 14)

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- Israel invaded by five Arab states (May 15)
- Israel Defense Forces (IDF) established
- War of Independence (May 1948–July 1949)
- 1949 AD** Armistice agreements signed with Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon
 - Jerusalem divided under Israeli and Jordanian rule
 - First Knesset (parliament) elected
 - Israel admitted to United Nations as 59th member
- 1948–52 AD** Mass immigration from Europe and Arab countries.
- 1956 AD** Sinai Campaign
- 1962 AD** Adolf Eichmann tried and executed in Israel for his part in the Holocaust
- 1964 AD** National Water Carrier completed, bringing water from Lake Kinneret in the North to the semi-arid South
- 1967 AD** Six-Day War; Jerusalem reunited.
- 1968–70 AD** Egypt's War of Attrition against Israel
- 1973 AD** Yom Kippur War
- 1975 AD** Israel becomes an associate member of the European Common Market.
- 1977 AD** Likud forms government after Knesset elections, end of 30 years of Labor rule.
 - Visit of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat to Jerusalem
- 1978 AD** Camp David Accords include framework for comprehensive peace in the Middle East and proposal for Palestinian self-government
- 1979 AD** Israel-Egypt Peace Treaty signed
 - Prime Minister Menachem Begin and President Anwar Sadat awarded Nobel Peace Prize
- 1981 AD** Israel Air Force destroys Iraqi nuclear reactor just before it is to become operative
- 1982 AD** Israel's three-stage withdrawal from Sinai Peninsula completed.
 - Operation Peace for Galilee removes Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) terrorists from Lebanon.
- 1984 AD** National unity government (Likud and Labor) formed after elections.
 - Operation Moses, immigration of Jews from Ethiopia.
- 1985 AD** Free Trade Agreement signed with United States
- 1987 AD** Widespread violence (Intifada) starts in Israeli-administered areas
- 1988 AD** Likud government wins elections
- 1989 AD** Four-point peace initiative proposed by Israel
 - Start of mass immigration of Jews from former Soviet Union
- 1991 AD** Israel attacked by Iraqi Scud missiles during Gulf war

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Middle East peace conference convened in Madrid; Operation Solomon, airlift of Jews from Ethiopia

1992 AD Diplomatic relations established with China and India

New government headed by Yitzhak Rabin of Labor Party

1993 AD Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements for the Palestinians signed by Israel and PLO, as representative of the Palestinian people (Oslo Accords)

1994 AD Implementation of Palestinian self-government in Gaza Strip and Jericho area

Full diplomatic relations with the Holy See

Morocco and Tunisia interest offices set up

Israel-Jordan Peace Treaty signed

Rabin, Peres, Arafat awarded Nobel Peace Prize

1995 AD Broadened Palestinian self-government implemented in West Bank and Gaza Strip; Palestinian Council elected

Prime Minister Rabin assassinated at peace rally

Shimon Peres becomes prime minister

1996 AD Fundamentalist Arab terrorism against Israel escalates.

Operation Grapes of Wrath, retaliation for Hizbullah terrorists' attacks on northern Israel.

Trade representation offices set up in Oman and Qatar

Likud forms government after Knesset elections

Binyamin Netanyahu elected prime minister.

Omani trade representation office opened in Tel Aviv

1997 AD Hebron Protocol signed by Israel and the PA

1998 AD Israel celebrates its 50th anniversary

Israel and the PLO sign the Wye River Memorandum to facilitate implementation of the Interim Agreement

1999 AD Ehud Barak (left-wing One Israel party) elected prime minister; forms coalition government

Israel and the PLO sign the Sharm-el-Sheikh Memorandum.

2000 AD Visit of Pope Paul II

Israel withdraws from the Security Zone in southern Lebanon

Israel admitted to UN Western European and Others Group

Renewed violence (Second Intifada). Prime Minister Barak resigns

2001 AD Ariel Sharon (Likud) elected Prime Minister; forms broad-based unity government

The Sharm-el-Sheikh Fact-Finding Committee report (Mitchell Report) issued.

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Palestinian–Israeli Security Implementation Work Plan (Tenet ceasefire plan) proposed.

Rechavam Ze'evy, Minister of Tourism, assassinated by Palestinian terrorists.

2002 AD Israel launches Operation Defensive Shield in response to massive Palestinian terrorist attacks

Israel begins building the anti-terrorist fence to stop West Bank terrorists from killing Israeli citizens

Prime Minister Sharon disperses the Knesset, calling for new elections to be held on January 28, 2003

2003 AD Right-of-center coalition government formed by Prime Minister Ariel Sharon

Israel accepts the roadmap

2005 AD Israel carries out the Disengagement Plan, ending Israel's presence in the Gaza Strip

2006 AD After Prime Minister Sharon suffers a stroke, Ehud Olmert becomes acting prime minister

Following elections on March 28, Prime Minister Ehud Olmert forms new government led by the Kadima Party

Israel carried out military operations against Palestinian terrorists in Gaza after kidnapping of Israeli soldier

The Second War in Lebanon, during which Israel carried out military operations against Hizbullah terrorism from southern Lebanon, following missile attacks and kidnapping of two Israeli soldiers

2007 AD Shimon Peres elected President by the Knesset.

Israel declares Gaza "hostile territory" following Hamas violent takeover of Gaza Strip.

2008 AD Israel celebrates its 60th anniversary

Israel launches its Gaza Operation (Operation Cast Lead) in response to the barrage of over 10,000 rockets and mortars fired from the Gaza Strip.

2009 AD Benjamin Netanyahu is elected Prime Minister in national elections held in February 2009, and forms a broad-based coalition government

The city of Tel Aviv celebrates its 100th anniversary

2010 AD Israel joins the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

