

Notes before the Second Civil War

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Lock him up, notes before the Second Civil War #1

He blocked the mails, a Federal offense
Him and Lajoy could share a cell after a one-week trial,
An open and shut case for federal conviction with no parole,
And exclusion thereafter from government,
And five to ten years of hard time,
Pending other litigations carefully pre-set
The complex ones we are wasting so much time on now:
How many Repugnants dance on the head of Putin's anti-American pin?
Let's jabber endlessly about that for the next, oh, decade.
By packs of lawyers knife and fork in hand,
Packs of journalists forbidden to report anything more important,
For or against the rest of his life spent in prison.
Lock him up now, while we still can
Before the pro-fas hijack absolute control
And pack everyone off to Utah in cattle cars
Per long cherished Repugnant plans.
Remember Cheney and his FEMA
Who couldn't handle a proper horse race, much less a real emergency.
Now, packing people off in cattle cars,
They are experts at that kind of thing now
As they practiced it in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The first American Civil War
Began with a lie and ended with a murder.
A hostler raised a Confederate flag over his Alexandria hotel
Within full view of Lincoln's home.
When interrogated by Union troops come to tear that rag down,
He said he was just a boarder
Then whipped out a shotgun and shot off the Colonel's face.

After all the Rebel generals surrendered,
And their tattered armies straggled home,
Some asshole shot Lincoln dead.
Normally, in battle, you take no more prisoners after that kind of thing.
Instead, as usual, the slavers got away with it.

So much for States' Rights and such claptrap,
Voter suppression for raw political power,
Just more pro-fa lies.
It was Nathan Bedford Forrest of military lynch mob fame
A bloody-handed psychopath if there ever was one,
Before, during and after the War
And never served a day of prison for his crimes,
Who said: "If we're not fighting for slavery,
What are we fighting for?"

It was Lincoln who said:
"Stupidity is not a detriment to a politician."

The people and workers of Europe were for the Union;
The rich and the powerful were for the South.
On the wrong side of history, morality and greed, as usual.
Old rich white men and their love affair with stupid bigot greed
Inscribed in black and white for the record.
The London Times, on Lincoln's Gettysburg Address?
"Anything more dull and commonplace would not be easy to produce."
A shitty sample of bad writing and journalism
Like the New York Times' famous Freedom Fries
Proudly proclaimed when France opposed the lie-based invasion of Iraq.

The Vatican alone recognized Rebel President Jefferson Davis
The Russian Church alone adores Putin, the Czars
Evangelicals worship Bolsonaro, Trump,
The list of deified demons goes on
Organized blasphemy against the Holy Ghost
The conscience of good and evil systematically neutralized
That will not be Forgiven.

Barney Frank, Howard Dean and other Democrats
Had their political career ruined for doing nothing very wrong.
Repugnants get away with impeachable crimes and misdemeanors on a routine
basis.

They lie, cheat and steal openly and gleefully.
They are admired and re-elected for it by their base
Of know-nothing idiots unfit to vote.
Trump boasted as much for the record.
Democrats whine endlessly about it,
Like bullied nerds in High School.

Rebellion and the Military, , notes before the Second Civil War #2

A year before the First Civil War, Colonel Robert E. Lee, USA,
Marched Marines from Anacostia, District of Columbia, to Harpers Ferry,
Virginia,

To bag John Brown and hang him.

Watching on, Lt. John Wilkes Booth, Richmond Grays.

The Anacostia Naval Base housed a Marine battalion

To guard Federal facilities in the nation's capital.

Its standing orders were conditional until after the Civil War.

During the first battle of Bull Run,

Massed Union cannon punished the entire Rebel line

It replied with a hail of rifle fire.

Posted front and center to defend the Federal cannon,

The Marine Battalion and the New York Fire Zouave Regiment

Were shot to pieces and withdrew.

The 7th New York Militia Regiment of silk stocking dandies and gentlemen

Should have stepped up, taken its beating and triumphed.

However, just weeks before, rich Mamas back in New York

Got them discharged from service and shipped home.

Everyone on the cannon line was cut down or swept away.

Charging Rebels turned the guns on a Federal ammunition wagon.

Big explosion, panic, Union rout.

Nowadays, Anacostia is the East Coast Marine spook shop.

A few hundred qualified riflemen, TV-briefed in real time?

Why were they not lined up on the Capitol steps?

If only symbolically, in dress blues, at ease behind police lines?

Or a visible Company in riot gear, its Battalion support under cover?

Either way, no trouble.

Fort Belvoir once housed an Armored Cavalry Regiment.

I don't know.

A few National Guard battalions are tucked miles from DC down secondary roads.

Thousands of cops in DC. tens of thousands of police?

Federal, Park, Executive Secret Service and Departmental,

Contract, Armed Forces, Tri-State, Municipal and County.

Not to mention bloated intelligence shops around DC:

Contract workers by the hundreds of thousands, so far successful

At suppressing terror (or error) attacks,

Nuke or bio, state actor or non-, external or black flag.

There's the Third Infantry Regiment at Fort Myer, Arlington:

Two battalions of palace guards, per their website,

With standing orders to defend the Capital against insurrection.

The Pentagon could have launched thousands of troops

From its warrior ant nest across the Potomac,
By the bus and subway load, to flood it and swarm trouble.

When Fort Sumter's bombardment set off the first Civil War,
Federal facilities were lost to rebel militia and turncoat officers.
No-one from top to bottom knew what to do.
Troops loyal to the Union sat stunned
Their officers paralyzed by circumstantial orders, no orders, wait,
Contradictory, delayed, betrayed or nothing.
The Merrimack's hull of Monitor-fought fame
Was burned to the water line and surrendered to local rebels without a fight,
Along with many southern ports, forts and arsenals.
The pro-slaver Congress stockpiled Southern arms
And starved those elsewhere (in the West, in the North),
Just like today's military-industrial complex
Has been monopolized By Repugnants, far from Democratic cities.
So, after the Civil War,
Every officer candidate in military academies and schools
Was taught a standard rule.
"In the event of trouble or suspected insurrection,
Rally loyal troops and occupy Federal facilities.
Until further orders, defend them against any comer,
With lethal force if necessary."
Nothing circumstantial, no uncertainty,
No waiting around to be told what to do.
"Move out fast and stand your post.
Wait for new orders from the real chain of command,
From the Federal Government that pays your salt."
Those who held to this longstanding rule
Were grounded on 1/6 from the top down,
Like the USAF on 9/11.
I fear for this country, even more so than prior.
It is bad enough if the military are muzzled,
Worse yet if they muzzle themselves.
Democracy chugs along with more or less honesty;
Collects taxes, pays the nation's bills, runs the mail,
Keeps things on even keel indefinitely.
Dictatorship sucks a country dry and then implodes.
Not to mention its many innocent victims:
A disgrace reduced by Democracy at its best,
Proudly maximized by the other kind.
An army of draftees underserves a military coup.
They would mutiny or just go home.

Pro-fa mercenaries, not so much.
No matter what lies politicians spout,
They get by because the military let them.
Everyone will suffer if the military won't.

So where were you ,
My father's Army,
On January 6, 2022?

Just Whose Presidency Was Stolen? , notes before the Second Civil War #3

During the Presidential election of 2016, both Parties had to carry three States or lose: Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin. Republicans and Democrats gerrymandered voting districts as lopsidedly as the Supreme Court allowed. But I'm going off topic (see later). State-level gerrymanders just promote crooked State officials, insane legislation or none, and terrorized voting station volunteers. As for the Presidential election, it was best defrauded by the electoral college. At least until now.

Before 2016, all three States polled as Hilary Clinton victories. Trump won all three. Already polled ahead by 3.5 points in Ohio, Trump won there by 8.1 points. Clinton polled ahead by 3 points in Iowa, but Trump won there with an incredible 13 point lead.

Appointed FBI Director by Obama, James Comey announced the investigation of a Clinton e-mail fumble ten days before the election. His announcement shifted several percentage points of undecided electors Trump's way, pushing him closer to a victory contrary to the polls. Once that announcement had served its purpose, the FBI dropped the charge for lack of evidence. Comey should have shut his fat mouth pending sufficient evidence, per standard FBI protocol.

In another incident, March 2016, Russian intelligence phished emails from Clinton campaign officials. They got access to the messages of over one hundred of her co-workers. The FBI did not report the crime at the time; it has muddied that evidence since.

Those emails must have included details about deep purple electoral districts in purple States. Neither Republican red nor Democratic blue, they could go either way. If one party could win all those special districts, some by just a few hundred votes, it might obtain all the State's electoral college votes without needing the State majority.

Those districts therefor drew special attention from both sides: more grass roots campaigning by Democrats, more MAGA Republican rallies and unspecified "outside interference" by not-so-covert allies. Trump won all the toss-up districts in key States. They were mandatory without exception for him to win. If he didn't cheat, he had a 50-50 chance to win each one. He won them all.

While the 2016 Wisconsin vote recount found nothing fishy, those in Pennsylvania and Michigan were cut short by judicial decree. Most of the fifty States never got a recount, despite election returns way off from polling predictions.

"It was the pollsters' fault. Each of them got four years of state-of-the-art research wrong. Trump was 'much more popular' than his electors admitted. They were 'too embarrassed to admit to pollsters' they favored such a viper." Subjective bullshit journalism to cover unbelievable statistics

Trumpoids filed many appeals and recounts after the 2020 defeat, whether he lost that State or not. His Royal Narcissism should have won many more votes everywhere; his election was obviously stolen! The paid media and Beltway bureaucrats have repeated his lies a thousandfold since, despite zero evidence after countless hearings. Trump's loss

to Biden was about as fair as American elections get. Repubs and Dems had good reason to keep elections mostly honest up 'til then. No longer.

We should exclude Gore's 2000 surrender to Bush the Lesser, based on the recount of a few hundred extremely questionable returns, so .000...01 percent of the Florida vote. Gore won a national majority against Bush, and lost; Clinton won it against Trump, and lost; Biden did too against Trump, and won. Gore's win was blocked by a howling mob in Florida, the way they would shout down a Little League softball score, then by the Supreme Court just as intransigent.

The 2016 Trump upset didn't trigger the scrutiny Republicans demanded from Biden in 2020. On the contrary, no effort was made to evaluate the security of voting machines some of which produced no paper trail. In some States, every election machine contractor was a Republican, as were their software programmers and all the officials supposed to monitor and pay for them. Later on, amateur hackers found they could break into old voting machines and manipulate their data with ease, especially with the help of expert outsiders.

The Press dismissed any hint of electoral fraud, based on slippery statistical regression analysis. Otherwise, deafening silence on this topic, despite daily, loving reportage of Trump's every political burp before and since. Everyone just let him win and washed their hands of his stink.

The rich got their millionaires' welfare checks; democracy got sold down the river as slick as you please.

Before the first Civil War, this country locked itself into a system of legal slavery intended to spread everywhere and last forever. Chief Justice Taney and his Court upheld slavery until he died mid-war and Lincoln annulled his noxious influence, supported by the masses but much less by the rich.

What pro-fa chaos will arise during the next, 2024 election? Trump was simply crammed down our throat and no-one choked up. Next time, we should expect to be deprived of an acceptable President for years to come, with all the blowback that entails.

As of a decade ago, our Roberts Supreme Court could have dispelled this impending monster fantasy with fairy waves of its constitutional wand. They didn't bother. Their silence promises to lock this country into anti-democratic, un-American fascism.

Will America have to learn this the hard way? Or will we regain the biblical footing God has gifted us up 'til now, to negotiate the blood-slick, body strewn, soul crushing climb of democracy? Will Olympic pools of blood and bottomless wells of fear be called down upon our heads once again, to make the climb that much harder ?

Trump's security clearance, , notes before the Second Civil War #4

Given Trump's loose cannon attitude towards, well, everything, I dreamt up some questions and broadcast them to the ether. I soon found out that neither presidential candidates nor elected presidents are vetted for Top Secret clearance; the latter get it automatically. Sure, candidates get reviewed informally by their respective Parties. But hey, we are talking about Trump Repugnants here! No-one psychosane (hosting the Holy Ghost: functional conscience of right and wrong) could miss the security breach Trump represents. But that is not such a big deal among his psychopath friends and sociopath opponents.

Wait! What was that again? Who gets what automatically?

A) When Trump ran his campaign for President in 2015, despite his shady past -- international, financial and personal -- who signed his Top Secret clearance?

B) How did that happen, administratively?

C) Why did that happen, against all logic under such circumstances?

D) If Trump (or anyone else) benefits from a high security clearance, would it not be subject to immediate revocation at the least suspicion of unreliability? What happens if he certifies the Secret clearance of others less trustworthy (family members, KGB agents, toadies looking for secrets to sell, etc.)? Would that not set off alarms?

E) For anyone but Trump, say a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff whose skull a stray golf ball had cracked; wouldn't that revoke their security clearance and get them replaced automatically? The same question applies to Mike Pence (honorable if nothing more) and other constituents of the big Trump fish that stank from day one from the head down.

F) No Congressional or Judicial review, no hemming and hawing; just summary cancellation pending in-depth investigation?

G) Again, in detail please: how would that work? Must we depend on twice-failed presidential impeachment: slow, clumsy, gleefully undermined by the bad guys and most reluctantly by the others by-the-book, but highly successful in the long run -- for Putin and his agents?

H) Who orders this cancellation and executes it?

I) When will this revocation process begin? Why not immediately? What would happen to you, to me and to anyone else but Trump? His boots of fascist impunity are reverently bootlicked no matter what dog turds he's stepped in.

J) A hypothetical Putin mole like Trump could penetrate how many American security breaches? How many triple backwards flips did the Pentagon have to land to patch things up? Forget the Constitution, civilian freedom from military interference, the safety of our spies overseas, forget anything right side up in DC.

Current reportage barely covers the tip of this iceberg, if that. The TV networks' nightly newscast? Cable's? Any other's? It is only small talk of tired neighbors on a bus: sports, weather, illness, free "news" about commercial products, celebrity stories, political bickering as stupid as it is useless, criminal rampage stories (a half dozen stories

of authorized crime, nauseatingly retold), and puppy in a basket stories. “See you tomorrow, folks!”

Solid international reportage? Balanced news from abroad? Anything but the next Big Brother war scare and military spending bill?

“Sorry, we don’t have enough air time for quality stuff like that. Enjoy instead our bread and circus, our pony show aimed at the info proletariat we must lie to.”

Note our airtight national security apparatus so hermetic it can’t tell a mole hill from a hyena den.

Note, too, the hundreds of sparkling careers ruined heroically, from top to bottom (thousands, counting State officials), merely to slow down this monstrous takeover.

Leadership we can lose and die, or promote and maybe survive.

This Republic’s iron is Presidential steel.

We can make a cardboard President,

We will get a cardboard Republic.

That is your only choice on WeaponWorld.

How many betrayals, , notes before the Second Civil War #5

Concerning the French defeat in 1940, modern historians cannot see the forest for the leaf mold they study so meticulously. The combat friction of total war would cancel all but one of the German tactical advantages, once set against Allied advantages in numbers, fortification and equipment quality.

Three examples in history.

First, the battle of Manzikert in 1071. The Byzantine Army, under Romanos IV, was the most professional, veteran and expensive (socially disruptive, see the third example) army in the world. However, it flew apart from mutinous mercenaries, unreliable allies, strategic over-reach (Manzikert is at antipodes of Anatolia from Byzantium), high-level political treason, cowardly abandon and runaway disobedience. The

Byzantine army outnumbered and was qualitatively superior to Alp Arslan, his Turkic army and many allies; but it fell apart from corruption, inertia and centrifugal politics. Numbers, troop quality and equipment were irrelevant. Anatolia was lost that day through no lack of such.

The second example, France, 1940. Marshal Petain grandfathered the French Army since WWI. He believed French society must purge itself of liberal tendencies by communal sacrifice. He and his hand-picked officers drank up Nazi ideology with a stiff pour of Catholic bigotry. As a result of decades of funding and industrial sabotage, the French Army was short of radios (the exception mentioned above), anti-tank and anti-aircraft weapons, first-line fighter and light-attack aircraft. It knew it needed those things in quantity and superiority to slow down the Blitz. It had enough time and talent to field them, but somehow never got them. Modern historians attribute this lack to what? Magical mass senility? A bad mood that decade? Sour wine at lunch? Very hazy explanations so far.

After the defeat, the entire French officer corps was debriefed in Nazi POW camps. Certified fascists were released to administer Vichy and Occupied France. Many French officers were Nazi proxies, from Petain and Gamelin down to reserve staff lieutenants who “lost” a supply train or phoned it in to the Luftwaffe. Mass betrayal outweighed every other factor. Ignoring betrayal as the proverbial thumb on the scale, that leads to the dangerous conclusion that other factors are more important than they really are. Combat friction against a peer adversary levels all of them off to nothing special. Asymmetric warfare is the frictional leveling of comparative military skills, regardless of duration and casualty ratios as long as they are endurable and non-genocide.

Third example: the octopus of U.S. “Defense.” Pro-fa political sabotage spreads like blood-poison through the American electorate, its governing bodies and military especially. America’s super-sized military budget has hollowed out civil society. This eaten-out commonwealth leaves our politics in the hands of professional eaters-out: warmongers among do-nothing centrists and radical rightists of every stripe. There

is no political Left, no Peace Party or Green Party. Try nursing this political amputation like that in peace for any length of time.

The U.S. Air Force refused to do on 9/11 what it had done faultlessly for the last sixty years, secure our skies. The U.S. Army hasn't won a war since WWII. And on January 6, no Army officer did what every cadet had been taught to do since the Civil War. "If there is insurrection, gather loyal troops and occupy Federal facilities until further orders from the Federal chain of command that pays your salt. Do not wait for orders, do not follow contradictory orders, do not freeze in place, man Federal facilities and wait." A squad of Marines stationed at rest in full dress uniform behind the Capital Police would have deflated the Jan 6 riot.

Where were they? In barracks watching on TV? Gloating?

Based on the first two examples, I leave it to your imagination how this bloated bag of corruption will stand up against its next existential threat (not just the last asymmetric war speed bumps of corporate profit and convenience). The horror impending is our uncertainty.

What if civil war broke out, , notes before the Second Civil War #6

1) Fascist American planning reminds me of fever dreams from Mein Kampf, Marxist writings and the Bushido Greater Co-Prosperity Sphere: ruthless, seductively proposed, unworkable and destructive for everyone involved.

2) Republicans share attitudes of undeserved entitlement, mediocre exceptionalism, fantasy victimhood, insatiable power hunger and escalating brutality. They favor fantasy and petty profit over wisdom and compassion.

3) They do not administer progress in the American States they control; they impose a Third World extraction economy to fill their pockets. Their states rank worst at anything positive, much higher at everything bad.

4) Like Putin, Republican Rebels believe their troops will be greeted as liberators. They will be fought to the death and react with Nazi predictability.

5) Expect them to enslave, expropriate and exterminate local minorities and their cosmopolitan allies. That will entail guerilla warfare in Republican controlled areas, vast manpower and resource wastage to control rural spaces between the small towns they secure, weakened front-line resistance against Democratic attacks and more recruits for them.

6) As in the Confederacy during the first Civil War, regional fears and desires will neutralize Republican demands for local sacrifice. Republican leaders will compete for power and resources more destructively than Nazi Party bosses did.

7) Army and Marine Corps troops may violate their oath, the way Rebel West Point graduates did. But well-trained minority enlistees will desert from Republican combat units and cadre Democratic ones quickly. The Republican political taint of the U.S. Navy officer corps is revealed by its professional incompetence (the Bonhomme Richard fire, inadequate officer training, Destroyer collisions). While the deep water U.S. Navy may place Democratic cities under embargo, those cities may build river flotillas to penetrate into Republican territory. After its 9/11 fail, expect U.S. Air Force bible-thumpers to bomb Democratic civilians for the greater glory of God.

8) Republican politicians routinely violate their oath of office and no-one seems to care. We will regret not having punished them when we had the chance.

9) The latest Republican schemes shove Big Government down people's throat against their will. During Civil War, they will do so at gunpoint.

10) Europe could arm itself and reinforce Democratic forces surprisingly quickly. Compared to it, Russia and China are hollow husks. Anti-American treason will just increase chaos.

11) Once Republican tin-pots impose Civil War regulations, mass arrests, extraction budgets and gag rules on the communities they hijack, American Libertarians will regret all the beer belly freedoms they scorn today.

This Civil War will not end soon. It will cause crippling losses, destroy America as a world power. It will take the U.S. centuries to recover from its fascism infection. Too bad! The USA nowadays, minus their nefarious input, would be the strongest nation in world history.

Chronology past and future, Notes before the Second Civil War #7

1856-7

Chief Justice Roger Taney rules, in the Dred Scott v. Sandford Supreme Court decision, that African-Americans cannot be American citizens. He leaves unfilled the three longest vacancies in the history of the Supreme Court so as to maintain his pro-slavery minority in power. His breaking the rules to satisfy his prejudices is typical of pro-slavers back then and of Trump Republicans today. For them, success is incompatible with good conscience. The first is necessary; the second is not. His conviction drives the United States into Civil War until his death late in the fourth year of the War. The Dred Scott decision forms part of the anticanon of U.S. common law: four and twenty or so of the stinkiest of many rotten U.S. Supreme Court decisions.

1981+

As of President Ronald Reagan, the Common Law majority rule of the Supreme Court -- nurtured since the first Civil War, the World Wars, the New Deal and the partial reversal of Jim Crow -- gradually erodes into its anticanonical opposite, openly pro-fa(scist), pro-repression, pro-slavery. After the 1929 Stock Market Crash, toxic wealth disparities between the rich and poor had contracted in America and mutual prosperity held great promise. Thanks to Reagan Republicanism, American (and world) wealth disparities have swollen and prosperity has vaporized for all but the few.

Family planning, LGBT issues and minority human rights and voting rights are gradually eroded as “conservatives” pay more and more money to dictate their twisted political tastes. Evangelical Christian Churches eject every real Christian from their political action congregations and profit centers; they support forced pregnancy, corrupt politicians and preachers, school censorship of real science and history. They hold political and financial power more important than the Sermon on the Mount; their medieval prejudices and harm done to others for their own good more important than any Christian sense of love. In May 2022, we await the reversal of Roe v. Wade by the current Supreme Court. I will so note when the time comes.

12-12-2000

Bush v. Gore, 531 U.S. 98 (2000), a Scalia Supreme Court decision lets the village idiot Bush the Lesser beat Al Gore for President despite Gore’s more numerous national votes. Anticanon.

9-11-2001

A catastrophic cascade of errors deliberate or otherwise overwhelmed the U.S. Defense establishment from top to bottom. A platoon of jihadi martyrs drops the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York City cleanly on its own footprint. Instead of carefully set demolitions (or an amateurish truck bomb attack that failed in 1993), these fools for God crash into buildings with hijacked airliners. How half of Manhattan was not bombarded with thousands of tons of glowing construction material like some

big box office catastrophe movie, who cares? Bush the Lesser was deep in negotiation with the Taliban over a too-good-to-be-true pipeline deal through Afghanistan that would checkmate Russian pipelines to the North (a one-up on his much smarter father President). Anyway, he and his much smarter security advisors neglect many warnings. The U.S. Air Force does not secure American skies like it had done since WWII; then fails to investigate what just happened and sack its command staff for incompetence or worse. The 9/11 Commission Report, released in 2004, does the same job for 9/11 that the Warren Commission Report did for President Kennedy's execution: it smothers the mess under black lava fields of redacted findings that wink with red hot eyes of lies. The Department of Homeland Security stifles the USA under massive new layers of surveillance and control.

2010

In *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, 558 U.S. 310 (2010), the Roberts Supreme Court grants legal personhood to mere corporations and authorizes unlimited, anonymous political bribes. It could not have left its citizens more disunited. Anticanon.

2012

The Defense Authorization Bill of 2012, legislated by a vile Congress and signed by Weimar Republic President Obama, authorizes the indefinite detention or execution of American citizens by military authorities without due process. Many such violations of Habeas Corpus litter the U.S. Defense bureaucracy and its Continuation of Government disaster contingency plans.

2013

In *Shelby County v. Holder*, 570 U.S. 529 (2013), the Roberts Supreme Court neutralizes protections of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, thus clearing State Houses to jerrymander districts and suppress fair elections at will. Anticanon.

Trump is implicated in Russian shady pipeline deals, sex and Bundesbank scandals, as well as many other sordid affairs, the details of which are duly posted, ignored and dropped during his election campaign. Nothing sticks, not even his obvious role as Russian paid mole. Look up Color Revolution (2004) and Russian reactions to Western-backed manipulations of Russian regional politics. Tit for tat: Trump.

2016

Trump is elected by means of Russian spy handler fraud with the help of local Republican collaborators. Voting machines and tabulations are falsified in key purple districts of key purple States. Trump should have won half of them or less, the definition of purple: "neither Democratic blue nor Republican red." He sweeps all of them instead. He has to sweep all of them without exception to win. Neither the government nor the media report this statistical freak of nature. Russian election tampering is suspected at the time and confirmed by massive investigations later on. American voting machines and

systems are found to be highly vulnerable to tampering anywhere partisan officials hold sway. Trump's Presidential win overturns almost every election prediction. Media explanations are absurd. No-one is allowed to investigate any of this.

For years, Federal appointments to U.S. Courts and other government positions are not filled unless Congress is under Republican control,. The Trump Administration's two major victories are his massive handover of tax and regulatory benefits to the rich and powerful; and a herd of young, radical reactionary and disgracefully unqualified political candidates ramrodded into lifetime appointments in the Federal Courts. Once they regain power, the Democrats make no effort to sort through these bad apples, much less retrieve unearned gains from the rich (Never! We promise!).

2017

A Trump Supreme Court appointee replaces a legitimate Democratic nominee sidelined by the Republican dominated Senate. (Merrick Garland, 2017). This helps overturn the canonical majority in the Supreme Court.

Trump's Administration is an ongoing disaster only Republican hard liners could love. Corruption follows ineptitude follows gangsterism follows mass betrayal of Constitutional oaths by Republican officials from Trump on down. Minor goats are sacrificed; everyone else makes out like a bandit. Almost every honest Executive Branch official is fired and replaced by one or more Trump toadies. The Democrats post many strongly worded notes of protest.

2020

Trump loses massively to Biden. Himself elected by fraud; Trump claims electoral fraud. After many court battles in disputed States, no evidence of fraud is found. There were no court battles when Trump "won." The Republican Party and electorate recite this Democratic fraud lie to each other until the next Presidential election. That incantation justifies massive voting obstruction by Republican State Houses, to "prevent voting fraud." And the threat of complete overturn of election results if they go against Republican interests in States they dominate. In 2023? In 2024? For the next slave empire, this time global?

Jan 6, 2020

Rioters invade the U.S. Capitol. Army and Marine Corps units do not shut this riot down instantly, even though they are (in the Pentagon) within an easy commute of the Capitol building and (at Anacostia Naval Yard) at a fast tactical march to it, respectively. So nobody in the entire U.S. military has a plan for dealing with this Civil War insurrection kind of thing for the second time, besides paralysis and watching it on TV? A forecast of things to come?

Several hundred insurrectionist small fry are netted up and processed long after the fact. More conspiracies to overturn the election are revealed, but Congressional level and billionaire conspirators, much less much lesser demons, are left in power and wealth and out of prison. Trump is kept out of prison because the investigations pursuing him are so

massive, lengthy and complex: an endless lawyer breadline. He should have done five years of Federal Prison time after a two-week trial for delaying the U.S. Mails. Then dump five years of legal study on his head. But no, too simple.

General inability (unsuitability?) of the Justice Department to react effectively against political corruption and insurrection. Inability or refusal to act by the intelligence community. Gutting of the State Department, and an ongoing debacle instead of rational foreign policy. Congressional paralysis through political polarization as aggravated by corporate and private funding and Media inflammation of mutual hostility. In any case, the foxes rule the roost unopposed.

May 2022

I am writing this up from now on. Waiting for the next axe stroke to fall. Wish us luck and good courage.

Following President Obama's lead, the Biden/Sinema/Manchin Administration effortlessly discards progressive projects. The few that get through were originally proposed by Republicans. Instead, Defense contracts go ballistic as Biden paves the Ukraine with American military aid; the way Bush and Obama paved Afghanistan and Iraq with trillions of dollars while American infrastructure and education shrank.

June 24, 2022

U.S. Supreme Court repeals Roe versus Wade. Anticanon.

2023

Midterm elections. Standard Democratic failure to deliver progress while in power. Standard Republican sabotage of the economy to make second-best the only remaining choice. Predictable Republican takeover of the House and Senate.

Stoppage of all Trump and other corruption investigations. Long, predatory, preparatory silence. Government shutdown of official information except for corporate propaganda. Adoption of Chinese social credit model? Privatization of Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid? Additional broad cuts of progressive policies by hijacked Federal Courts. Expect more anticanon Supreme Court decisions.

Nov. 2024

Presidential election. "Two Popes" split decision between States of different Party reign. Two candidates are declared President by their respective partisans.

Serious shootings have gone on far too long in America (again, since Nixon and Reagan). A pandemic of gun death is institutionalized for corporate profit. It fuels military adventures, homicide, police execution of minorities and suicide. The actual trigger event begins...

You expect me perhaps to map what 300+M hyper armed, smartphone-programmed narcissists will do with this country? What 8B hyper armed, starving idiots will do with the rest of the world?

Let me guess.

Many American white combat personnel and Trump militias are in secret cahoots. It is the red-neck equivalent of the revolving door policy their superior officers navigate between Department of Defense retirement and Defense contract industry rehire. Plus there are hundreds of thousands of spy, police and military mercenaries, an international brotherhood fighting for government, NGO and corporate contracts. A lot of itchy, middle-aged trigger fingers looking for valid targets.

There is not going to be some Lexington and Concord battle between Regulars and hostile militia, except maybe some Regulars surrender and trade patches with their Trumpoid brothers in arms. Rather, it will be more like Amritsar where British troops and armored cars shot up a square full of peaceful Gandhian protestors. More like late Russian Empire pogroms against Jewish communities (the police look the other way or join in). More like Sadat's troops shooting down peaceful Syrian protestors to start a war of extermination against them. This will be trumped up as an official and existential suppression of Democrat attempts (now openly called terrorists) to overthrow the absolute Republican government.

Praise the Lord of Armies and pass the ammunition!

Heads roll in large numbers. Unlike the rest of the world, the USA is the only nation to emerge from climate, demographic and resource catastrophes of the 2020s with something like a promising future. Instead, it throws this miraculous advantage away, submits to totalitarian gangsterism and leads the world down a descending spiral of Third World decay, soon followed by regional genocide and then the death of the human race by a thousand nuke and bio-war cuts.

2026 or sooner

Thus ends this sad episode of the human experiment.

2026 plus or minus

Otherwise, PeaceWorld emerges once all the sociosane on Earth wake up to their Learner responsibility, tame the minority of sociopaths that seeks nothing better, use them as guardians, and lead the rest to PeaceWorld in safety.

9/11 questions left unanswered, , notes before the Second Civil War #8

The Pentagon should have been struck
On the opposite side, the Joint Chiefs of Staff side;
Not the supply and intelligence shops struck instead,
Investigating (by the way) the latest DoD fraud,
One of many crimes buried by 9/11.
The whole paper trail and investigative team destroyed.
That side had just been rebuilt against just such a strike,
The other edges of the Pentagon had not.

No trace of a landing on the vast parking lot
From the highway to the Pentagon
Few tri-jets could touch down so well.
Such expertise takes thousands of hours at the controls,
To nail the first floor of a five-story wall
Without plowing up the to grass and stuff out front.
Plus two direct hits curve-balled into the Twin Towers?
Maybe not even in expert hands, much less those novice.

Found in the rubble and photographed,
One turbine from a twin-engine Lear or a cruise missile,
Instead of three, each three times wider
Every video recording nearby was seized.
The tower rubble was recycled in China ASAP
Despite the cheap steel bad deal that shipment entailed.
The crime scene was sterilized without investigation.

Twin Tower steel does not melt in burning jet fuel:
The hottest fuel available.
Or was it sprinkler water mixed with molten aluminum?
A years-late, tap dance explanation.

Strip fire-proof foam from pillars,
Pile it into ad-hoc kilns of drift-pile wallboard (really?)
It would still be hundreds of degrees too cool.
Four days after 9/11, molten metal flowed in the wreckage.
Military demolition explosives do just that.

Muffled blasts were reported, like the rumble of demolitions
From the towers' heights and under stories before their fall.
On the radio, someone ordered responders to retreat.
Hot, white smoke puffed out ten floors below the wave of collapse.

Three buildings fell right on their footprint,
Instead of sideways from lop-sided damage,
Like a lightning-struck tree. How so?
Debris fell like golf balls dropped from the same height.
Nothing slowed the fall of all that concrete and steel
For the most part untouched and intact/

A demolition team takes well-paid weeks
To lace buildings with explosives timed to the micro second
To collapse it on its own footprint.
Error will spill debris beyond the perimeter ;
Bad mistakes fling tons of it per floor.
Instead, three perfect demolitions for free?
The first two pierced and fried at random by big jets.
The third, just because the other two crumpled at its feet?

That morning, VP Cheney sat down to the controls
Of a continental air defense exercise against virtual bogeys
That he added to the Big Board in his bunker,
Hypothetical aircraft and virtual hijacks.
Imagine the confusion he spread that day.
Vice Presidential war games? Since when?

The U.S. Air Force stood more vigilant guard,
In rapid response to UFOs, runaway Lear jets, any other comer:
Rain or shine, day and night for decades.
The morning of 9/11, its anxious pilots were stood down
Dismissed from service or sent off to Alaska by Cheney.
The USAF would never have failed us without silent tinkering.

Thanks to this second Pearl Harbor recommended beforehand by reactionaries,
American liberty disappeared once and for all.
Bush the Lesser, very unpopular, became the hero of the day.
Perpetual war and its corporate tyranny installed themselves once and for all.

Every 9/11 , Popular Mechanics publishes its ad hominem attack against those
with questions left unanswered.

Nothing solid, just insults and restacked lies.
It praises the War Machine every month instead.

But never mind.
The lie left unanswered, wins

Before truth takes over.

Is US Democracy Immune to Decapitation? November 2023 , , notes before the Second Civil War #9

Biden and Harris will be reelected, probably. Every sane voter will hold their nose and vote for their slightly safer worthlessness, as against Trump's incompetence and certifiable constituency. Once installed in the White House for another four years, Biden and Harris will be neutralized, for example, by some random nutter and by plausible coincidence, respectively.

An atomic attack on D.C. would kill two birds with one stone (also erase the Secret Service, evidence, witnesses and leads). Mike Johnson, Speaker of the House and third person in line for the Presidency, would be spared in his Texas circumscription. This black flag operation would automatically trigger the anti-constitutional tyranny of Continuation of Government, scripted by ex-Vice President and all around bad guy, Dick Cheney from 2001 to 2009.

The Defense and Intelligence apparatus of the USA is largely manned by MAGA maggots. Unforgivably, they failed to preempt January 6, 2020, much less 9/11/2001. Political leper Bush the Lesser was idolized after his 9/11 military failure. Will Netanyahu be, after his on October 6, 2023?

Tell me, is Corporate Media "based on reason, science and objective truth?" Really? It will legitimize the cover-up within days and forever after, without a competent investigation of all witnesses and evidence surviving. See JFK, MLK, etc., for their playbooks.

Then, House Speaker Mike Johnson, that paragon of MAGA maggotry, will take over the Presidency for next the four years. No need for an election he could never win. This third, unelected Johnson will betray American democracy, just like Vice President Andrew Johnson's Administration replaced and betrayed slain President Lincoln; just like Lyndon Bayes Johnson betrayed the plans of assassinated President Kennedy to withdraw from Vietnam's Civil War. Too many war profits to be lost from such a peace.

The most powerful political black magic appears to come in threes.

Our boy Mike Johnson and his Supreme Court will drop the iron curtain laws of COG (Continuation of Government) and the Insurrection Act to enforce the cover up at gunpoint. He will pardon Trump from all Federal convictions, declare him "Vice President" thus immune from State prosecution, indefinitely.

From eleven to sixteen House seats may be restored to Democratic voters by recent court rulings against Repugnant gerrymandering based on racism, corruption and party favoritism. So many more votes would guarantee a Democratic super-majority in the House. The hijack has gone uncorrected for decades and will not be corrected until after the next election. The last Repugnant way to stay in power, the last chance to betray the popular majority once and for all. This despite future tidal waves of popular support allied in favor of abortion rights, equality under the law, the open vote, and mass union membership, all of it focused against Repugnant strongholds of power.

The bought-and-paid-for Supreme Court and Executive Branch will cancel out Democratic control of the Senate and House. Congress' attempt to impeach Andrew Johnson failed by one vote; its attempt against Mike Johnson will fail by one Supreme Court decision. Like the Supreme Court's reversal of Al Gore's 2000 electoral victory for President.

After spending the next four years replacing honest public servants in every Branch and level of government with crooks and nutters, no-one but them will rule the United States, except at gunpoint after a second Civil War.

Say goodbye to the US Government's peaceful transition of power and immunity from decapitation!

SCROTUS – Supreme Court (Repugnant) of the United States, , notes before the
Second Civil War #10

I translate this wall to wall carpet of quotations shamelessly. *Democracy in America* was written by my brother from another era, Alexis de Tocqueville. He alone will tell you exactly what is going on in the USA today. The accuracy of his long-range predictions may be as surprising to you as they were to me. A few of my author notes will snap us back into 2024, whenever Alexis starts praising American courts of the 1830s. Otherwise, apart from the page title and this paragraph, this text is entirely his.

https://fr.wikisource.org/wiki/De_la_d%C3%A9mocratie_en_Am%C3%A9rique/%C3%89dition_1848/Tome_2/Deuxi%C3%A8me_partie/Chapitre_10

So the aristocratic judge finds steady support in society just as much as in government.

... He works as much for the future as for the present. The aristocratic judge is therefore pushed toward the same goal all the time, by the passions of the governed, by his own, and I could almost add by the passions of posterity.

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If you ask me where I would place American aristocracy, I wouldn't hesitate to say: it is not among the rich. No common bond brings them together. The American aristocracy is at the bar of lawyers and judges.

The more we reflect on what is happening in the United States, the more convinced we become that the body of lawyers in this country forms the most powerful and, so to speak, the only counterweight to democracy.

In the United States, we can easily tell that the legal spirit -- by its qualities and I might even say by its faults -- can neutralize the vices of popular government [author's note: or its virtues].

When Americans intoxicate themselves with their passions, or indulge in the promotion of ideas, lawyers apply an almost invisible brake to moderate and stop them. To the people's democratic instincts, they secretly oppose their aristocratic inclinations; to its love of novelty, their superstitious respect for what is old; to the immensity of its designs, their narrow views; to its contempt for rules, their taste for forms; and to its passion, their habit of proceeding slowly.

The courts are the most visible organs the legal profession uses to influence democracy.

Judges are lawyers who, alongside their taste for order and rules acquired from the study of law, still draw love of stability from the fixed nature of their function. Their legal knowledge secures them a high position among their peers already; political power ends up elevating them to distinctive rank and the instincts of a privileged class.

Armed with the right to declare laws unconstitutional, American judges are always into political affairs[29]. They cannot force the people to make laws, but they can at least force them to keep the faith in their own law and keep agreeing with each other.

...

There is hardly a political question in the United States that is not resolved sooner or later as a legal question. Thus all parties, in their daily controversies, must borrow ideas and language from justice. Since most public figures are, or have been, lawyers, they bring their own customs and range of thought to their handling of affairs. The jury completes this familiarization process for every class. So judicial language almost becomes common language. Thus the legal spirit, born in schools and courts, gradually spreads beyond them; it infiltrates society, so to speak; it descends to the lowest ranks; and the entire people ends up engaging in some of a judge's tastes and habits.

Lawyers in the United States form a power base that is little feared, that we barely see, with no banner of its own, which bends flexibly to the demands of the times, and lets go without resistance of all arrangements of the social body. But they wrap around the entire society, penetrate each class that composes it; work on it in secret, act on it all the time without it knowing, and end up molding it to their desires.

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De Tocqueville, Alexis, *De la démocratie an Amérique, I et II*, Préface d'André Jardin, Editions Gallimard, 1986.

I believe, however, that we are far away from the time when federal power, incapable of protecting its own existence and giving the country peace, will somehow die of its own accord. Union is among our values, we want it; its results are obvious, its benefits are evident. When we realize that a weak federal government jeopardizes the Union, I have no doubt we will see the rise of a reactionary movement in favor of force. The government of the United States, of all the federal governments established up to now, is the one most naturally destined to act. As long as it is attacked only indirectly by the interpretation of laws, as long as its substance is not deeply altered, a change of opinion, an internal crisis, a war, could suddenly restore its needed vigor.

What I wanted to note here is just this: many of our people assume there is a movement in the United States in favor of centralizing power in the hands of the president and Congress. I claim we can find notable movement in the opposite direction. Far from the federal government gaining strength as it matures, and threatening State sovereignty, I claim that it tends to weaken daily and that Union sovereignty is the only thing in danger. This is what the present [1830s] shows us. What will be the final outcome of this trend, what events can stop, delay or hasten this movement as described? The future conceals those answers, and I do not pretend I could lift that veil.

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If republican principles are to perish in America, they will only succumb after a long bout of social work, frequently interrupted, often resumed. Several times they will come back to life, and will only disappear for good once an entirely new people takes the place of that today. However, nothing suggests such a revolution, no sign announces it. [...]

... There are, in terms of political institutions, two kinds of instabilities we should not confuse: the first one deals with secondary laws; it can rule for a long time in a well-established society; the other often shakes the very foundations of the constitution, and attacks the generating principles of law. This is always followed by unrest and revolutions; the nation which suffers from it is in a violent and transitory state. ...

...

However, I believe that by changing their administrative processes as often as they do, the people of the United States jeopardize the future of republican government.

Their projects hampered without cease by the nonstop flexibility of legislation, it is to be feared that men will end up considering the republic an inconvenient way to live in society. Then the evil that results from the instability of secondary laws could call into question the existence of fundamental laws, and bring about a revolution indirectly; but this age is still very far from us. [...]

What we can predict right now is that in abandoning the republic, Americans would quickly shift to despotism without stopping very long at monarchy. ... In the United States, judges are not elected by a particular class of citizen, but by the majority of the nation; they immediately represent the passions of the multitude, and depend entirely on its wishes. Therefore they inspire neither hatred nor fear. I also point out the little care that has been taken to limit their power by drawing limits around their actions, and the immense space that has been left open to their vagary. This order of things creates habits

that might outlast it. An American judge could keep his power indefinitely by ceasing to be responsible, and it is impossible to tell where tyranny would stop at that point.

...

However, I cannot claim that one day Americans won't manage to limit the circle of political rights at home, or confiscate these same rights for the benefit of one man; but I cannot believe that they will ever entrust the exclusive use of it to a particular class, or, in other words, that they will install an aristocracy.

An aristocratic body is made up of a certain number of citizens who, without straying very far from the crowd, nevertheless rises above it forever; that we can touch yet cannot hit; with whom we mingle every day, and for whom we cannot be mistaken.

An aristocracy, to last, must institute inequality in principle, legalize it in advance, and introduce it into the family even while it spreads throughout society. All these things so repugnant to natural equity that they can only be gotten from men by force.

...

... But a people who, starting from civilization and democracy, gradually draws nearer to inequality, and winds up establishing core privileges and exclusive categories: that would be a new thing in the world.

There is no indication that America will be the first to enact such a spectacle. [...]

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On the other site

Honor President Joe Biden, notes before the Second Civil War #11

He was right all along

For four years, I was dismissively wrong about him

He did what had to be done according to his lights

While I threw tomatoes at him from the peanut gallery

From his Captain's Bridge of Personal Decency and Public Democracy

He kept us before the mast while the ship of state

Lost his sheets to the hurricane winds

Him and his cabinet composed of the best

Of rare honesty, intelligence and excellence,

Achieved more progress than that since Roosevelt

They outwitted swarming Repugnants time and time again.

While the rest of us lost hope

He fought and fought and fought for us

A simple Joe welcome in any American café

A worker, the son of workers, true lover of every worker

The first president to walk the picket line

A stiff man, burdened with endless self-sacrifice

Losses sometimes unbearable, nobly endured

Of family, career and other aspirations

Like Roosevelt's wheelchair, it gave him infinite compassion

He even sacrificed his fantasy of ruling wisely beyond old age.

He sacrificed everything his, to maintain the sacred Union.
He presents an ideal as beautiful as the ugliness of Trump, his evil twin
The best democratic hero anyone could hope for
He gave up his presidency at the best possible time
His wife and Kamala will see to the rest (fingers crossed)
Everything went as well as possible, thanks to him
A Democratic tidal wave, the implosion of Repugnancy
The secret to success is to get out when you are furthest ahead
History will place him alongside Washington,
Who stepped down to prove that an American president is not king
Biden proves that a real American president governs wisely or not at all
Then at the elbows of Lincoln and Roosevelt, for their egalitarian political sense
And their balance in the face of adversity
Let's honor him as much as we honor them
A very, very select club.