

This Century's First World Empire

Empires in the past emanated from one country, as in Roman and British empires. This century's empire power resides in more than one country, although the USA branch maintains the Alpha role. Globalization is the commonly known name, but a more accurate descriptive name would be capitalism, an economic system based on private or corporate ownership of capital goods.

Generally, the main purpose of capitalism is to provide profit for private ownership or corporate shareholders. Competition is the sacred mantra for its process. The process tends to eliminate the least profitable enterprises. The most successful corporations then proceed to buy other corporations. The basic nature of capitalism is to eventually crown the most successful ones in any field with the title of monopoly—the ultimate goal of capitalism's maturation evolution.

The United States has the world's most fertile ground for corporate plowshares—which prepare rich fields for eventual corporate growth crops. The preparation of enriching fields took over a century and encountered numerous obstacles.

Several historic events provided the scenarios for successes and stalemates on America's road toward numero uno of the Globalization Empire. In 1918 at the end of World War I, new markets for American corporations opened up.

The Great Depression of 1929-1939 halted the rapid expansion of America's capitalism. During the preceding period, often referred to as the Roaring Twenties, our nation's presidents and legislative bodies were responsible for the wild financial gyrations promoted by the banks and the Wall Street Stock Exchange. Previously, our government had removed all restrictions on the market economy, which resulted in one of America's deepest and most disastrous depressions. It took another war, World War II, to revive the economy.

WWII eliminated the evil force of Hitler's Germany. It also benefited the United States by moving our military-industrial complex into the leadership role of Globalization. Our corporations acquired new highways into the third world's treasured resources, like oil and other minerals, plus opening up additional markets for America's corporation products.

The primary highway obstacle to unrestricted access to third world resources was the Soviet Union. Consequently, we depended on our military-industrial complex to keep the highways open. That exorbitantly expensive 40-year Cold War, from 1946 to 1989, finally bankrupted the Soviet Union. It could no longer afford to police and control its neighboring satellite countries. So, one by one, satellites drifted out of the Soviet Union's "solar" system.

The Cold War, supported by both Republican and Democratic Parties, pushed the United States of America's economy toward the brink of bankruptcy. One result was the constant enlargement of America's national debt. While steadily enriching the rich through war profits, Washington's politicians also increased the financial burden onto the middle class (white collar and blue collar workers). They also removed almost every restriction placed on corporations by president Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal of the 1930's.

The present generous governmental gestures for our corporations and uber-rich citizens remind one of the Roaring Twenties, when those Wall Street revelers created the tsunami financial crash

of the Great Depression. The bountiful financial help by the Bush and Obama administrations prevented Wall Street banking-investment corporations from experiencing another meltdown.

Corporations have been given the green light by Washington's political prostitutes to move whole manufacturing entities into third world countries where cheap labor prevails and there are no environmental restrictions. Some even obtained subsidies to move out.

Within the past year the Supreme Court joined our legislative and presidential bodies in the assault on our working middle class. They approved a ruling which gives corporations and their shareholders the right to spend unrestricted millions to elect and influence devoted political prostitutes.

Since the Democratic Party has joined the corporate crusade, America's working class still has one nationwide organization to promote their causes—the unions. Today, the corporate crusade has its political minions geared up to destroy unions. Wisconsin, Ohio, Indiana, and other state governments are coordinating their vicious attacks on unions in order to deprive workers of their right to bargain collectively with corporations or governmental agencies. If this crusade continues and becomes successful, America will become a fascist state. We could call that state Fascism Lite. If Fascism Lite fails to fulfill corporations' appetites, they will then deliver the coup-de-grace by using the National Guard to stifle opposition and install full-blown fascism—the unified trilogy of government, militia, and corporations.

Fortunately, there is one avenue of redemption if we approach or enter the dungeon of fascism or dictatorship. People will swarm into the streets and plazas and initiate a major revolution. American streets and plazas have had major and minor revolutions, beginning with the American Revolution against the British Empire. Other revolutions include the ending of slavery, successful women's movements for change, the civil rights movement, and huge anti-war demonstrations, plus nationwide union revivals such as in the early 1900s and during the Great Depression.

I predict that if we continue our national anti-democracy downward spiral and the pauperizing of the middle class, there will be another revolution. When the middle-class masses awaken from their nightmare, major changes will transpire. Wisconsin's massive demonstration is the first wake-up call of the sleeping giant.

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