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PI2025 #0068 – We Expect Government Remedies

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"You may not know that you have been part of the Greatest Experiment in Economic Central Planning in history, an experiment vastly exceeding any central planning Gosplan did in the Soviet Union."

~ *Jack Douglas*

Friday

January 17th, 2025

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"Young people are supposed to be the ones with short-time horizons, running up debt without thinking about the long-term implications. But in the political realm, it's the older and supposedly wiser who demand more and more for themselves, heedless of the burden they're imposing on their children and grandchildren."

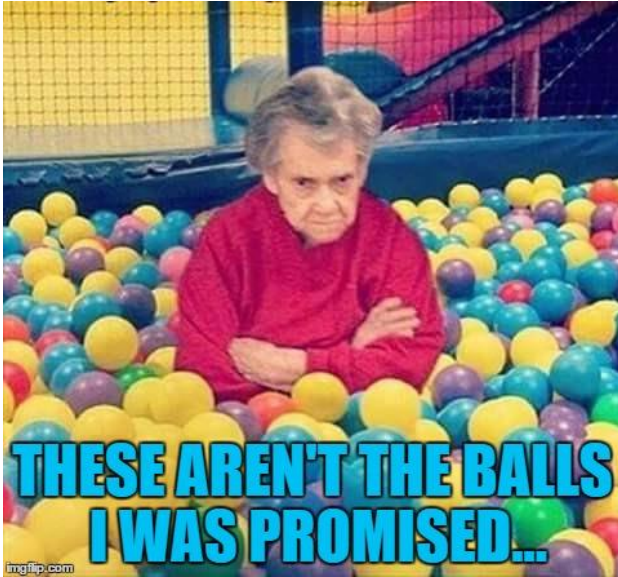
~ *Jacob Sullum*



"Our, the American People's" President-to-be Donald J. Trump is not yet in office, already letting it be known he may not live up to his campaign promises. So, a media article contends, citing statements made by Donald J. pre-Election 2024, but now he claims keeping those promises will not be easy. Not an outright concession, but, based on virtually all before-after legislator rhetoric, a harbinger of reality.

"The trimmers who succeed in offering themselves as candidates are, by and large, mere reflections of irresponsible citizenship—that is, of neglected thinking, study, education, vigilance. Candidates who trim and voters who trim are each cause and each effect; they feed on each other. "

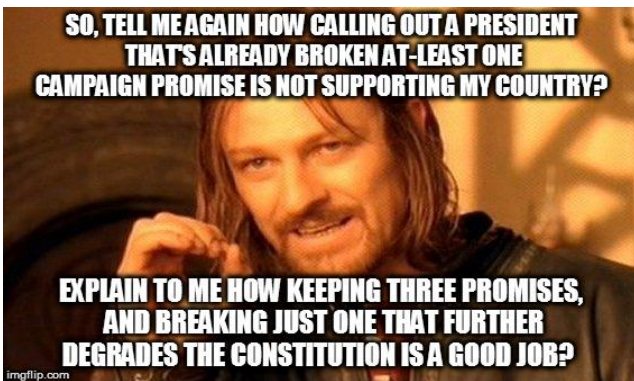
~ ***Leonard Read***



"We, the American People," after two-and-a-half centuries seeing legislators' campaign promises broken post-election, continue to place our bets legislators winning some future election will stop America's never-ending political in-fighting and blight on social tranquility. Thus far, two-and-half-centuries into it, we're showing no signs of getting better. Because we expect government remedies.

"The state is the most fundamentally indecent of all human inventions, a fact that most of us prefer to keep from our conscious mind, which we obfuscate with lies and rationalizations; anesthetize with drugs or alcohol; or trivialize with entertainment-as-news"

~ ***Butler Shaffer***



Government Remedies For Socio-economic troubles invariably turn some of "Us, the American People" into legislative winners, some of us into legislative losers. Meaning, legislators work to have voters think they hold personal attitudes, values, and beliefs (PAVB) in line with voter PAVB, and will make voter PAVB lawfully compulsory. Legislators make their, not voter, PAVB lawfully compulsory.

"While categories of wrongdoing are comparative, it does not follow that wrong deeds within any given category of evil are comparative. "

~ ***Leonard Read***



Given President-To-Be Donald J. Trump stands by his promise to sign 100 executive Orders (EOs) immediately upon taking his oath of office, and makes good on breaking hell loose if mid-east hostages are not freed, we may, at least, be off to a start where some promises are kept. 100 EOs are largely routine; they are instructions to federal Executive Branch staff to carry out legislative provisions.

"If every dollar must be backed by a certain amount of gold, then you cannot create money out of thin air."

~ *Chris Mayer*



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constraint. They exercise self-government to preserve their life, liberty, pursuit of happiness, and property.

"Few of us would be willing to personally inflict, even upon strangers, the brutalities that so many eagerly cheer on when performed by agents of the state with which we identify ourselves."

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PI2025 #0067 – To Frame Public Policy

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"Government's role shouldn't be to police the world – or even to win wars. Government's role should be to keep us out of wars – to protect us from foreign enemies, not create them."

~ *Harry Browne*

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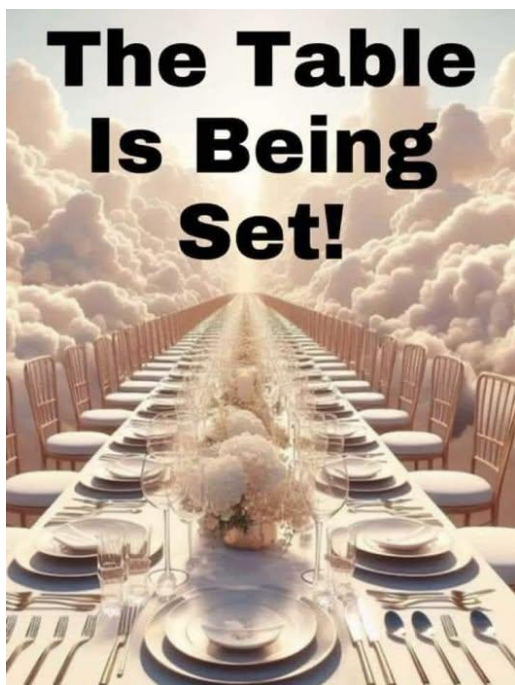
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"The ultimate purpose of centralizing governmental powers in a bureaucratic state is to siphon wealth away from the common man and into the hands of a self-selected elite."

~ *Edwin Vieira*



"Communist Rules for Revolution" --1919.

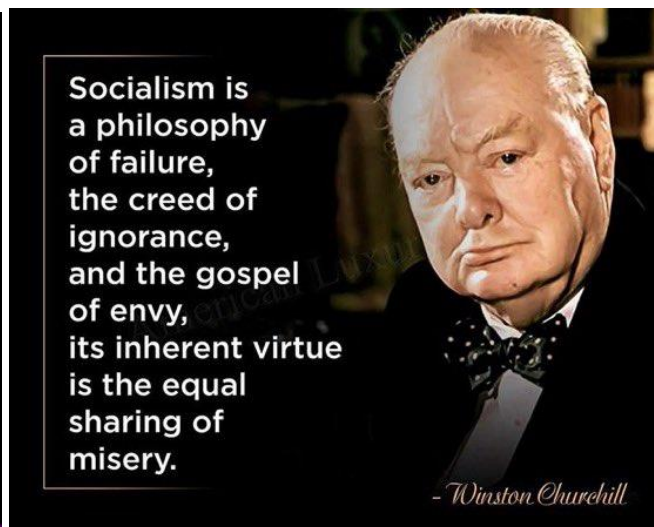
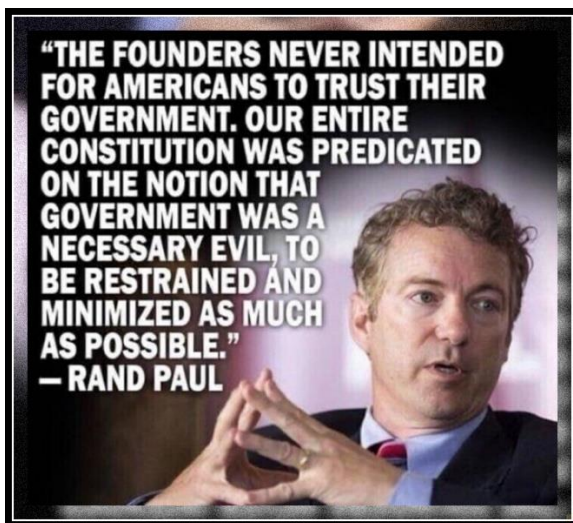
1. Corrupt the young, get them away from religion. Get them interested in sex. Make them superficial. Destroy their ruggedness.
2. Get control of all means of publicity.
3. Get people's minds off their government by focusing their attention on athletics, sexy books and other trivialities.
4. Divide the people into hostile groups by constantly harping on controversial matters of no importance.
5. Destroy the people's faith in their natural leaders by holding the latter up to contempt, ridicule and obloquy.
6. Always preach true democracy, but seize power as fast and as ruthlessly as possible.
7. By encouraging government extravagance, destroy its credit and produce fear of inflation with rising prices and general discontent.
8. Foment unnecessary strikes in vital industries, encourage civil disorders, and foster a lenient and soft attitude on the part of government toward such disorders.
9. By specious argument cause the breakdown of the old moral virtues, honesty, sobriety, continence, faith in the pledged word, ruggedness.
10. Cause the registration of all firearms on some pretext, with a view to confiscating them and leaving the populace helpless.

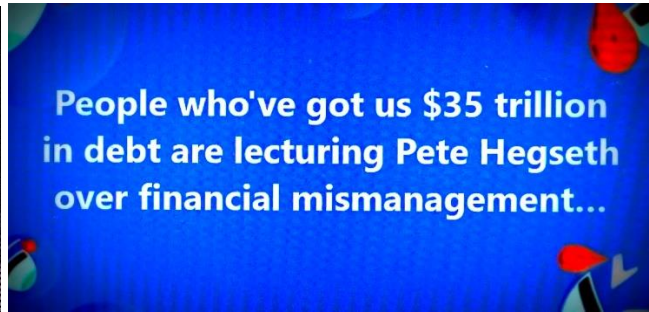
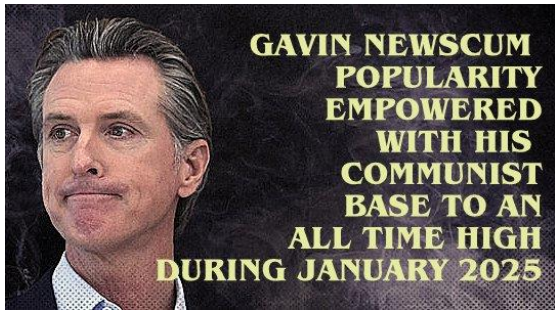


One Of America's Major Networks Show hosts, whose resume sports a post graduate degree in public policy, is completely nettled over President-to-be Donald J. Trump's pre-inaugural foreign policy takes. 'Public Policy,' in a nutshell, is how government administers societal objectives. "We, the American People," giving some thought, might conclude public policy results from legislative dictates.

"As an American I shudder at the consequences of the damage inflicted on America by the current system of government and the dominance of politics."

~ **Doug Thompson**





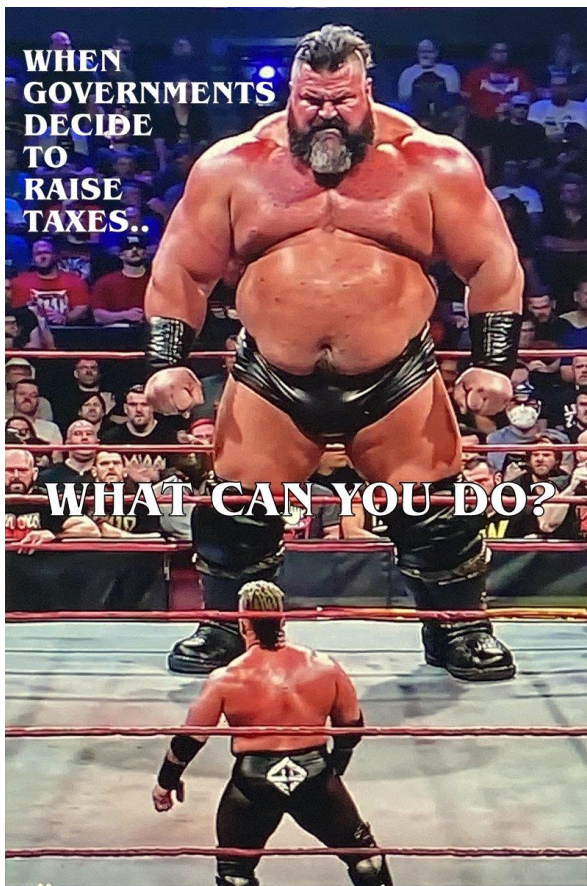
Network Show Host In Question is in stark disagreement with President-to-be Donald J. Trump in virtually all respects. Show host is reported to be first of a beleaguered class to have attained a high-ranking media position. Whether such position would qualify such position holder to offer objectivity when covering public policy development would be disputable among “Us, the American People.”

"I fear the expansion of American government power more than I do the terrorists."

~ **Charley Reese**

Gavin Newsom is the Justin Trudeau of California.





This is not a hero
Or patriot

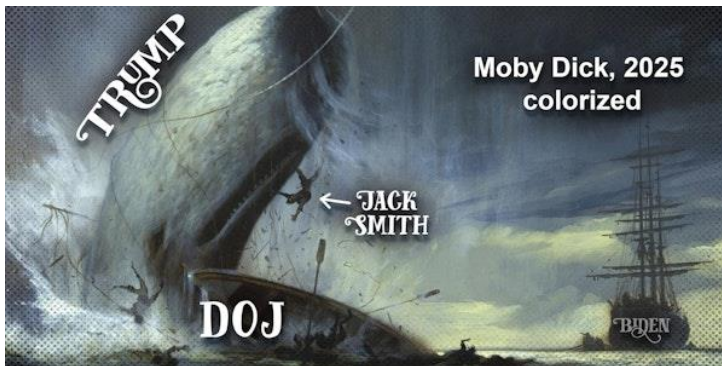
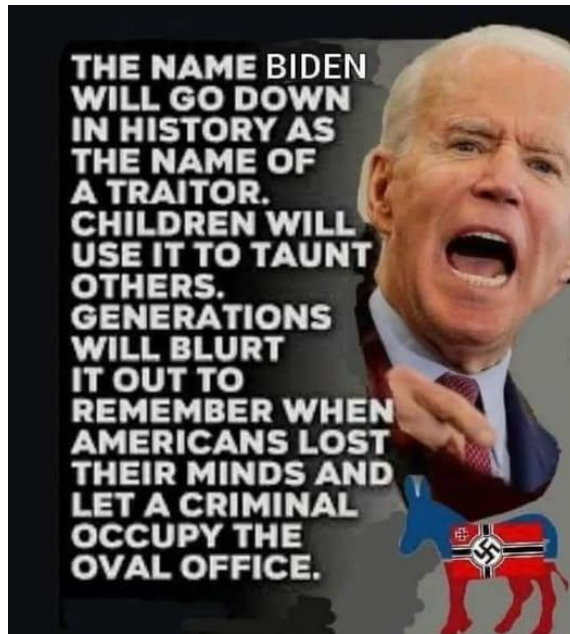


This is a traitor
That got caught

Public Policy, If, In Fact, Public policy is framed based on societal objectives, would, arguably, reflect public opinion in some measurable way. Polls and surveys could be used by politician, academic, activist, show host, legislator, judge, pastor – about anyone – to lobby for having their personal attitudes, values, and beliefs (PAVB) made lawfully compulsory – and, thus, a public policy derivative.

"How coincidental that the State of the Union Address is in the same week as Groundhog's Day. "

~ *Anonymous*

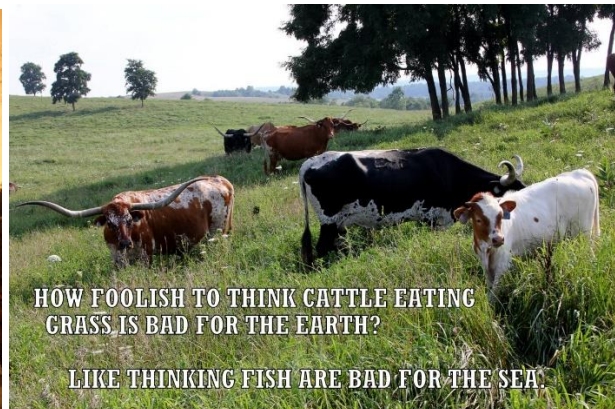
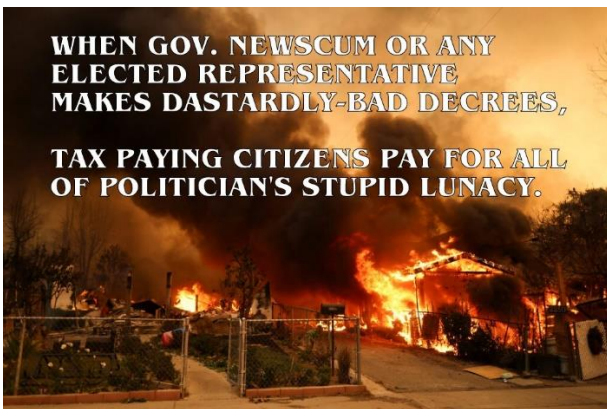


"Our, the American People's" views, compiled in polls and surveys, could be skewed by how poll and survey questions provoke respondents PAVB. America's legislative office elections, however, are definitive. It would be had to show how election results are not reflections of how voters want election winners to frame public policy. Show hosts condemning election winners condemn majority voters.

"In a world that claims to have rejected socialism, central banks remain one of the most powerful socialist institutions around the world--because make no mistake about it, central banking is monetary central planning."

~ **Richard Ebeling**

Chasing my Cybertruck because
I missed a payment and it's driving
itself back to Tesla.



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"A trimmer, according to the dictionary, is one who changes his opinions and policies to suit the occasion. In contemporary political life, he is any candidate whose position on issues depends solely on what he thinks will have most voter appeal."

~ **Leonard Read**

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PI2025 #0066 – Able To Write Paychecks

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"Price fixing is illegal in other industries, but the honchos of central banking are allowed to collude to fix the most important price in an economy, the price of money."

~ *Bill Bonner*

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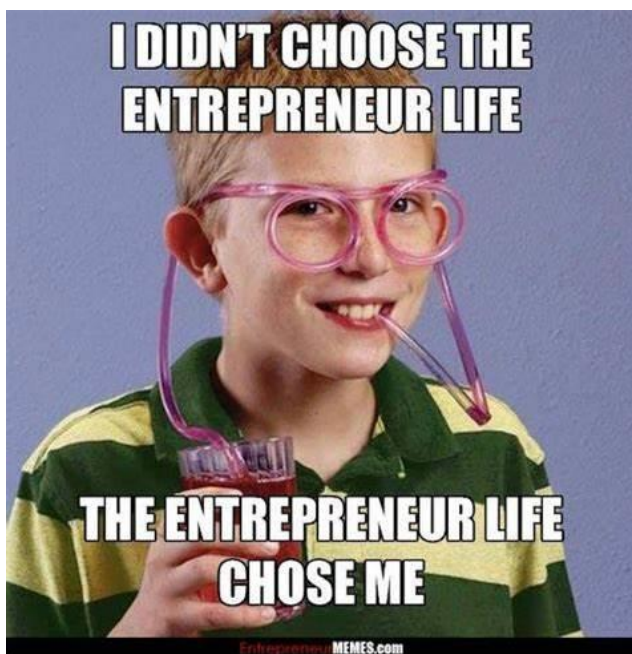
~ *William Buckler*



There Are, No Doubt, A Ton of “Us, the American People” who are more than a little angry at META Boss, Mark Zuckerberg, for, reportedly, cutting META work force by some 5%. Media have it Zuckerberg, characterized as ‘new MAGA cheerleader’ is replacing positions with an AI system to carry on META post fact-checking. Like it or not, a business is not in business for job security purposes.

"Dollars are shape-shifting, ephemeral concepts. Nothing more. They are not measures of value. They are measures of debt. And so are yuan, yen, francs, euros, and what have you."

~ *Alex Wallenwein*



While Job Security May Be Thought to be a reason business is in business by some of “Our, the American People’s” fellow Americans, a business can only offer jobs when company goods and services attract paying customers. Otherwise, no business can stay in business, unless there is some financial support not dependent on sales. Chances are said support depends on sales elsewhere.

"Ownership precedes order. "

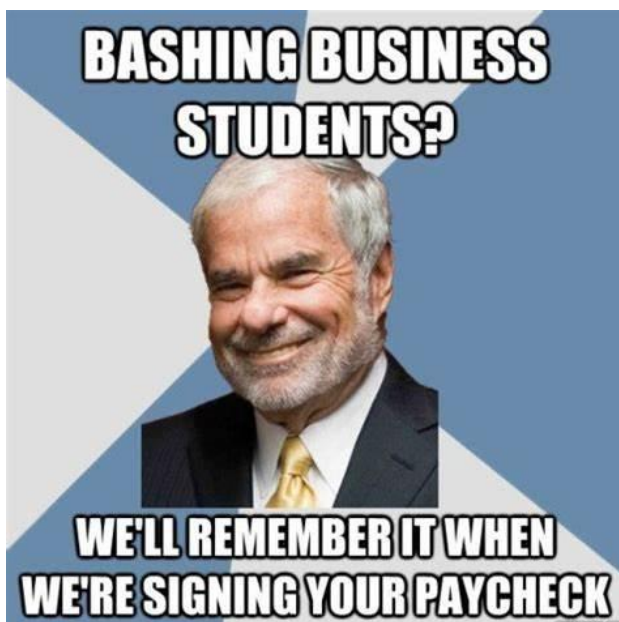
~ *Manuel Lora*



“We, the American People” who believe an economic system has a duty to create and sustain jobs are right to an extent. Rare, is a business operating without people tending it. When a business increases employment, money has to come from somewhere to keep employees employed. Employment compensation could come from, say, ‘will-work-for-food’ arrangement, also not overly common.

"This New World Order was built on its architects’ collective ability to issue debt instruments and have them masquerade as “value.”"

~ *Alex Wallenwein*



Mark Zuckerberg's First Priority, business-wise, is to stay in business. Customers and sponsors keep a business in business. No less true with social media. If META is to stick around, Mark Zuckerberg's first order of business is customer patronage underwritten by customer satisfaction. Otherwise, META will fade away, replaced by competitors who, despite critics, are able to write employee paychecks.

"Even a casual look at the Fed's history leads one to wonder how an institution that profits mightily from its own policies by victimizing Americans has maintained control over the money of the wealthiest nation on Earth. For those who have made a serious inquiry, the Federal Reserve is shadowed in deceptive origins and fraudulent policies."

~ ***Bernard von NotHaus***



People Committed To Lunge In Liberty do not allow legislators – or other public officials within These United States of America, to give quarter to, offer sanctuary to, or negotiate with terrorists. They dismiss elected leaders who put them at risk.

"We need not contemplate ways to bring down the towering edifice of tyranny that confronts and threatens us: we need only stand ready to build upon the rubble when it collapses."

~ ***Paul Hein***

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PI2025 #0065 – Gets Down To Business

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"Throughout history, kings, emperors and politicians have never had the self-discipline to limit their spending in the absence of the restraints imposed by gold."

~ **Nick Barisheff**

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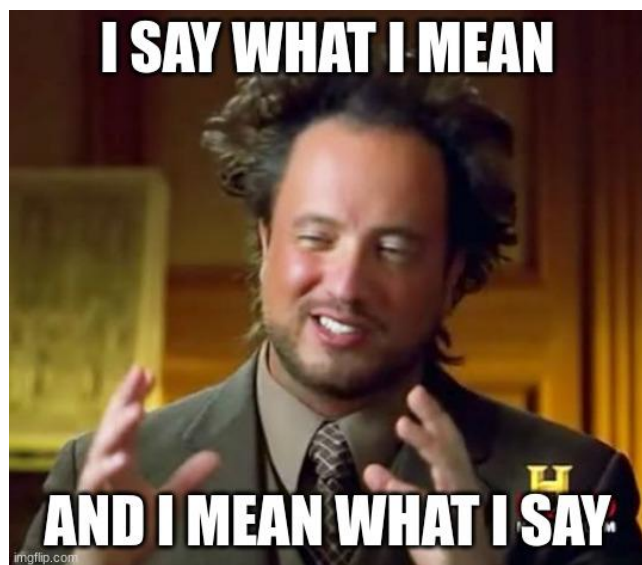
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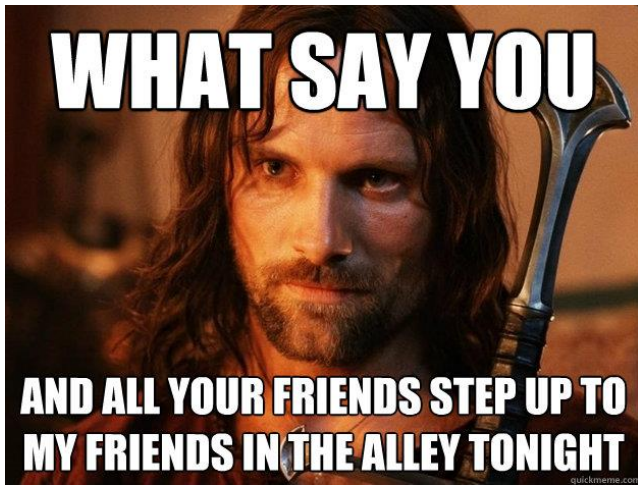
~ **Lew Rockwell**



A European Media U.S. Edition tells “Us, the American People” a high-ranking Russian official and retired General has threatened WW3. Said official, reportedly, announced there will be a point where Russia, in response to U.S.-ally-made weapons in Russo-Ukraine war will leave Russia no choice but to wipe out weapon supplier. ‘Wipeout’ would be a move America’s military might respond to in kind.

"Government planning not only fails; it tends to produce outcomes that are the opposite of what its proponents say that they favor."

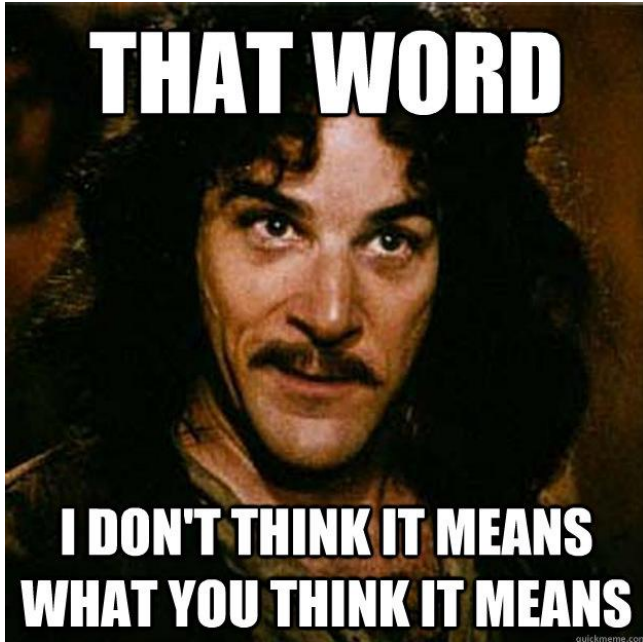
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Russo-Ukraine War Has Drug On since Russia launched a full-scale invasion, February, 2022 It would not be unreasonable to surmise Russia would have a chore decimating a U.S. ally of significance, given Ukraine has not capitulated in nearly three years of military pummeling. One never knows, though, how far a aggressor nation might go trying to take other people’s property for its own.

"Whenever destroyers appear among men, they start by destroying money; for money is man's protection and the base of a moral existence. Destroyers seize gold and leave to its owners a counterfeit pile of paper."

~ *Ayn Rand*



"Our, the American People's President"-to-be Donald J. Trump may not take kindly to having one of America's allies threatened by Russia. There may be some evidence of how unkindly when , and if, Hamas-Israeli war prisoners are not released. Mr. Trump has said all hell would breakout in wake of no prisoner release. An America-Russian military showdown would not be short of nasty turmoil.

"In an age in which public opinion polls weigh more heavily than empirical and reasoned analyses in evaluating events, the communal mindset of dullards may prevail by sheer numbers."

~ *Butler Shaffer*



“We, the American People” don’t need more war. Although, taking on a major power might test real capability of weapon systems yet untried in combat. Or used as a credible deterrent. Should President-to-be Donald J. Trump not live up to his pre-inauguration braggadocio, we could be in for any number of rogue militarists looking to see how far they can get before America’s military gets down to business.

"Legal records from the early Middle Ages show that a serf's 'freedom' was contingent upon the serf paying his or her 'dues'. 'Contingent freedom' is a contradiction in terms."

~ ***William Buckler***



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"The grand crisis of today is a crisis of the legitimacy of our governments."

~ ***William Buckler***

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