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PI2025 #0116 – Until Producers Stop Producing

#### **ASK A HORSE**

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"The pursuit of commerce reconciles nations, calms wars, strengthens peace, and commutes the private good of individuals into the common benefit of all."

~ Hugh of St Victor

Wednesday,

January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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"Economic thinkers need to be disciplined in understanding the fundamental differences between the market and the state."

~ Casey Khan



<u>Those Of "Us, the American People</u>" who are rabid Donald J. Trump loyalists do not understand how American capitalism really works, and are in for hard times ahead. So, writes an opinion writer - who claims former MAGA enthusiasm, now warning Trump mania-infested people unaware of Trump-like deception. In contrast, writer praises former President Joe Biden for COVID-recovery job gains.

"For the political right, the lesson of the run-up and conduct of this war (Gulf War II-Iraq) should be that the government is no better at warfare than it is at welfare; for the political left, the lesson should be that the government you cannot trust to run the world should not be trusted to run the country."

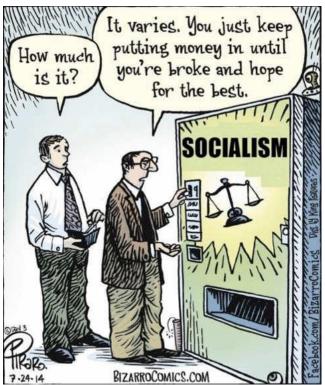
~ Lew Rockwell



"<u>We, the American People</u>," in total, may not have mastered American capitalism. If American capitalism differs from capitalism elsewhere. Capitalism, generally defined, amounts to private production ownership, coupled with price competition, and investment. Capitalism, Trump critic writer claims, capitalism functions against ordinary working-class people, especially low-paid immigrants.

"Since production must always precede predation, the free market is anterior to the State. The State has never been created by a 'social contract'; it has always been born in conquest and exploitation."

~ Murray Rothbard



<u>Trump/MAGA Critic Writer</u> accuses American capitalism enthusiasts of explaining capitalism failure (failure to be prosperous for everyone) by offering up 'inequality-of-outcomes' to justify holding on to a capitalism economic system. Writer concludes with an admonishment to capitalism diehards to take stock of why their expectations of plenty have not materialized and will not under Trump capitalism.

"There is a certain truth to the idea that all governments everywhere are unstable, and the more ambitious they are the more unstable they become. That they work so hard to create a rationale for their rule underscores the point: without it, they can collapse in an instant."

#### ~ Lew Rockwell



<u>It Might Occur To Us</u> who favor capitalism, when presented with anti-capitalism condemnation, to consider how an economic system offering everyone unconditional prosperity would work. Limited supply to meet unlimited demand. Not an easy thing to make happen. Make happen. Won't happen by decree. Could work by property (wealth) redistribution – until producers stop producing for pittance.

"In the present age, the divine right of the State has been supplemented by the invocation of a new god, Science. State rule is now proclaimed as being ultrascientific, as constituting planning by experts."

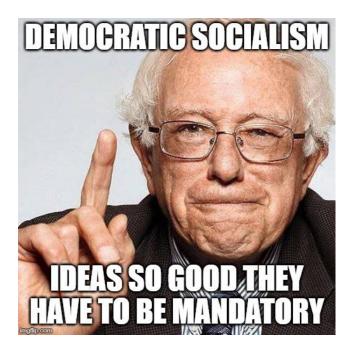
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"Profit and loss tell the entrepreneur what the consumers are asking for most urgently. And only the profits the entrepreneur pockets enable him to adjust his activities to the demand of the consumers."

~ Ludwig von Mises



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PI2025 #0115 – To Defend Their Property

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"Centralization, coercion and monopoly, always have been the advance guard of eventual failure suffering, and always will be....."

~ Auberon Herbert

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"The people can always be brought to the bidding of leaders. That is easy. All you have to do is tell them they are being attacked, and denounce the peacemakers for lack of patriotism and exposing the country to danger. It works the same in any country."

## ~ Hermann Goering

Important weather announcement: Snow today.

ICE tomorrow.





BREAKING: The El Paso port of entry is closed just minutes after President Trump is sworn into office.





<u>There Is Near Hysteria Over</u> President Donald J. Trump's stand on America's Constitutional, soil-based birthright citizenship. Born on American dirt, get to be an American citizen. Been a geographic privilege since America's federal (U.S./National) Constitution came to be. Arguably, before every resettled Mayflower-like person stepped on now-named American soil. Before Yankee law-and-order.

"There are now so few restraints on the government in the economic realm, and because few businessmen know anything of moral and political philosophy beyond the doctrines of pragmatism, relativism, and assorted brands of statism . . . a heavily interventionist economy necessarily seethes with corruption and immorality."

## ~ George Reisman





# Glad you're here! I was waiting for a firefighter who looks more like me. Otherwise I feel unsafe.



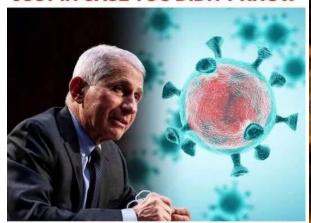


<u>It Will Take More Than President</u> Donald J. Trump's heavy-handed signature to stop people born on America's dirt having instant citizenship. Presidents have as much power as they can exert without America's legislative-judicial system, and more importantly, America's sovereign citizenry stopping ambitious American presidents s in their tracks. Not even to Donald J.'s loudest cynics is he a dictator.

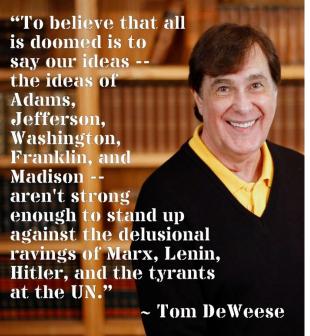
"A paper monetary standard means there are no restraints on the printing press or on federal deficits."

~ Ron Paul (in 2003) -

# JUST IN CASE YOU DIDN'T KNOW



GAIN OF FUNCTION RESEARCH IS ALSO CALLED BIOLOGICAL WEAPON DEVELOPMENT







"We, the American People," if we have our brains engaged, know it is unnecessary to change America's citizenship requirements to deal with illegal immigrant/migrant/refugee (IIMR) influx. We have only to require our government officials to uphold immigration laws. We could change how America's immigration laws are enforced, by delegating enforcement to border lines and entry ports.

"A growing government is like a malignant cancer. The only tolerable ones are those that are shrinking. Even then we cannot rest, for it is a certainty that the beast will turn on us.....again and again."

## ~ Wes Alexander

"Trap is set, ready when you are"









<u>There Is No Reason Why Local</u> authorities need permission of funding to stop IIMR influx. Federal funds come from local taxation. Keep local tax money where it's needed most. Locally. No more than a matter of doing so, rather than bickering over jurisdiction and political ideology. Moreover, no reason why property owners ought not be backed up to defend their property against trespassing. Forcefully.

"Without market prices for the means of production, government planners cannot engage in economic calculation, and so literally have NO IDEA if they are using society's resources efficiently. Consequently, socialism suffers not only from a problem of incentives, but also from a problem of knowledge."

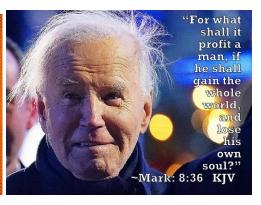
~ Robert P. Murphy





"Deportation flights have begun. President Trump is sending a strong and clear message to the entire world: if you illegally enter the United States of America, you will face severe consequences."

—White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt



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"Whatever party names we may give ourselves, this is the question always waiting for an answer, Do you believe in force and authority, or do you believe in liberty?"

~ Auberon Herbert

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PI2025 #0114 – Guarding Guardians, No Less

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"The humanitarian wishes to be a prime mover in the lives of others. He cannot admit either the divine or the natural order, by which men have the power to help themselves."

~ Isabel Paterson

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"To sum up: Pursue inflationism, frustrate the market, extend socialism, adopt protectionism, embrace militarism, extirpate thrift, expropriate the Middle Classes, consume capital--and ignore the Austrians!-that is the way to turn a recession into a depression."

~ Sean Corrigan



"Our, the American People's" Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) Justice Clarence Thomas is not happy about American judges ignoring or defying SCOTUS decisions. Funny thing about America's courts. America's courts render opinions. SCOTUS is an American court; SCOTIS justices decide based on their personal attitudes, values, and beliefs (PAVB). As do all court judges.

"We have a guy standing right there in front of you, appointed to a sparkling new 14-year term at the central bank (Fed Chairman Greenspan), looking you right in the eye, who has the sheer gall to promise to use all the powers at his disposal to give you a constantly lower and lower standard of living, every year, for the rest of your life!"

## ~ Mogambo Guru



<u>Were America's SCOTUS Opinions</u> ironclad with enforcement power, "We, the American People" might have different news about SCOTUS PAVB pronouncements. But, America's court decisions are left up to America's governmental executive branches to enforce. Should executive branches elect not to act as a court decides, related cases could be in limbo pending a new chief executive, or longer.

"It is so much easier for us to think of ourselves as victims of the state, than as having suffered the consequences of our own thinking."

~ Butler Shaffer



<u>SCOTUS</u> <u>Justice Clarence Thomas's</u> disappointment about courts not taking heed on SCOTUS decisions tells "Us, the American People" there is no such thing as finality when it comes to how government works. America's government, in any case. Since America's courts are part of America's citizenry, and America's citizenry has sovereignty over America's government, we could be proactive.

"If the state insists upon controlling our behavior, is it not easy to see how individuals might come to believe that they are not responsible for their acts? If 'others' control my life, why should I feel responsible for my conduct?"

~ Butler Shaffer



<u>Outlandish As It Might Seem</u>, there's nothing to stop us from forming a sovereign citizenry's legislative-judicial review body to pass judgement on law and court legitimacy. Such a body could, provided members were clear-thinking apolitical blokes and 'blok-ettes,' let one and all know if legislators and magistrates were acting out of fairness and justice. Guarding guardians, no less.

"Listening to the candidates' responses I realized how Marx is smiling--in hell--because his evil philosophy of redistribution, which is responsible for the deaths of tens of millions of human beings in the 20th century, has been embraced by not only the "greatest generation" who fought for freedom in World War II, but also by their children and grandchildren."

~ Murray Sabrin



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"What if we kicked out the uninvited and dangerous immigrants in this country, stopped interfering politically and militarily in the affairs of other countries, and instead told them, 'We will trade peaceably with you, and that's all'?"

~ Bob Wallace

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PI2025 #0113 – Reduced To Comparative Insignificance

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"The American model -- democracy -- must be regarded as a historical error, economically as well as morally. Democracy promotes shortsightedness, capital waste, irresponsibility, and moral relativism. It leads to permanent compulsory income and wealth redistribution and legal uncertainty."

~ Hans-Hermann Hoppe



**Every Government Of Every Nation** should be dedicated to putting its nation first. "Our, the American People's" media is running an article indicating President Donald J. Trump's policies stand to lose him a nation he needs. Mexico. Article in question notes Mexico has some 3,100 kilometers of common border with America, and 200-odd years of diplomacy at risk because of President Donald J.'s rhetoric.

"Contrary to still wide-spread Marxist mythology, it is not the entrepreneurs who exploit their workers."

~ Hans-Herman Hoppe



"We, the American People" are not bound to back America's presidents, regardless their behavior. We are more than capable of removing presidents - any elected official- from office, should we find they're not acting in America's (our) best interests. Whether returning illegal immigrants/migrants/refugees (IIMR) to origin countries is in our interest, for example, is in contention. Ultimately, it's our decision.

"Justifying conscription to promote the cause of liberty is one of the most bizarre notions ever conceived by man! Forced servitude, with the risk of death and serious injury as a price to live free, makes no sense."

~ Ron Paul



<u>Negotiation And Compromise Are</u> sticky wickets. Governments would be weak and foolish to seek compromise or negotiate based on how their countries would lose out if they were to negotiate or offer compromise on a forceful stance. Free societies do not look kindly on government willing to surrender more than they gain in compromise or negotiations. It adds to creating dependency, not self-reliance.

"A social order is doomed if the actions which its normal functioning require, are rejected by the standards of morality, are declared to be illegal by the laws of the country, and are prosecuted as criminal by the courts and the police."

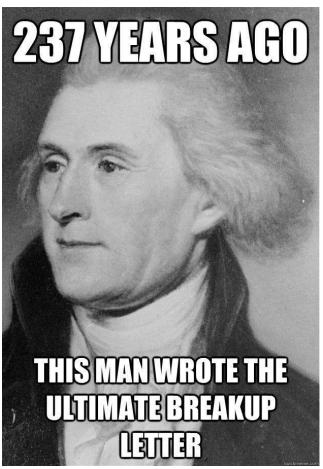
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<u>It Is Arguable IIMR Troubles</u>, worldwide, could be reduced to comparative insignificance, were heads of state, worldwide, to focus on making their countries universally attractive, rather than having people looking for ways to get out from under burdensome socio-economic conditions exacerbated by oppressive government polices and practices. Not as though it's undoable. Takes committed resolve.

"Do not yield or give in to evil, but proceed against it ever more boldly."

~ Virgil - Publius Vergilius Maro



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"The federal government is going to go bankrupt. It will default on Social Security. We are in a war of ideas. ."

~ Gary North

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