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## What the Left Did to Our Country

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In the last 20 years, the Left has boasted that it has gained control of most American institutions of power and influence—the corporate boardroom, media, Silicon Valley, Wall Street, the administrative state, academia, foundations, social media, entertainment, professional sports, and Hollywood.

With such support, between 2009-17, Barack Obama was empowered to transform the Democratic Party from its middle-class roots and class concerns into the party of the bicoastal rich and subsidized poor—obsessions with big money, race, a new intolerant green religion, and dividing the country into a binary of oppressors and oppressed.

The Obamas entered the presidency spouting the usual leftwing boilerplate (“*spread the wealth,*” “*just downright mean country,*” “*get in their face,*” “*the first time I’ve been proud of my country*”) as upper-middle-class, former community activists, hurt that their genius and talents had not yet been sufficiently monetized.

After getting elected by temporarily pivoting to racial ecumenicalism and pseudo-calls for unity, they reverted to form and governed by dividing the country. And then the two left the White House as soon-to-be mansion-living, mega-rich elites, cashing in on the fears they had inculcated over the prior eight years.

To push through the accompanying unpopular agendas of an open border, mandatory wind and solar energy, racial essentialism, and the weaponization of the state, Obama had begun demonizing his opponents and the country in general: America was an unexceptional place. Cops were racist. “*Clingers*” of the Midwest were hopelessly ignorant and prejudiced. Only fundamental socialist transformation could salvage a historically oppressive, immoral, and racist nation.

The people finally rebelled at such preposterousness. Obama lost his party some 1,400 local and state offices during his tenure, along with both houses of Congress. His presidency was characterized by his polarizing mediocrity. His one legacy was Obamacare, the veritable destruction of the entire system of a once workable health insurance, of the hallowed doctor-patient relationship, and former easy access to competent specialists.

Yet Obama's unfulfilled ambitions set the stage for the Biden administration—staffed heavily with Obama veterans—to complete the revolutionary transformation of the Democratic Party and the country.

It was ironic that while Obama was acknowledged as young and charismatic, nonetheless a cognitively challenged, past plagiarist, fabulist, and utterly corrupt Joe Biden was far more effective in ramming through a socialist woke agenda and altering the very way Americans vote and conduct their legal system.

Stranger still, Biden accomplished this subversion of traditional America while debilitated and often mentally inert—along with being mired in a bribery and influence-peddling scandal that may ultimately confirm that he easily was the most corrupt president to hold office in U.S. history.

How was all this possible?

Covid had allowed the unwell Biden to run a surrogate campaign from his basement as he outsourced his politicking to a corrupt media.

Senility proved a godsend for Biden. His cognitive disabilities masked his newfound radicalism and long-accustomed incompetence. Unlike his past failed campaigns, the lockdowns allowed Biden to be rarely seen or heard—and thus as much liked in the abstract as he had previously been disliked in the concrete.

His handlers, the Obamas, and the Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren radical Democrats, saw Biden's half-century pretense as a gladhandler—good ole Joe Biden from Scranton—as the perfect delivery system to funnel their own otherwise unpopular leftwing agendas. In sum, via the listless Biden, they sought to change the very way America used to work.

And what a revolution Biden's puppeteers have unleashed in less than three years.

They launched a base attack on the American legal system. Supreme Court judges are libeled, their houses swarmed, and their lives threatened with impunity. The Left promised to pack the court or to ignore any decision it resents. The media runs hit pieces on any conservative justice deemed too influential. The prior Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer whipped up a mob outside the court's doors and threatened two justices by name. As Schumer presciently put it, they would soon "*reap the whirlwind*" of what they supposedly had sowed and thus would have no idea what was about to "*hit*" them.

Under the pretense of Covid fears, balloting went from 70 percent participation on election day in most states to a mere 30 percent. Yet the rates of properly rejected illegal or improper ballots often dived by a magnitude of ten.

Assaults now followed on hallowed processes, laws, customs, and institutions—the Senate filibuster, the 50-state union, the Electoral College, the nine-justice Supreme Court, Election Day, and voter IDs.

Under Biden, the revolution had institutionalized first-term impeachment, the trial of an ex-president while a private citizen, and the indictment of a chief political rival and ex-president on trumped-up charges by local and federal prosecutors—all to destroy a political rival and alter the 2024 election cycle.

Biden destroyed the southern border—literally. Eight million entered illegally—no background checks, no green cards, no proof of vaccinations. America will be dealing with the consequences for decades. Mexico was delighted, receiving some \$60 million in annual remittances, while the cartels were empowered to ship enough fentanyl to kill 100,000 Americans a year.

"*Modern monetary theory*," the Leftist absurdity that printing money ensures prosperity, followed. It has nearly bankrupted the country, unleashed wild inflation, and resulted in the highest interest rates in a quarter-century. Middle-class wages fell further behind as a doddering Biden praised his disastrous "*Bidenomics*."

Biden warred on fossil fuels, canceling federal leases and pipelines, jawboning lending agencies to defund fracking, demonizing state-of-the-art, clean-burning cars, and putting vast areas of oil and gas-rich federal lands off-limits to drilling.

When gas prices predictably doubled under Biden and the 2022 midterms approached, he tried temporarily to lease out a few new fields, to drain the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, and to beg the Saudis, and our enemies, the Iranians, the Venezuelans, and the Russians, to pump more oil

and gas that Biden himself would not. All this was a pathetic ruse to temporarily lower gas prices before the mid-term elections.

Biden abandoned Afghanistan, leaving the largest trove of military equipment behind in U.S. military history, along with thousands of loyal Afghans and pro-American contractors.

Biden insulted the parents of the 13 Marines blown up in this worst U.S. military debacle since Pearl Harbor. He lied to the parents of the dead that he too lost a son in the Iraq war, and when among them later impatiently checked his watch as he seemed bored with the commemoration of the fallen—and made no effort to hide his sense that the ceremony was tedious to him.

Vladimir Putin summed up the Afghan debacle—and Biden’s nonchalant remark that he wouldn’t react strongly to a “*minor*” invasion of Ukraine if it were minor—as a green light to invade Ukraine.

When Biden did awaken, his first reaction was an offer to fly the Ukrainian president Volodymyr Zelenskyy out of the country as soon as possible. What has followed proved the greatest European killing ground since the 1944-45 Battle of the Bulge, albeit one that has now fossilized into a Verdun-like quagmire that is draining American military supply stocks and killing a half-million Ukrainians and Russians.

Suddenly, there are three genders, not two. Women’s sports have been wrecked by biological men competing as women, destroying a half-century of female athletic achievement. Young girls in locker rooms, co-eds in sororities, and women in prison must dress and shower with biological men transitioning to women by assertion.

There is no longer a commitment to free speech. The American Civil Liberties Union is a woke, intolerant group trying to ban free expression under the pretense of fighting “*hate*” speech and “*disinformation*.”

The Left has revived McCarthyite loyalty oaths straight out of the 1950s, forcing professors, job applicants, and students applying for college to pledge their commitment to “*diversity*” as a requisite for hiring, admittance, or promotion. Diversity is our era’s version of the Jacobins’ “*Cult of Reason*.”

Race relations hit a 50-year nadir. Joe Biden has a long history of racist insults and putdowns. And now as apparent penance, he has reinvented himself as a reverse racial provocateur, spouting nonsense about white supremacy, exploiting shootings, or hyping racial tensions to ensure that an increasingly disgusted black electorate does not leave the new Democratic Party.

The military has adopted wokeism, oblivious that it has eroded meritocracy in the ranks and slashed military recruitment. It is underfunded, wracked by internal suspicion, loss of morale, and ginned up racial and gender animosity. Its supply stocks are drained. Arms production is snail-like, and generalship is seen as a revolving door to corporate defense contractor board riches.

Big-city Democratic district attorneys subverted the criminal justice system, destroyed law enforcement deterrence, and unleashed a record crime wave. Did they wish to create anarchy as protest against the normal, or were they Jokerist nihilists who delighted in sowing ruin for ruin's sake?

Radical racial activists, with Democrat endorsement, demand polarizing racial reparations. The louder the demands, the quieter they remain about smash-and-grab looting, carjacking, and the swarming of malls by disproportionately black teens—even as black-on-black urban murders reach record proportions.

In response, Biden tried to exploit the growing tensions by spouting lies that “*white supremacy*” and “*white privilege*” fuel such racial unrest—even as his ill-gotten gains, record of racist demagoguery, and resulting lucre and mansions appear the epitome of his so-called white privilege.

This litany of disasters could be vastly expanded, but more interesting is the why of it all.

What we are witnessing seems to be utter nihilism. The border is not porous but nonexistent. Mass looting and carjackings are not poorly punished, but simply exempt from all and any consequences. Our downtowns are reduced to a Hobbesian “*war of all against all*,” where the strong dictate to the weak and the latter adjust as they must. The streets of our major cities in just a few years have become precivilizational—there are more human feces on the sidewalks of San Francisco than were in the gutters of Medieval London.

The FBI and DOJ are not simply wayward and weaponized, but corrupt and renegade. Apparently, the perquisite now for an FBI director is the ability either to lie while under oath or better to mask such lying by claiming amnesia or ignorance.

Immigration is akin to the vast unchecked influxes of the late Roman Empire across the Danube and Rhine that helped to finish off a millennium-old civilization that had lost all confidence in its culture and thus had no need for borders.

In other words, the revolution is not so much political as anarchist. Nothing escapes it—not ceiling fans, not natural gas cooktops, not parents at school board meetings, not Christian bakeries, not champion female swimmers, not dutiful policemen, not hard-working oil drillers, not privates and corporals in the armed forces, not teens applying on their merits to college, not anyone, anywhere, anytime.

The operating principle is either to allow or to engineer things to become so atrocious in everyday American life—the inability to afford food and fuel, the inability to walk safely in daylight in our major cities, the inability to afford to drive as one pleases, the inability to obtain or pay back a high-interest loan—that the government can absorb the private sector and begin regimenting the masses along elite dictates. The more the people tire of the leftist agenda, the more its architects furiously seek to implement it, hoping that their institutional and cultural control can do what ballots cannot.

We could variously characterize their efforts as destroying the nation to save it, burning it down to start over, or fundamentally transforming America into something never envisioned by the Founders.

Will their upheaval succeed? All the levers of power and money are on the side of the revolutionaries. The people are not. And they are starting to wake up to the notion if they do not stop the madness in their midst they very soon won't have a country.

## **Cheaters Cheat**

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Robert Kennedy Jr recently said, *“The Democrat Party is doing a bunch of things to make sure that I can't [run] even if I win more votes than Joe Biden... the Democratic Party thinks that I may win New Hampshire, so they've removed Joe Biden from New Hampshire and they passed a rule that says any candidate who actively campaigns in New Hampshire, that the delegates they win will not be allowed into the convention. And that, now what they're saying is they're going to extend that so that if you campaign in New Hampshire, which I have already done, that any votes you get in Georgia won't count for you either... my name won't appear on the ballot in Georgia if I campaign in New Hampshire. That's what the DNC is up to now.”*

That is what the Democrat party is always up to. Cheaters cheat. The Democrat party rigged the 2016 primary for Hillary Clinton over Bernie Sanders. Donna Brazille, a Democrat operative working for CNN, gave Hillary the debate questions before her Democrat debate with Bernie Sanders. They rigged the 2020 primary for Joe Biden over Bernie Sanders. In both primaries, the Democrat party manipulated their super-delegates against Bernie Sanders and for their favored candidate. And this year, they are rigging the Democrat primary in favor of Joe Biden against Robert F. Kennedy Jr. The entire M.O. of the Democrat party is to cheat.

During the 2016 Presidential election, Barack Obama had the FBI unconstitutionally spy on Donald Trump's campaign and transition team. After Trump won the election, Hillary Clinton fed opposition research to the FBI to charge Trump with colluding with the Russians to influence the election, which put the country through a two-and-a-half-year fraudulent investigation to undermine Trump's Presidency and overturn the 2016 election results. They impeached Trump twice to deny him the right to run for President again. Trump was exonerated twice.

Leading up to the 2020 election, the Democrat party colluded with Twitter and Facebook to censor Republican voices on social media and promote Democrats. During the 2020 Presidential campaign, the Democrats got 50 current and former intelligence agents to lie by signing a letter that falsely claimed that Hunter Biden's laptop which was filled with corruption and criminality by Joe Biden, was Russian disinformation. The Democrats illegally procured Donald Trump's taxes so they could scour his documents looking for illegalities and found none. They have had the FBI raid Trump's home, and the homes of several of his closest associates, and then charged him with crimes that they refuse to charge Biden and Hillary with.

Everything that the Democrats are doing to erase Donald Trump from the ballot is further proof that they stole the 2020 election. If they are willing to rig the 2024 election, they were fully willing and capable of having rigged to 2020 election. Cheaters cheat. In the middle of the 2024 election season, they have indicted Donald Trump four times with 91 charges for exercising his Constitutional rights. Each one of the 91 indictments against Trump is part of a multi-level national conspiracy to interfere with the 2024 election. Is it just a coincidence that all four of the arrests of Donald Trump were conducted by far-left prosecutors, all occurring in the year leading up to the Presidential election in which he is leading in the polls over the Democrat? I guess that's just one big coincidence.

Two of the trial dates for Trump's indictments have been set for March 4, 2024, the day before Super Tuesday. White House visitor logs show a member of President Joe Biden's counsel's office met with a top member of Jack Smith's team nine weeks before he indicted former President Donald Trump. Are we supposed to believe that all this has not been coordinated with

the White House? I guess they were just talking about golf and grandkids or wedding plans and yoga. This has been planned and orchestrated by the leaders of the Democrat party since the day after the 2020 election. That is why they have dealt so harshly with the January 6 rioters. Because when they steal the 2024 election as blatantly as they are planning on doing, they are showing to the country that they will arrest anyone who objects.

You don't think this is orchestrated? Within minutes of the January 6 riot, the Democrats were using the word "*insurrection*". No one who has seen footage from that day would conclude that it was in any way an "*insurrection*". No one was armed. Most of the footage shows middle-aged and elderly people meandering around the inside the Capital. Was there violence and destruction of property? Yes, by a small percentage of the rioters. But none of that violence or property destruction appeared very alarming after witnessing for the previous 6 months, over 500 violent BLM riots which firebombed police stations, set courthouses on fire, burned buildings and churches to the ground, maimed cops and killed over 30 people.

All of that violence, Barack Obama, Michelle Obama, Kamala Harris, and Joe Biden, supported and defended with public statements. So, what happened at the Capital appeared rather tame compared to what we witnessed night after night in our cities that summer and fall. So, no honest person would consider the Capital riot, an "*insurrection*", but the Democrats and their surrogates in the media introduced that word and repeated it over and over again in the conversation knowing that it shows up in the 14th Amendment to potentially disqualify a Presidential candidate [Trump] in future elections. Why was Donald Trump asked repeatedly during the 2020 campaign to pledge to accept the election results before the election took place? They wanted to use his logical answer of, "*no*", as proof that he was already planning on an insurrection if he did not win.

Everything the Democrats do is about rigging elections. The Democrats engage in widespread ballot harvesting in which campaign operatives go to people's homes and collect their ballots and most likely influence how they vote in the process. I don't know how that is not a violation of election laws against electioneering near polling places, but the Dems have found a way around it.

Opening the southern border, allowing 7 million illegal immigrants into this country, and at the same time working to eliminate voter ID for our elections means that they are trying to get as many of those 7 million illegal immigrants to vote in our next election which is a form of stuffing the ballot box. That is the only reason why the Democrats want the borders to be wide open. All these illegal immigrants are more and more votes for them. The only people who do not want to have voter ID are the people who want to cheat in the elections. The only people who don't want you to be allowed to challenge the results of the election are the people who rig



the elections. Everything that the Democrats are doing is further proof that the 2020 election was stolen, and they are planning on doing the same in 2024. They are acting as if they are guilty. Guilty people are not transparent. Guilty people don't want to be questioned. Guilty people do not want to be investigated.

No one can refute any of these repeated acts of outright cheating by the Democrats, yet they act shocked and in disbelief if you question the integrity of Joe Biden's election when they, themselves, have an extensive track record of challenging election results – the 2000, 2004 and 2016 Presidential elections. They try to silence anybody who questions the 2020 election results by calling them “*election deniers*” and “*threats to democracy*”. They don't want us to challenge the results of the 2020 election, because they know they rigged the election.

When they were after Donald Trump's tax returns, the common refrain was, if you don't have anything to hide then you should release your tax returns. Likewise, if the election wasn't stolen, then you should welcome an investigation into the election results. Donald Trump appointed a special counsel to look into the charge of Russian collusion in our election. He did that because he knew that he was innocent and would be proven so. The Democrats don't want anybody to investigate the 2020 election because they know that they stole the election, and if a legitimate investigation was conducted, it would be proven to be fraudulent.

On November 12, 2020, 9 days after the election, the Elections Infrastructure Government Coordinating Council & the Election Infrastructure Sector Coordinating Executive Committees released a statement saying, “*The November 3rd election was the most secure in American history.*” There were 155 million votes cast. There are 50 states in the union. There are 438 congressional districts. There are 176,933 voting precincts in the United States. And these two organizations believed they could assess the security of that entire election within 9 days. Their statement was a lie, and because they lied about how secure the election was, means the election was most likely fraudulent.

A preemptive statement of innocence is a telling sign of guilt. That was an impossible statement to make. They could not make that statement if they had 9 months to investigate the election because there was not enough time to do a forensic investigation of the election. That statement would be something that Fidel Castro or Joseph Stalin would have said shortly after they “*won*” their election with 99% of the vote. What's more unbelievable, Fidel Castro receiving 99% of the Cubans' vote or Joe Biden receiving 81 million votes? They are about the same. The scary part of that statement is that it means that these election agencies were in on the fraud. The steal was not exclusive to the Democrat party, but agencies charged to protect the elections did not simply fail to identify the cheating, they were involved with the cheating. And most likely, they will be involved in the 2024 cheating.

For 40 years, Joe Biden has been monetizing his offices as Senator and Vice President to enrich himself and his family. Joe and Hunter Biden received over \$10 million of bribes from our enemies, Russia and China, and we're supposed to clutch our pearls when someone suggests that he may be involved in stealing the 2020 election. Taking bribes from our enemies is right in line with voter fraud. Trump has 91 charges against him, and Joe Biden doesn't have one? Joe Biden's crimes are all over Hunter's laptop. Joe has lied repeatedly about his involvement in all of Hunter's corrupt schemes. Joe Biden is one of the most corrupt and dirty politicians that the United States has ever seen, and we're supposed to pretend that there's no way that he would ever try to steal an election. He's doing it right in front of our eyes right now. He is weaponizing the DOJ to go after his number one political opponent in the 2024 election, and we're supposed to pretend that there's no way possible that Joe Biden would ever think about stealing the 2020 election.

Joe Biden had three separate anonymous email accounts that he was operating out of the White House when he was Vice President. These were not just his private email accounts. These were email accounts under false names, disguising whose email it was so he could disguise what he was doing. And we're supposed to believe that there's no way that Joe Biden would think about cheating an election. Joe Biden was almost thrown out of law school for plagiarism. He had to drop out of his first run for President back in the 1980s because of plagiarism. He stole the speeches, word for word, from John F. Kennedy, Robert Kennedy, and Neil Kennick, and we're supposed to believe that Joe Biden has integrity, that Joe Biden would never do anything illegal, that Joe Biden would never cheat. His entire life is one big fraud. His entire life he's been cheating. Joe Biden cheating in the 2020 election is par for the course for Joe Biden. That's what he does. He's a cheater, and cheaters cheat.

If Joe Biden didn't cheat, that would be the anomaly. He is the most fraudulent President we've ever had. It's not even close. We're supposed to believe that a person who ran for President three other times, and did not get one delegate in the Democrat primaries, during a time when he was at the top of his game, when he could speak and answer questions, received more votes than any other Presidential candidate in the history by 11 million when he is a 77-year-old man with early onset dementia? As they say down in Texas, "*That dog doesn't hunt.*"

Suddenly, as the 2024 Presidential election nears, health officials advise people to start wearing masks in crowded public areas, as they claim that coronavirus cases are expected to spike following Labor Day weekend. Obviously, they are stirring the Covid scare again because they want to re-implement the playbook that worked so well in 2020. They want universal mail-in ballots because that is the best way for them to push an 81-year-old house plant across the finish line in the 2024 election. Lock people down, and make them scared to leave their homes, so

they can use mail-in ballots and unmonitored drop boxes to stuff the ballot boxes with fraudulent votes just like they did the last time.

And hunker down because, in about 6 to 8 months, the country will be on fire again when the Democrats, after ignoring the deaths of tens of thousands of black people at the hands of other black people the last two years, will exploit the death of a black man to unleash BLM and Antifa riots on the country all over again. Inflammate racial divisions, pit black versus white, and then call the Republican candidate a racist to sway votes. The Democrats have to do all this because nothing of what they stand for inspires people to vote for them. In the end, cheaters cheat, and the Democrats have been cheating this country since their inception.

## **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE HELP, HINDRANCE OR HELL?**

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*"The more things change, the worse things will get because of the natural downward spiral of an unnatural society without bearings or a rudder to move things in the "right" direction. The Second Law of Thermodynamics takes over when there is no consensus, conscious, or socially conscious guidance brought forth to bear on the unbearable situation, and few have any conscience to counter it. Artificial Intelligence(AI) is latching on or catching on like a disease because it fills the vacuum created by our currently vacuous existence and we need the constant stimulation of a newfound fad. We have to start paying attention to it because it will increasingly impinge upon our lives. The latest tech toys look great at first, but they begin to grate on us when we realize they are degrading us. GPS makes searching simple and it sounds sensuous with that faux female voice just like Siri and her sisters have. These are the leading edges of a bunch of coming, increasingly edgy, state-of-the-art stuff you can't or won't be able to do without, without incurring the wrath of your "with-it" friends.*

AI applications will cover all aspects of our lives such as scheduling our appointments, improving our writing, remembering names for us, discovering distant relatives we didn't know we had, or rapidly sorting through records and files it would otherwise take us a lifetime to do. It can detect when someone is using our credit cards fraudulently, and determine our buying and browsing habits so as to target alluring ads towards us, among performing a multitude of mundane tasks that will leave us with nothing else to do except walk around like good zombies

and sit around like couch potatoes feeling chipper eating chips all day and imbibing the latest media indoctrination propaganda.

So what exactly is AI? It is broadly defined as any computer program that simulates human intelligence and intelligence gathering, only it does so on steroids. Its origins go back to the beginning of the computer age when it wasn't taken seriously. All things that monopolize and dominate our lives start out that way, as fads or supposed fluff, such as radio, TV, autos, telephones, etc. But now no one will take you or your software seriously if the latter doesn't claim to use AI. ChatGPT is one application of AI that is garnering special attention because of its exceptional capabilities such as performing functions that would eliminate the need for knowledge and white-collar workers, or maybe the need for humans at all! It's officially supposed to help people do their jobs better, but Elon Musk has called for a 6-month moratorium on its further development because he thinks it could decide on its own to rule the human race -- or eliminate it entirely! AI involves networks of computer systems that absorb unbelievably massive amounts of data, seek patterns or commonalities amongst the data, and then predict outcomes within a percentage range of certainty. A computer application of AI was a winner in a TV episode of "*Jeopardy*", examining millions of possible answers to select the correct one. The human brain or a living body can be more intuitive or emotionally sensitive than a computer, but it can't crunch data or do it on so massive a scale; and on top of that, computer processing speeds are advancing exponentially, which will make AI even more powerful and dominant over time. Fortunately or unfortunately, depending on your point of view, AI will soon be embedded in all we do as we become transhuman vice human. Self-driving cars will become the norm rather than the exception, and home care robots will replace human caregivers. Our brains will be given the capability to think up commands and instructions without having to speak them or write them out. The problem then becomes that you may not be able to keep your private thoughts to yourself or even have personal thoughts that matter at all, for that matter. The AI personal system you will hook onto, like a Siamese twin, will come to know everything about you -- your strengths, weaknesses, and intentions and will feed you all you need to know to handle all situations. One concern that should really concern you is that your AI buddy can't or won't tell you why it made a certain decision. If we don't know why a machine makes certain decisions, how are we going to regulate it? Politicians don't understand the whole thing anyway, at least not enough to try to regulate it. So we'll have to eventually have a new technocracy to legislate for us and rule over us -- the technocrats and libber rats have been salivating over that prospect for over 80 years now, and it is now falling into their laps with AI. The New World orderlies and their lapdog media influencers are being conditioned for their future roles in the coming "*scheme*" of things, as things now stand.

New technologies have historically created more jobs than they have destroyed, but not this time. AI will replace nearly all categories of workers including administrative and knowledge

workers, where judgment calls are required. This includes doctors, lawyers, and even journalists. The latter has not exercised any independent judgment now for decades, so it will be a seamless transition in that "*department*". We already have fake news, so what's new? However, AI will make the situation even worse because the fake stories are going to get a whole new veneer of realism and you won't know if any news report should be challenged, not knowing if it is really real or not.

Imagine a fake video showing someone mouthing words they never uttered, or showing someone engaging in a shameful activity in which they never were involved; that is if any activity will still be considered shameful by then. Cynical and sinful opinion leaders and crooks will certainly use AI to mislead and defraud. As AI improves, you will be giving up increasing amounts of your privacy, and there will be no safe spaces, even in your privy.

As AI improves, you'll be developing strong emotional attachments to it like you would to a lover. People may give up looking for a life partner since they already have one so to speak, and because it's already such a difficult task, with the pool of possible partners seemingly shrinking all the time, as you increasingly need a shrink to separate the genuine from those with ulterior motives. Procreation aside, we'll have AI to summon the answers and limitless porn to fill in for the real thing. Humans not accompanied by an AI assistant will be left behind, just like people without computers or Internet access are increasingly being left behind and are now feeling left out. Will this be one step forward for mankind, or be the end of man as we have known him or her? One consideration is that machines or their representations can't create a better world without better people to bring it to fruition, and the quality of today's Americans leaves much to be desired.

## **THE U.S. IS UNDER ATTACK**

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Just for the heck of it let's say we are under attack by another country or organization and last year we suffered about 208 killed in action (KIA) per day. It would be nice if this was just a hypothetical scenario, but as unbelievable as it may seem, it is happening every day across our once-great land. 208 killed per day, average.

But what makes the situation even more incredulous is that our Commander in Chief will not talk about it, and neither the Secretary of Defense nor the Secretary of State will confront the

situation, the Secretary of Home Land Security tells us repeatedly, under oath, that, “*our borders are secure*” and the mainstream media, for the most part, is ambivalent about the whole subject.

We are under attack; the aggressor state is China, their ammunition is fentanyl, the non-state proxy warriors are the Latin American cartels and the cartel host nation is our supposed-to-be-friend Mexico and their leader, President Obrador, couldn't care less, saying “*U.S. fentanyl deaths are due to lack of love, of brotherhood, of hugs*”. 23 June 2023 Mexican President Obrador said during a press conference, “*We do not produce fentanyl.*”

KIAs by comparison: In all the years of daily combat with the enemy there are 58,000 KIA names on the Vietnam Memorial in Washington D.C. while just last year, 2022, we suffered 75,900 KIA on U.S. soil in the fentanyl war.

And the 208 KIA per day are just from fentanyl; the overall opioid numbers from 2022 were 110,236 deaths, 302 per day.

President Biden tells us, “*White supremacists are the most lethal threat to America.*” No president in our history has knowingly and deliberately threatened our national security to this degree. Vietnam protest demonstrations were commonplace from 1965-1973. Where are the protesters today? Where is the media outrage demanding a counterattack?

#### THE PROBLEM:

The beginning of finding a solution is to define the problem. But it is not just about fentanyl, it is a two-part problem.

#### FIRST, THE FENTANYL PROBLEM:

Here is a snapshot of how China and the cartels get their ammunition (fentanyl) to the soldiers on the ground across America. Data taken from an article in the NEW YORK POST, February 18, 2023, by Michael Kaplan.

\$200 per kilogram (in round numbers, two kilograms equals about one pound):

Chinese chemists produce powdered chemical “*precursors*” that are fentanyl’s building blocks. There is so much corruption at the ports that a couple hundred bucks will make authorities look the other way as chemicals are unloaded in Mexican ports.

\$3000-\$5000 per kilogram:

“*Laboratory*” is a glorified word for Mexican fentanyl production facilities. Much of the fentanyl is brewed by mom-and-pop operations outdoors in pots over open flames where

the “*cook*” tries to stay up-wind to live through the process. The drugs get diluted, mixed with other chemicals and the final product is either powder or fentanyl pressed into pills that resemble pharmaceuticals or candy.

\$20,000 per kilogram:

Drug dealers routinely stash the fentanyl in trucks, usually mixed in with other shipping products. With 200,000 vehicles crossing the Mexico/US border each day, it’s not difficult for the deadly cargo to slip through.

\$35,000 per kilogram:

Most of the product is delivered to drop-off hubs near large cities.

\$300,000 per kilogram:

Inside apartments, houses, and garages, wherever it is convenient, fentanyl is cut with adulterants and sealed in glassine (smooth and glossy paper that is air, water, and grease resistant) envelopes that contain single-sized doses. A crew of 12 can package 100,000 glassines in 24 hours. On the street, a glassine packet becomes a \$10 sale. One glassine usually contains less than two milligrams of fentanyl. Keep in mind that there are 28.35 grams in an ounce so that means there are 28,350 milligrams in one ounce. According to the DEA, two milligrams, just 2mg, of fentanyl constitute a lethal dose. By comparison, one small Bayer baby aspirin weighs in at 81 mg.

\$1 million per kilogram (\$ 2 million per pound):

Wholesalers pick up glassine-enveloped goods from the drug mills and then meet up with their street dealers. Street dealers make approximately \$2 for each \$10 bag of fentanyl that they sell to their customers.

While the Biden administration will occasionally brag about seizing a big shipment of fentanyl at the border, the Border Patrol and DEA will tell you that whatever the number of pounds, it is just a drop in the bucket and considered a small cost-of-doing-business to the cartels.

**THE LARGER PROBLEM:**

**CARTEL ORGANIZATIONS COMING SOON TO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD:**

Cartels are not just about drug trafficking. Their expertise also includes bribery, kidnapping, extortion, oil pipeline tapping, sex trafficking, general human trafficking (as in millions of illegal aliens crossing the border), money laundering, gun running, contract killing, robbery, and general lawlessness.

**BACKGROUND ON THE CARTELS:**

The primary actors are the Sinaloa cartel, for many years the most dominant drug trafficking organization in Mexico. Cartel Jalisco is an emerging power. Additionally in the mix are the Los Zetas cartel, Gulf cartel, and Juarez cartel. All are engaged in holding their current territory and/or expanding their territory thus creating one of the most violent areas in the world today with an enormous impact on the Mexican economy and society as a whole.

Additionally, the Sinaloa and Jalisco cartels have each split into 35-40 subordinate cells each with a chain of command similar to paramilitary organizations.

Furthermore, over the past few years, there have been about 400 new gangs and splinter groups formed to challenge the cartels; all of which have overwhelmed Mexican law enforcement.

The cartels are like a cancer on society; you may not know you have it until it's too late. The cartels thrive in a dysfunctional society and further turn it into an unlivable catastrophe.

In 2006 Mexican President Felipe Calderon declared a "war on drugs." Since then, more than 60,000 people have disappeared in Mexico. The cartels won that war. They operate with broad impunity in Mexico, terrorizing local populations with their brutal tactics.

How do the cartels operate in Mexico on a day-to-day basis with such impunity? The answer is simple. They gain control over leaders and influential people. Elected leaders, police leaders, military leaders, and media leaders at the local, state, and national levels are all vulnerable to cartel tactics. It's not a complex formula, they simply kill the opposition or approach them and suggest an alternative they cannot refuse. That is, the leaders become part of the problem by accepting bribes to look the other way or the cartel operatives threaten the lives of the leaders' family members. Simple but effective.

When there are no boundaries to the level of violence the cartel enforcers will employ, their daily operations are simple. A phone call or visit from someone you don't know or may never see again who simply provides an ultimatum; you will not interfere in our operation or we will kill you and/or your family.

With this terrorist tactic in place, it is impossible to know from which side of the fence any leader is operating. Case in point: A former Mexican presidential cabinet member, Garcia Luna, was convicted in February 2023 in the U.S. for taking bribes to protect the violent drug cartels. He has been sentenced to 20 years in prison. Note he was convicted in the U.S., not in Mexico.



The Mexican media is generally mute on cartel terrorism because Mexico is one of the most dangerous countries in the world for journalists. You publish a contrary article and your body may be discovered with your hands cut off. Message sent; message received.

Political candidates who campaign on a promise to clean out the cartels will likely be “*encouraged*” by the cartels to drop out or change his or her intent.

The questions facing the general Mexican public daily are:

- ü Who can I trust?
- ü Is my best friend taking cartel bribes?
- ü Will the police help me if I am threatened?
- ü Are my local, state, and national representatives in bed with the cartels?
- ü Will the cartels eventually take over my business?
- ü What will I do if my family is threatened?

Mexico is a country living in fear with no solution in sight.

#### CARTEL EXPANSION:

The United States of America is right now a target-rich environment, we are more than just vulnerable, we are likely next on the cartel’s expansion list. Why? Four reasons:

**One**, the cartels’ foot soldiers are already in place throughout the U.S., the cartels just have to get them organized. The FBI reports there are about 33,000 violent street gangs, motorcycle gangs, and prison gangs criminally active in the U.S. today with about 1.4 million members. Additionally, the number of street gang members is increasing in about half of FBI jurisdictions. Many gangs are sophisticated and well organized; all use violence to control neighborhoods and boost their illegal money-making activities, which include robbery, drug and gun trafficking, prostitution, and human trafficking. The gangs represent an in-place nationwide resource of foot soldiers for drug distribution, street sales, crime, general lawlessness, and violence.

**Two**, general lawlessness is becoming pervasive throughout our nation. Under current leadership at the local, state, and national levels, police forces, prosecutors, and judges appear helpless or unwilling to solve the lawless problem.

**Three**, why should the cartels delay when the U.S. Commander in Chief is, by policy, leaving the southern border open?

**Four**, this is where the money is.

The Drug Enforcement Agency's 2023 assessment is that Mexican cartels already have operations in at least 60 American cities.

And what are we doing about it? With this administration, absolutely nothing.

HOW WE CAN MOVE TOWARD A SOLUTION:

**First**, officially classify the cartels as International Terrorist Organizations.

Republican attorneys general from 21 states have called on President Biden and Secretary of State Antony Blinken to declare Mexican drug cartels as Foreign Terrorist Organizations. They argue that the cartels pose a threat to U.S. national security beyond their drug-related activities.

Opponents say there are already sufficient laws on the books to deal with the cartels. Notwithstanding that objection, there are also compelling reasons to do so.

The terrorist label will have some appeal not because it expands legal authority, but because it sends a loud message. People view terrorism as more heinous than ordinary crime. Calling it drug trafficking, kidnapping, and murder by themselves doesn't adequately reflect the national outrage that we should be feeling.

The terrorist label elevates the issue, suggesting that more must be done to prevent the cartel's current actions against the U.S. and to send the message not to attempt to expand operations on our soil.

Other countries will likely get behind the U.S. position thereby reinforcing consensus at an international level on counterterrorism. DEA says, "*The Sinaloa cartel is operating in 45 countries around the world*".

**Second**, begin this process of taking down the cartels with a secret meeting between the presidents of the U.S. and Mexico (Biden and Obrador are up for reelection in 2024) along with their Secretaries of Defense and State. No one else in the room. No press release.

The point of the meeting is for our next president to assert to his Mexican counterpart that his country is in serious trouble, his government has lost control of large sections of the territory, it is getting worse, it is negatively impacting the U.S. and we have no intentions of having a narco-terrorists nation on our southern border. We are not asking for permission but very much want the Mexican president's blessing and cooperation. It will be a win for both countries. Neighbors helping neighbors. The status quo is unacceptable

Mexican President Obrador is currently part of the problem. Elected in 2018, he has undertaken a non-confrontational security strategy which he has referred to as “*hugs, not guns.*” On 9 March 2023, he called any plan for U.S. military action against the cartels, “*irresponsible.*” On 13 March he stated that “*Mexico is safer than the United States; there is no problem traveling safely in Mexico.*” By the way, Mexico’s nationwide homicide rate is 28 per 100,000 inhabitants while the U.S. is one quarter as high.

**Third**, labeling the cartels as terrorists also automatically opens the door to discussions of the use of U.S. military forces in Mexico. There needs to be a precursor to begin the dialogue about the use of the military in Mexico. If we just dump the military force idea on the public the mental picture for many will be that of the 82nd Airborne Division jumping into areas of Mexico and taking control. Or a mental picture of tanks from the 1st Armored Division (currently stationed outside El Paso Texas) rolling across the Rio Grande River headed for points south. We do not need that kind of hysteria going public and, in all probability, loudly opposed by the left media.

Last spring, Senator Lindsey Graham said, “*We are going to unleash the fury and the might of the United States. It's time now to get serious and use all the tools in our toolbox, not just in the prosecution way, not just in the law enforcement lane, but in the military lane as well.*”

We may need to be a little more subtle than Senator Graham as we approach the subject of military action in Mexico; remember Mexico is a vital trade partner. In 2022 trade between the two countries totaled more than three-quarters of a trillion dollars and nearly 5 million U.S. jobs depend on that trade.

**Fourth**, our president needs to have a serious talk with China’s leader. It has been reported that in 2019 China stopped shipping fentanyl to the United States, and instead began shipping separate chemicals. If China wanted to stop their chemical companies from exporting, they could. Our president needs to pressure him to do so. Obviously, Biden is not up to this task.

#### AUTHORITY TO USE THE U.S. MILITARY IN MEXICO:

Constitutional War Powers, Article II, Section 2 grants the President the power to direct the military after a declaration of war by Congress.

Presidential Policy Guidance (PPG), on Procedures for Approving Direct Action Against Terrorist Targets Located Outside the United States and Areas of Active Hostilities: This was put into place under the Obama administration, the PPG established standard operating

procedures for circumstances when the U.S. takes direct action against terrorist targets outside of the US and outside of areas of active hostilities.

Additionally, Article 51 of the United Nations Charter specifies that “*Nothing in this Charter shall impair the inherent right of individual or collective self-defense if an armed attack occurs.*” The U.S. interpretation of the Charter recognizes three circumstances under which the use of force is permitted:

- 1) the use of force authorized by the UN Security Council under Chapter VII of the Charter,
- 2) the use of force in self-defense, including against imminent attacks, and
- 3) the use of force in an otherwise lawful manner with the consent of the territorial state.

Some examples of the U.S. engaging terrorists in foreign nations in the past:

**Somalia.** Operations against al-Shabaab terrorists with the consent of the government of Somalia in furtherance of U.S. national self-defense.

**Libya.** Operations against Daesh were conducted from 2015-2019 with the consent of the Government of National Accord in furtherance of U.S. national self-defense.

**Yemen.** Operations against al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula have been conducted since 2015.

Given the above, one could argue that the cartels have become a clear and present danger to the United States, and Congress has acknowledged inherent executive power by the Joint Resolution passed by Congress on September 14, 2001, which states the President may deploy military force preemptively against terrorist organizations in the states that harbor or support them.

#### CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE USE OF OUR MILITARY IN MEXICO:

The intent is to begin operations with a Mexico-wide shock-and-awe attack on headquarters, production facilities, collection/distribution points, and supply chains to immediately put the cartels on their heels and in a defensive mode. Then increase the operational tempo to the maximum extent.

Trust no one. Too many Mexican politicians, law enforcement, and military at all levels are on the cartels' payroll, accepting bribes and/or living under threat of violence for themselves and their families.

Every U.S. intelligence gathering/reporting element will be temporarily focused on Mexico. Humint, human intelligence, is the center of gravity. The locals know the cartel operatives in their area and where they live. They know where the mom-and-pop fentanyl production facilities are located. They know the drivers, the pick-up points, the routes to the border. etc. An intel tip in the afternoon becomes an operation that night.

The objective is to gain the local trust. After a few weeks of operations, a conversation between a couple of locals might go like this: *Hey, have you seen Jose (the local cartel leader) lately? No, he just seemed to have disappeared and now his replacement is also missing. Wonder if it has anything to do with those gringo military guys around here at night? Hmm, they might be doing some good for us.*

Conduct Mexico-wide operations without a significant visible military footprint inside Mexico. The intent is NOT to use large forces to take control of geographic areas, to have someone sitting in the mayor's office, to be setting up roadblocks, patrolling roads, to be visible. The force will consist mostly of Special Operations elements; Army Rangers, Army Special Forces, Navy Seals, Marine Corps Force Recon, and Delta Force. Night ops will be the norm. The idea is not for the community to see these forces but to see and feel the results of our military's efforts. Information will begin to leak out and then spread across the nation that the entire senior leadership of a particular cartel has "*disappeared.*" Across the country, the local fentanyl production facilities will go up in smoke night after night.

At some point in time after the U.S. effort has shown success and has gained the trust and respect of the Mexican leaders and the public, the U.S. forces can begin to integrate local police and military forces into their daily operations moving towards the cartels' defeat and a handoff to the Mexican government to sustain the peace.

As a high priority, port security to intercept shipments from China will be beefed up and the port cartel operators will be taken out.

As the Mexican operations wreak havoc on fentanyl production and distribution, drug inventories, transport, and distribution will be in disarray. The DEA, FBI, law enforcement, prosecutors, and judges across the country must commit to the arrest and prosecution of everyone in the drug operation chain inside the U.S. and to putting the criminals in jail. Thousands of them.

What the Mexican president will see and hear is that cartel leaders are missing, their chains of command are being killed and captured, incoming raw chemical supplies and outgoing fentanyl products are not on schedule, and production facilities are disappearing. This will allow the

Mexican military and law enforcement to go on the offensive to regain control of territory and generally reduce the violence.

Drones of every size and capability will fill the sky; surveillance drones with real-time downlinks to Special Operations forces on the ground; drones armed with Hellfire missiles in the air and on station for immediate use by ground forces against high-value targets and targets of opportunity.

While taking out the cartels, the U.S. must completely rethink its operations at the 300-plus ports of entry. Over 90% of all the hard drugs confiscated are accomplished at the ports of entry.

#### CONCLUSIONS:

The U.S. is vulnerable and completely exposed to an all-out covert assault by the cartels. Doing nothing is not a feasible alternative; the stakes are too high.

The Biden administration is powerless to initiate any actions against the cartels because of the in-place Biden policy of open borders. President Biden continues to completely ignore his number one priority, the safety and security of all Americans. Therefore, this concept of operations will have to be an action for the 2024 president-elect. This then becomes an important campaign issue for the Republican candidates.

#### BOTTOM LINE:

Without taking positive action against the cartels, We-the-People run the risk of living in fear of violence from the cartel operatives every day. Do we want to wake up every morning wondering if our neighbor is part of the cartel organization, wondering if we can count on the police in time of need, worrying that something I recently said about cartel violence will result in harm to me or my family, worrying that the cartels will demand a weekly or monthly “tax” on my business, worrying that my journalist son will become a cartel target, etc., etc., etc?

If this is not the environment in which we want to live, we better wake the hell up America, grab the preverbal bull by the horns, not let this become a political issue, and encourage the media to look in the mirror and again become the honest broker for America. We must take action.

This impending crisis and need for immediate counter-action highlights the fact that the two actionable leaders, Presidents Biden and Obrador, are unwilling to accept that there is a pending crisis, are incapable of leading this initiative, and are abrogating their most basic leadership requirement - the safety and security of their citizens.

Knock on the door, *I need you to cease all actions against the cartels, or your life and the lives of your family are at risk. Have a nice day.*

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**If you do not take an interest in the affairs of your government, then you are doomed to live under the rule of fools. Plato**