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What Should a President Trump Do? Part Five: The Budget (Continued)

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Too many wealthy citizens only pay capital gains taxes at a reduced rate rather than income tax on their annual revenues. And too many of the one percent have the wherewithal to pay no tax, given the labyrinth of loopholes and deductions their brilliant but costly accountants mine. Yet, they are not the only culprits on the revenue side of our \$35 trillion national debt.

The U.S. should also start cracking down on the untaxed black market, which in California alone can range up to several billions of dollars per year, well aside from illegal income from prostitution to drug sales to fenced goods.

Millions of Americans work for cash and will not work if not paid in cash. When recently repairing my house, one of the most infuriating demands from electricians, plumbers, and carpenters was their insidious insistence on being paid in off-the-books cash. But why should Americans who pay up to half their incomes in various taxes and fees simply exempt others from the same obligations? Can we tell our employers to pay us in cash the way contractors demand that of us?

Within a ten-mile radius of my home, one can buy almost anything without paying sales taxes (and the vendors rarely pay income tax) from flowers and refreshments to shovels and bicycles, whether at swap meets, farmers' markets, roadside canteens, or corner vendors.

One unspoken reality permeates these black markets and untaxed and illegal economies: at least in California the majority seem dominated by immigrants, who seemingly feel that they should be exempt from IRS or State Franchise Board scrutiny. When arguing with them, their attitudes' subtexts reflect that the DEI/Woke ideology has permeated our tax code.

Apparently, the premise is something like the following: the vendor who sells you a meal, who hawks flowers on the corner, who somehow has a new mattress to sell at a swap meet, who volunteers to insulate your attic for cash-only wages, who shows up in your driveway eager to fence a (likely stolen) pressure washer, all of them believe they belong to the poor, down-trodden, oppressed/victimized class, and you the targeted payer must oblige with your income halved by taxes, given you belong to the

oppressor/victimizer class and so always pay taxes while millions feel that the government agrees they should not.

But the real key to solvency and a return to balanced budgets is reining in spending—especially non-productive government spending, which is almost a pleonasm.

What do the woke/DEI/green/cultural-social justice government auditors produce? Is there ever a cost-to-benefit analysis of the effects of the administrative state on the dying citizen? Or, rather, what does it cost both in implementation and reduced efficiency? How many artillery shells is the Pentagon short because a vast bureaucracy must approve every promotion to adjudicate whether the candidate qualifies, or is to be aided or punished in terms of race, gender, and sexual orientation? Why has the California high-speed rail project not laid any track, one decade and nearly \$20 billion after its inauguration?

Do we grasp that historically, the more forms, regulations, and watchdog government regulators, the more wasteful the producer, who either spends precious time and labor in compliance to pay for the auditors or, in disgust, ignores the entire bureaucratic oversight and joins the black-market economy?

There is some disconnect, as illiberal and politically incorrect as it is to say, that at our local warehouse food market, the parking lot is full of late-model cars and especially the crew-cab, huge V-8, luxury-loaded \$80,000 new pickups, while inside at the market line one waits needlessly as the shopper pulls out a wallet full of valid, invalid, maxed-out, fake, or family member

EBT/WIC cards, under various names, even as one waits while the “food” is separated from the second pile of cash-paid canned dog food, beer, wine, and teeth whiteners—while the shopper then sometimes pays for lottery tickets and cigarettes with additional cash payments. This is the civilian counterpart to the \$400,000 jet pilot helmet, only it offers no advantage to national defense.

The screwed American is the \$60,000-a-year-income earner, who suffers governments to deduct taxes from his check, who pays for all goods and services with checks or credit cards, and who has no EBT, Medi-Cal, or WIC card—and who owes \$103,000 for his share of the national debt.

I think he is the target of Joe Biden’s snarly, sourpuss rant “*Pay your fair share!*”

What Should a President Trump Do? Parts Six & Seven: DEI/Tribalism/Woke

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The United States was, until recently, the world’s only multiracial, well-functioning, large democracy/constitutional republic. India and Brazil are plagued by poverty, violence, and political discord. Other nations do not attempt multiracial/multireligious/multiethnic paradigms lest the project turn out like the Balkans, Rwanda, or Iraq.

Instead, nations usually encompass blood-and-soil commonalities of religion, race, tribe, and ethnicity. Japan does not welcome a large African

immigrant population; China does not grant citizenship or even residence to Peruvian or Columbian migrants. Anyone can work in the Gulf and from anywhere, but the Saudis do not grant Indians and other “*guests*” full citizenship. Nor does India grant Nigerians easy entry and citizenship. Gaza and the West Bank would either turn away, harass, or kill would-be gay, trans, or Mormon immigrants. Chad does not treat its rare citizens of Chinese or European ancestry equally. A Swedish-American could never fully be considered Mexican should he apply for Mexican citizenship.

Only in North America do constitutional states not define their citizenry or their immigrants by race, religion, or tribe—or so we thought. The logical fruition of the “*all Men are created equal*” clause of the Declaration of Independence of 1776 was that a nation founded by Enlightenment thinkers of almost exclusively British white ancestry was the current multiracial society of America.

But—and this is an important qualifier—the Founders envisioned a racially blind, not tribal, society. They wanted race to be incidental, not essential, to who we are. Yet we now live in an aberrant age where the 60-year-long Civil Rights movement has transmogrified from emphasizing the content of our character to the color of our skin, or, as Professor Kendi puts it, the “*good*” “*anti-racist racism*.” To stop supposed white prejudice, you must be prejudiced against whites, in Hatfield-McCoy endless tit-for-tat fashion.

Woke/DEI/political correctness/affirmative action—whatever the term one employs—has descended into a virulent notion that the nation is divided by a 70% oppressor/victimizer/ white majority and a noble 30% oppressed/victimized/and non-white minority.

One bizarre result of this Marxist construct, completely unmentioned by the DEI apparat, is that the so-called majority in its seventh decade of the Civil Rights movement does not seem to be all that privileged. Whites, in absolute numbers, make up the largest group of poor. In terms of annual income adjudicated by race or ethnicity, they fall well behind most Asian-American ethnic groups. They are suffering from reduced life expectancy and higher rates of suicide. Why?

Note that the wealthy, globalist white elites use DEI to the equal opportunity aspirations of the white middle and working class on the theory they are deplorables/irredeemables/chumps/ clingers/crazies and thus can be excluded in hiring and promotions on the basis of their race. (Stanford University this year allowed 9% of its entering class to be white males, a demographic that nationally may well be 30-35% of the population. Trust me, that 9% was accounted mostly for by legacies, kids of mega-donors, administrators, and athletes.)

The real privileged white coastals have the means, influence, and desire to circumvent the very racist categories of exclusion they construct. The result is that DEI/woke does little to nothing to benefit poor whites, Asians, blacks, and Hispanics but a great deal to privileged upper-middle-class minorities and the upper-upper, mostly leftwing media/corporate/entertainment/political/academic white ruling class.

The result? The nation is segmenting, not just by red/blue state dichotomies but by tribe, as self-segregation increases and brings with it all the cargo of historical animosities.

DEI casts suspicion on all hiring. So, the public asks: Was that fly-around on a recent flight due to a DEI pilot or aircraft controller?

Is the anti-Semitic epidemic at elite campuses due to the exemptions granted DEI "*victim*" students who, under their woke binaries, claim they cannot themselves be oppressors when they shout the most sickening eliminationist anti-Semitic slogans?

Is it OK for a black female college president to be exempt for years from the consequences of serial plagiarism? Is Representative Bowman exempt from facing felony charges when he activated a fire alarm in the Capitol or plagiarized his thesis?

The nation is saturated with the verbiage of "*white rage*," "*white privilege*," and "*white supremacy*," and yet such slurs do not actually match the condition of most white Americans. Instead, the virulence only serves to justify a privileged minority's perch or a rich white person's need to find traction and resonance with minorities of a similarly privileged caste and to distance himself from the supposedly smelly, gap-toothed Walmart shopper (as we learned from the Stroz-Page FBI corpus of text messages that revealed an elite hatred for the MAGA class).

So, what should a President Trump do?

Seek out minorities and stress their class commonalities with poor and middle-class whites. A wealthy Indian-immigrant tech guru has very little in common with a middle-class Indian-immigrant truck driver but a lot in

terms of tastes, politics, and lifestyles with fellow wealthy white Silicon Valley grandees. In contrast, the Indian truck driver's lifestyle and values after a generation resemble those of his white truck-driving counterpart, and vice versa. Class is a far more stable commonality than race, gender, or sexual orientation.

So, end for good racial set-asides, quotas, and prejudice. Concentrate on inner-city minorities with charter, private, and parochial schooling, tough crime enforcement, and ostracism of race-mongering elitist mayors and district attorneys.

Enforce the civil rights codes and laws on the books. At the federal level, begin charging anyone who uses race, gender, or sexual orientation to prejudice the hiring, retention, or promotion of any other American citizen with civil rights violations.

The Left will go ballistic—but adjust given most polls show that majorities and minorities alike do not support government-sanctioned bias.

What should we call the epitaph of woke?

The Second Civil Rights Movement.

The Long Road to November **Parts One & Two**

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We still do not know whether most culpability for the failed security during the Trump attempted assassination was the fault of the Secret Service, the FBI, local law enforcement, or all three combined.

Instead of clarity, we are witnessing mutual recrimination and absurd blame-gaming. The takeaway from such utter incompetence was the Secret Service Director's whine that the assassin's perch atop a slightly sloped roof was too dangerous for the Secret Service to use. The Director should have resigned the day after her agency's total systems collapse. How a Kimberly Cheatle was ever hired to run the disaster-plagued Secret Service remains a mystery.

Tragically, there is no reason to assume that Trump may not encounter further risks to his person.

Remember, we have experienced nine years of leftist hysteria since 2015, in which scores of celebrities, politicians, and media figures have publicly boasted of wishing to physically injure Trump, and even to imagine ways of killing him.

The mainstream media, the Hillary Clinton campaign, and the Biden campaign and administration fixated on dehumanizing Trump as a Hitlerian figure out to destroy democracy.

That false premise of an existential threat has justified almost any means necessary to neuter him, whether Russian collusion, laptop disinformation, the first impeachment, attempts to remove him from states' ballots, and lawfare waged in five different civil and criminal courtrooms.

The result is that we have so lowered the bar on the acceptable that there will still be hundreds of unhinged who believe that they will achieve lasting heroic status for eliminating a second *"Hitler."*

Even more disastrously, after the sorry spectacle of security on July 13, any of these unhinged may be further encouraged, rightly or wrongly, by the ease with which an amateurish 20-year-old so easily fired away at the president.

At the present time, we have created a dangerous scenario, in which the insane Trump haters believe:

- 1) They will be rewarded forever in the leftwing pantheon should any succeed where Thomas Matthew Crooks failed, and
- 2) Under the scandal-ridden Secret Service, it is possible now to get near Trump in a fashion never dreamed of before concerning an ex-president and leading presidential candidate.

Let us hope we have seen the end of the would-be assassin and murderer Crooks and also the end of this age of madness. Meanwhile, we all must prepare to prevent the worst.

The implosion of the Biden incumbent candidacy after the debate marks one of the most unusual and duplicitous events in presidential history.

Since 2019, most media and Democratic elites have known that Joe was both cognitively challenged and yet the only viable camouflage for what had become an out-of-touch, hard-left Democratic Party.

In a conspiracy both of enforced silence and virulent attacks upon any who questioned Biden's mental clarity, the media, the Biden inner circle, and the Obama beneficiaries, kept hidden from the public the true dimensions of the escalating dementia of the president.

What forced a confrontation with reality was not worry over the state of the Union directed by a cognitively challenged 82-year-old. (Does anyone believe that if Biden soared by 5 points in the key swing states after his disastrous debate and press conferences, the Left would have sought to remove him?)

Instead, Biden quit the ticket for two reasons alone:

- ✓ He was behind in most polls, and
- ✓ Threatened by his own "*friends*" to face 25th Amendment abdication from his presidency (and thus full Biden syndicate legal exposure) unless he quit his candidacy.

His formal speech to the nation on August 28th—with its usual muffled voice, 100-mile dead stare, and brain freezes—was completely disingenuous. It was not "*nonpartisan*" but full of his usual hit-piece distortions.

Biden did not wish willingly to "*pass the torch*" to a "*new generation*," but to the very end, he sought to cling to power and the chance of another four years by any means possible, until the bosses and donors threatened him with a humiliating terminated presidency.

Everyone had noted the ensuing paradoxes:

- ✓ Biden is fit enough to continue his presidency until January 20, 2025, but
- ✓ Not so to head the Democratic ticket right now?

Whose interests were the leftwing donors worried about? The fate of the nation run by a near-senile president for a dangerous six months or their own pursuit of continued power over the next four months and ensuing four years?

Here is what we the American people were left to conclude from the backroom work of the last 10 days:

- ✓ In Orwellian style, just forget all the official Big Brother narratives that Biden was hale and cogent. Now, agree with the former “*cheap fake*” right-wingers’ worry that the president was and is cognitively unfit (but only to run again, not to continue his presidency.
- ✓ Since July 21, Kamala Harris has become suddenly brilliant, articulate, and eloquent. She never was a “*border czar*.” All that went wrong from 2021–24 was Joe Biden’s fault, and not the responsibility of the suppressed voice of reason of Kamala Harris.
- ✓ “*Democracy Thrives in Darkness*”: Having donors, insiders, the Obamas, and bosses threaten to pull the funding for the president’s reelection campaign and threaten Biden behind closed doors to remove him from office unless he abdicated are proof of “grassroots” input, a healthy, transparent democracy, and the will of the people.
- ✓ The memory hole is recalibrated: Last week’s selfish Joe Biden, grasping to retain power without a thought of the ruin he would bring upon Democrats in November, is this week’s George Washington, who

unselfishly quit the campaign solely to “*pass the torch*” to a new vibrant generation.

Given the unwillingness to defend the unpopular record of the Biden-Harris administration over the last four years, the Left instead relies on several modes of attack:

One, Trump is a fascist who will destroy democracy;
Two, Trump is a convicted felon who belongs in jail;
Three, Trump will kill millions of women in need of abortions;
Four, Harris was not, as reported in nonpartisan studies, the most leftwing senator in Congress but a Joe Biden-type moderate: just think “*good ol’ Kamala from the suburbs.*”

What to expect?

Watch a repeat of Biden’s 2020 campaign style:

- ✓ Kamala will be infrequently seen, and above all, even more rarely heard, and
- ✓ Her campaign will be outsourced to the media and leftwing politicians;
- ✓ Billions of dollars in leftwing money will swamp the Trump campaign; again,
- ✓ Kamala is a moderate who grew up poor, was a victim of racism, alone prevents back-alley abortions, and was the brains of all that was good in the Biden years.
- ✓ Her real agendas are unpalatable, so they will not be mentioned—until after her supposed November victory.

Final Thoughts: expect an October surprise to follow the past leftist models of 2016 Russian collusion and 2020 Russian disinformation—only perhaps far worse.

Do not believe leftwing billionaires will “*sit out*” 2024. The Zuckerbergs, Gateses, and Bloombergs will pour in money as never before for Harris.

Reread Molly Bell’s 2021 Time essay to learn how the “*cabal*” and “*conspiracy*” will operate in 2024.

The DEI Drag

Parts One & Two

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America has reverted to a pre-civilizational fixation on tribe and superficial appearance over character and expertise—and the result has been a disaster. But how do we even calibrate “*diversity*” or “*people of color*”? Why is a poorer Sicilian-American not diverse, but a richer Hispanic of lighter hue with a “*Latino*” last name is “*diverse*”?

So, what makes one a member of the DEI club? Is it a threshold percentage of non-white DNA, as the Left resurrects the racist “*one-drop*” rule of the Old Confederacy? Is it hairstyle? Does dyed blond Joy Reid no longer qualify but the once young Bo Derek with cornrows did? If we can construct our sex/gender and “*transition*,” why not with race?

Do income, wealth, and privilege matter? Rich Harvard ex-president Claudine Gay, from one of Haiti's prominent business families, was not part of the African American historical experience. She certainly grew up in privilege, with all the elite educational checkoffs. So why was she considered in need of fast-track DEI consideration?

So, what is this racist idea of DEI?

Apparently, affirmative action devolved into "*diversity*," to then being described not as victim status from historical American oppression, but simply as mostly not being white (regardless of the undefined percentage threshold of qualifying as not being white)—regardless of class, privilege, riches, or familial history?

Do we see where we are going on this racist trajectory?

Any society that categorizes individuals by their supposed racial status—whether the yellow-star Third Reich, the Indian caste system, or the Jim Crow one-drop rule—eventually becomes consumed by their absurd fixations.

We will be no exception, as we see Kamala Harris, the child of two PhDs, one an Indian American of Brahmin family status, the other a well-off Jamaican family with a long ancestry of landholding that included an Irish-Jamaican slave-holding estate owner.

The point?

Again, once you go down the road of racial essentialism and privilege (in the past accorded whites, in the present accorded non-whites), you have two choices in such a racist commissariat: one, you can have no rules to adjudicate racial categorization, and you end up with the faker Elizabeth Warren, Harvard's "*first*" Native-American law professor, or a Ward Churchill in beads and buckskin, or a Rachel Dolezal, or the thousands of unnamed who game the system—or you can have rules of racialization and end up on the long road to a sick caste system.

Once race trumps merit, a public becomes Sovietized; that is, people descend into rank cynicism, distrust, and scorn.

For example, the jaded public now believes that America's daily systems failures must be due to some incompetency—prompted by hiring, promoting, and rewarding people on the basis of their race, gender, or sexual orientation rather than proven merit.

The country is terrified of the alarming incidences of passenger-jet near misses and go-arounds. In such a climate, people attribute them to inexperienced pilots and air traffic controllers hired for reasons other than their proven excellence.

Rightly or wrongly, they assume that the shocking ability of an evil 20-year-old to nearly blow off the head of an ex-president was due to an incompetent Secret Service director more devoted to "*diversifying*" her workforce than saving a president.

The implementation of a Diversity/Equity/Inclusion apparatus suffers from terrible historical precedents.

The Soviet Union imploded largely because huge investments of labor, time, and capital were devoted to the unproductive auditing of Russian citizens' mindsets.

The state promoted obsequious communist party hacks while placing ideological restrictions on science and research. Millions of brilliant but not obsequious communists died in Siberia, their talents lost to the bankrupt state in dire need of them.

Under fascist systems like Mussolini's Italy or Hitler's Germany, advancement was guided by virtue-signaling devotion to crackpot party orthodoxy and pseudo-scientific adjudication of proper racial lineage.

The inevitable results were wacky fascist leaders, faith-based science, incompetent yes-men, and state violence needed to implement the absurd.

The catastrophe of Mao Zedong's Cultural Revolution remains the best example of the mass killing needed to ensure "*correct*" revolutionary thinking—with a toll of 60-70 million dead on the altar of ideology.

DEI, while not murderous, nevertheless commits some of these historic sins through both the omission of ignoring, if not ostracizing, talent and the commission of wasting a huge amount of resources on nonproductive auditing, monitoring, and authenticating:

- ✓ The United States is currently rejecting thousands of top students from its most elite universities because they do not fit DEI racial quotas.
- ✓ Post-George Floyd SAT tests were junked to facilitate DEI mandates.
- ✓ Courses were watered down to accommodate students whom these same universities a few years ago would have deemed unqualified.
- ✓ Grades were inflated.
- ✓ Degrees are being rendered nearly meaningless.
- ✓ The Ivy League and its satellites like Stanford and Berkeley are harkening back to their reputations of the early 20th century when they were little more than “*gentleman C-student*” campuses.

Campuses then were cozy places where admissions were not based on merit (but on race, lineage, money, and connections). Student success was merrily adjudicated by campus activities, clubs, sports, and social life. Graduation in the early 20th-century Ivy League was nearly assured for those of the right race, pedigree, and class.

Currently, thousands of ex-military pilots are being passed over by civilian airlines due to their incorrect gender, race, or sexual identity.

Military officers privately acknowledge that promotions hinge on DEI or on loud virtue signaling support for it.

But losing talent is only part of the problem.

The entire mission of an agency, corporation, or university should be to produce the best service, products, or ideas and not to fixate on appearance and dogmas.

Yet once woke orthodoxy guides policy—whether Bud Lite’s disastrous trans ad campaign or the Pentagon’s unicorn search for “*white supremacists*”—the mission objective becomes muddled and then lost.

Was Anheuser Busch really devoted to ensuring that Bud Lite tasted better for the buck than Coors?

Did the Pentagon, in a humiliating flight from Afghanistan, really worry about securing Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan, evacuating allies and employees, and keeping billions of dollars of lethal weapons away from terrorists?

The exorbitant cost of ideological regulation, the overhead of unproductive clerks, and the inherent sloth of fossilized bureaucracies eventually topple states.

This lesson of ideological-based incompetency explains the ossified Versailles-bound Bourbon dynasty in France, the calcified Spanish bureaucracy at the El Escorial—or America’s current politically weaponized, woke, and increasingly incompetent cabinet agencies, along with the nearly discredited EPA, FBI, CIA, DOJ, and Secret Service.

Finally, remember how we slouched here.

The 1960s Civil Rights legislation was aimed at ending racial bias and ensuring merit-based equal opportunity.

The liberal elite gave up on that noble idea as it was too time-consuming and messy. Instead, they chose instantaneous race-based “*affirmative action*” rather than investing in K-12 charter and parochial schools and rigorous tutoring of inner-city youth, and the support for and promotion of neglected black and minority leaders who preached self-reliance, self-confidence, and the need for family cohesion and the value of racial assimilation and integration.

Again, when affirmative action did not always achieve demographic-based proportional representation, the Obama administration introduced a third-wave idea of “*diversity*.”

No longer were just blacks and Hispanics eligible for preferences. Now anyone who claimed “*non-white*” status was canonized as victimized/oppressed in the new neo-Marxist binary.

“*Victims*” now included everyone such as affluent Indian immigrants and foreign-born elites with Hispanic names, all understandably eager to get in on the spoils. The irony? The more affluent, well-connected, and privileged the DEI applicant, the more likely he will be rewarded for articulating his victimhood and cementing his membership in the elite.

Now, we suffer the fourth wave of DEI.

It is best defined as “*reparatory*” hiring. And it springs from the eerie idea that current “*good*” racism is needed to address bad past racism.

Translated, that means race and gender groups should be hired in numbers greater than their presence in the general population to make up for past bias.

Such Soviet-like engineering is a doomed project that requires a level of racial and gender prejudice and coercion incompatible with liberal democracy.

It is producing a level of cynicism, polarization, and mediocrity that is not only bothersome but eventually lethal.

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