

Anomie

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Emile Durkheim used the term to describe an unstable social condition caused by an erosion of standards and values. Something like it has infected the US and much of the developed capitalist world as a diseased and decaying system, and world, places the future of humanity in jeopardy. This is not primarily a subjective condition as suggested by Durkheim – it is a material reality caused by a fully evolved capitalism that must turn a profit from every human interchange. Take the war in Ukraine. Most Americans have already forgotten that there would be no war had the Minsk Accords, which had been agreed on by both sides, had been nothing more than a ruse by the West and its puppet regime in Kiev to buy time for war preparation. Things have gone drastically wrong for the Nato side but not a major problem in that it's only Ukrainians and Russians are dying.

--- Senator Richard Blumenthal in the Connecticut Post: *“we’re getting our money’s worth on our Ukraine investment.”* And more from the liberal Democrat: *“For less than 3 percent of our nation’s military budget, we’ve enabled Ukraine to degrade Russia’s military strength by half...”* And finally from this cretin from Connecticut:

“We’ve united NATO and caused the Chinese to rethink their invasion plans for Taiwan. We’ve helped restore faith and confidence in American leadership—moral and military. All without a single American service woman or man injured or lost, and without any diversion or misappropriation of American aid.”

Timothy Ash of the Center for European Policy Analysis published an article titled *“[It’s Costing Peanuts for the U.S. to Defeat Russia](#),”* subtitled *“The cost-benefit analysis of U.S. support for Ukraine is incontrovertible. It’s producing wins at almost every level.”*

“US spending of 5.6% of its defense budget to destroy nearly half of Russia’s conventional military capability seems like an absolutely incredible investment...”

The pack of lies above generates the sense that the world is headed for destruction; that the common folk have let madmen of the ruling class decide their future. A depressing thought made especially meaningful when everyone knows that Russia went out of its way to settle the issue peacefully only to be hoodwinked by Nato.

And then there are all the promises regarding global warming.

--- G20 member nations last year provided a record US\$1.4 trillion – more than double that of pre-Covid levels – to support fossil fuels that have fanned global warming, a report has revealed, despite previous pledges to phase out subsidies.

The International Institute of Sustainable Development (IISD) think tank's report released on Wednesday said the amount included fossil fuel subsidies worth US\$1 trillion, investments by state-owned enterprises worth US\$322 billion and lending from public financial institutions worth US\$50 billion.

--- And then we have a steady flow of reports and evidence that a justice of the Supreme Court has put his services for sale to the highest bidder.

--- That the largest bank in the country has helped service Jeffrey Epstein's sex trafficking ring. ETC. ETC. ETC.

Engels wrote in *Socialism: Utopian and Scientific* (1892) of “*The growing perception that existing social institutions are unreasonable and unjust, that reason has become unreason, and right wrong, is only proof that in the modes of production and exchange changes have silently taken place with which the social order, adapted to earlier economic conditions, is no longer in keeping.*”

“*This point is now reached. Their political and intellectual bankruptcy is scarcely any longer a secret to the bourgeoisie themselves. Their economic bankruptcy recurs regularly every 10 years. In every crisis, society is suffocated beneath the weight of its own productive forces and products, which it cannot use, and stands helpless, face-to-face with the absurd contradiction that the producers have nothing to consume, because consumers are wanting.*”

“*Revolutionary liberation sets free for the community at large a mass of means of production and of products, by doing away with the senseless extravagance of the ruling classes of today, and their political representatives. The possibility of securing for every member of society, by means of socialized production, an existence not only fully sufficient materially, and becoming day-by-day more full, but an existence guaranteeing to all the free development and exercise of their physical and mental faculties — “* Thereby liberating them from the damage done by the systems' death cycle.

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