

Crypto Collapse, Electoral Stalemate, Market Chaos and War 11 11 2022

Let's start with the election. Democrat chances seemed to decline in lockstep with the intellectual powers of their president. Republicans were expecting an electoral majority in both houses. As it stands now they are short 8 in the House race, and just off the wire, the Dems have held on to the Senate. Then on Wednesday there as an unexpected market decline possibly anticipating an elections stalemate. Investors favor Republican government, and stalemates can be OK as long as they don't impede vital legislation in critical times. Then on Thursday the Dow gained 1200 points (largest since 2020) because there was a slight, unexpected, decline in consumer prices. The Fed's efforts to control inflation by raising interests has wreaked havoc primarily on consumers and then the real economy. Unfortunately the Fed's actions will mean a recession, already existent in the public mind. And finally, by Friday morning Russia had moved its forces, and all civilians wanting to leave Kherson, to the left bank of the Dnieper River where they are safe from being isolated by flood waters when/if the Ukrainian shelling of a hydroelectric dam upstream causes it to burst. That follows shelling a nuclear power plant occupied by Russian forces in hopes of creating a dirty (radioactive) bomb situation, and shelling a Russian prison where Ukrainian POW's were being held killing 40, apparently because some were revealing state secrets to the Russians. Nothing else makes sense, but then a stupid people who think anyone other than their national leaders will gain anything by submitting to US/Nato domination have no capacity for basic reasoning.

But the main news of the day is the collapse of a major component of the the crypto world. Think of crypto currency as akin to the artificial hearts made some years ago. Medical researchers thought the human heart was just a pump. Unlike in the movies where crackpot scientists are suppressed by the state (or a mob), official medical researchers were permitted to cause horrible suffering and death before tthey learned that the heart wasn't a standalone organ in the body but an

integrated inseparable component of the body as a whole. And so we have people who think money, dollars, are just a vehicle of exchange, a representation of real value. And so they privately made an artificial, mathematically secured electronic entity that could perform much like money. If they kept their child like reasoning to themselves, like children engaged in pretend wars and tea parties, everything would have been fine. But no, these people were schemers not children, and played for real and now their plot is becoming undone.

The summer Crypto fiasco wiped out \$1 trillion, a good deal of it real money invested in the fake currency. FTX, founded by Sam Bankman-Fried, collapsed today. The main part of FTX operated out of the Bahamas where it was possible to borrow money to invest in Cryptocurrencies. Illegal in the US, but like the norm for American business practices, everything the rich desire is available somewhere. The outfit was at one time valued at \$32 billion but possibly only \$8 billion at its demise. It will be liquidated by the same person that handled the infamous Enron collapse. That worked well enough to return 52 cents of an invested dollar but that was thanks to Citigroup being forced to pay a \$1.7 billion settlement for deceiving investors.

The Crypto phenomenon is much reduced but still out there. Binance is now the largest left and will probably be the last standing if only because it never reveals anything about what it's does.

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Lots of attention to whatever is going on with the dipshits at the top. Here is some interesting data concerning the lives of real people. The minimum wage kept pace with inflation until 1968. That was just about at the peak of American capitalism from the standpoint of the exploited class. Today's minimum wage of \$7.25 would be \$12 an hours, but those years were the good days of the system and the minimum wage was not based on inflation but by productivity growth. If that method of determining minimum wage were followed today the wage would be \$26 per hour. \$52,000 a year for minimum wage workers today. Those days are gone permanently – within anything like this system.

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