

Fools: Dominant and Recessive

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First the fools who voted for the losing candidate. They are excused from having to answer for selecting a corrupt political hack and war criminal. Currently she is ranting about the dangers of fake news. No, she is not referring to her lies in the course doing her job that made the news – for example, justifying the destruction of Libya. Those fools are out proudly chest-thumping about the shit-bag who is now President-Elect and lamenting the unfair treatment of their shit-bag that lost.

Now to the fools who voted for the President-Elect; the corrupt capitalist billionaire who had promised to do right by the working class; the man who said that Goldman Sachs “was robbing the working class.” Well that shit-bag has said ‘screw you’ to those angry and ignorant white workers before serving even a single day as president of the downtrodden. Poor Hillary had to sell herself to Goldman Sachs while Trump, as an esteemed fellow of the capitalist class, has his old buddies come to him offering their services. So far he has hired three Goldman Sachs executives for his cabinet: Bannon as his chief strategist; Mnuchin as Treasury Secretary; and Cohn, the second in command at G-S, the man who said ‘sorry’ before Congress because of his company’s mass creation and distribution of junk securities that served as the vanguard of the 2008 crash. These along with billionaire hedge fund boss Ross at OMB and apparently Exxon-Mobil chief Rex Tillerson at State, and other capitalists too numerous to mention are what you’ve got as friends in office. Are you happy with being reamed? If not, you'd better complain behind closed doors because there are also three generals watching you – one a Mad Dog and another a National Security Advisor who, along with his son, thinks that those victimized by completely unsubstantiated lies must prove they are not lies or face the consequences.

Equity markets have boomed around the world with the Wall Street indexes hitting new highs throughout the week. The poor white fools that voted in the billionaire have pumped trillions into the pockets of the super-rich. But the liberal fools are pursuing a course of actions that might reverse the action of their fellow fools. Very responsible attorneys are trying to make a case for the Electoral College switching enough votes to make their candidate president. They even cite Hamilton in the Federalist Papers writing that the EC is there to correct voting errors. But being fools they do not know that Hamilton, an advocate of an authoritarian dictatorship that was initiated too soon with the Alien and Sedition acts (among the provisions a person could be jailed for criticizing the president – rescinded by Marshall’s Supreme Court when the justices feared the Second Amendment might be invoked for its intended use), meant the Electoral College to serve as barrier to a popular usurpation of ruling class power. (Incidentally, there was no shortage of funding for the play. The ruling class loves to see their heroes honored.)

Michael Moore, who predicted a Trump victory, is now predicting an Electoral College reversal of the election results. There isn’t a chance in hell of that happening unless they follow the means used for the Hayes-Tilden reversal -- buy enough of Tilden's electoral votes to make Hayes president. The ruling classes'

political leaders regard the unity of their class as of paramount importance. Gore was in a perfect position to block the subversion of his election as president in his role as president pro tempore of the Senate but did not do so, just as Nixon swallowed his pride in JFK's Chicago theft in order to ensure the stability of their beloved nation. Not that I wouldn't love to see such a reversal. It would create such a popular upheaval that we might at least get a Constitutional Convention and a political democracy that opens the way for more than two voices coming from one mouth.

I've always tried to avoid projections of catastrophe in these pages because in the absence of any significant opposition to what are rulers are doing they can foul their nests indefinitely without anyone stopping the stench. But a perfect storm of cracks in the edifice of the capitalist economy have occurred without having any effect on the speculative mania other than to give it a gigantic boost because bad stuff means more bailout.

The creation of the European Unity was seen as, among other things, a test case to prove that the nature of capitalism does not prevent the substantive unity of many nations working for their common interests. But under capitalism such unity is only possible by having a strong nation gobble up the weaker ones -- unity is like the way the chicken you had for dinner lives on in your gut. So Britain shocked the world when the majority of its electorate voted to leave the EU. There were concerns that the weakening of the EU would cause further distress to the depressed world economy. All such concerns were passed over in a flash. Then we had the even more shocking surprise of a Trump victory. The 800 point dive projected for the Dow turned into a huge rise instead. Many trillions have been added to world equity values since the election. Trump may eventually prove to be a disaster but right now his promises to dish out ever more largess to his fellow privileged criminals has dispersed those concerns. This week Renzi lost his government reform referendum and has resigned as PM of Italy. That means Beppe Grillo's anti-EU party may be in a position to form the next government. Additional weakening of the EU -- but no market concerns. Nor were they bothered by reports that the ECB will not loan Italy's Monte dei Paschi bank any more money. That could mean that Italy will have to spend billions on a bailout or its third largest bank will fail.

It appears that the greedy bastards at the top have gotten too comfortable with Trump too soon. There are increasing signs that he will be the disaster that many expected. Not that the economy will be directly harmed by what he does, but that it will be severely threatened by the masses who feel they have been screwed from all sides beyond the breaking point. That may bring the ethereal world of high finance down with a thundering crash.

The main financial news of the week was Draghi's announcement that QE purchases will not end in March but will continue through 2017 though beginning in April purchases will be reduced from 80 billion euros a month to 60 billions. Of course, the markets loved the news.

Another interesting financial tidbit was the Japanese economy growing by 6.3% overnight because it had adopted the UN's new accounting methods for GDP growth. Things like research, development, patents and copyrights can now have their costs calculated and combined with GDP growth. In other words, nations that adopt the standard can freely use their imaginations when valuing intangibles and combine that with great deal of double dipping.

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