

The Putinsanity of the Self-Conflicted Right

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That the old guy who runs Russia sometimes displays his bare chest for public appreciation does not explain the gushing praise of the weird right for the 'brilliance' of his recent actions.

Asserting that it is just the out crowd broadcasting the deficiencies of the in group will not do. The traditional right and the tea party yahoos, as do democrats and liberals, treat the rulers of now capitalist Russia as if they are little changed from their 'communist' past. Meanwhile the old left see's them as counter-revolutionary traitors. No, the self-conflicted right has developed a weirdness all its own. Might Putinsanity be representative of the vision they have for a capitalism that fits their notion of a free society?

This sector of the right (not to be confused with the Right Sector in Ukraine) does acknowledge serious problems with capitalism, if not with the system itself, certainly with the conduct of capitalist marauders. Putin offers a significant alternative between a Fuhrer like ruler that hands down orders the for capitalist to obey, and one where the capitalists can go crazy exercising their 'freedom' right up until excesses requires a jailing.

Yellen continued her hasty retreat from the suggestion that interest rates may rise sooner than expected. The market charges ahead for at least a day the more she runs away. The issue now for all the developed world is the fear of deflation -- disinflation today, deflation tomorrow. To justify preventative measures they must foist a drumbeat a shameless lie on the general public: that deflation will worsen the depression because people will not buy if prices fall. They will just keep waiting for the best possible price. The truth - the vast majority of the working class and poor live paycheck to paycheck. Deflation means getting more for their money and improving their standard of living. As for the middle class, most realize they will die eventually, so when they see a reasonable price, they will buy. The real fear is that the poor capitalists, that crowd that has partied while everyone else was suffering, will miss some of their profit goals.

The total stupidity of monetarism is being played out right before our eyes. That some of its composers have been identified as Keynesians merely reveals the desperation they were experiencing as the economy collapsed around them. They tried a traditional stimulus but it was too small and, because they had an immediate need, aimed at already planned projects. In desperation they jumped at the monetary quick fix. In truth, neither the quick fix or conventional stimulus is the solution, but with the latter people will get better roads and bridges, public transportation, schools and other public works along with an increase in the deficit, with the former they get further deterioration in their standard of living and quality of life.

Bits and pieces -- They made a big deal out of a lower unemployment report (300,000). In December of last year the initial report for a week was 298,000,

later adjusted to 305,000. 'Draghi says the strength of the Euro makes further QE feasible'. Notice how a weakness is led off with 'strength'. On a down day the WSJ said there were no economic reports to justify the fall. Like JP Morgan's mortgage business dropping 19% year to year, and Wells Fargo's down 46% might signify something to be concerned about. The obvious 'insight' of former chief economist of the International Bank of Settlements -- the each burst bubble the state banking systems have to pursue a more vigorous monetary policy, "logically, at a certain point, it won't work anymore". And indeed -- it's not.