

US Under Siege: Both People & Economy

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The US is the runaway leader in confirmed coronavirus cases, and if New York City were a country, it would be in a deadheat with Iran for 7th place in this vertical race for top prize in sickness and death.

But the world being almost exclusively capitalist we can at least observe, while doing time in isolation, the business mind attempting to resolve both economic and social crises, and hopefully learn how we may be able to ultimately fix our problem creating problem.

The real economy and government entities created to ensure our social well being are both struggling to maintain functionality at the most basic level. Things are being made and grown, and transported where needed. Medical workers are being called upon to save as many lives as possible among the infected while at the same time dealing with shortages of necessary equipment, and without even the means to protect themselves from a disease that is killing and sickening them along with many of their patients.

Mock pandemics have been staged to determine what advance preparations can be made, like stockpiling necessities, etc. But the leaders of our vile social system prefer to stockpile nuclear warheads and as much of the nation's wealth into the hands of the few, than to care much about the rest of humanity though they claim to be members in good standing.

Last week a record 3.28 million people filed for unemployment compensation. This week that record was shattered with 6.6 million waiting in long lines to file so that they may received a check and wait in long lines to purchase food for their families. 701,000 people lost their jobs last month which also broke the shallow and meaningless record of 10 years of consecutive monthly job growth. The unemployment rate jumped to 4.4% from 3.5%, the largest monthly rise since 1975.

A couple of trillion has been raised (with more to come) to mainly assist businesses, and the Fed has thrown at least \$6 trillion of fictitious money in support of the financial sector which had been the only part of the economy to at least appear to be a success.

The real economy is unfixable in any way that the general public would regard as acceptable, thus, as in our last Great Financial Crisis

of 2008 an ornate financial Potemkin facade must be created to shield the public's sentient eye from what they are actually experiencing.

On Thursday a rumor was manufactured to boost the markets. Russia and Saudi Arabia were making moves to settle divisions that caused a split in these two major oil dealers (Russia wanted to cut production, Saudi Arabia wanted to decimate the shale industry by cheapening prices). That caused oil futures to rise along with markets even though there was no truth to it.

Curiously on Friday a similar piece of misinformation was officially foisted upon the many millions keeping an appropriate distance between each other. Now they are being told to wear completely useless cloth face masks in order to minimize the spread of the virus. To the extent that they actually believe in its effectiveness they will tend to be less concerned about preserving the six feet of separation.

The Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy published a well documented paper by two physicians who are also experts in respiratory protection. In the most significant study the following was determined: *"A recent pooled analysis of two earlier trials comparing medical masks and N95 filtering facepiece respirators with controls (no protection) found that health care workers continuously wearing N95 FFRs were 54% less likely to experience respiratory viral infections than controls..."* And: *...while those wearing medical masks were only 12% less likely than controls...* The commonly worn cloth mask had previously been dismissed as clearly having zero effectiveness.

Now we have the WHO and the CDC, after much political pressure, changing their minds and recommending the wearing of cloth face masks by the general public. They admit the masks will not protect an uninfected person from the disease but may help keep an infected person from transmitting the disease. Note the reasoning here: the same masks that cannot prevent viral elements from infecting its wearer can somehow keep the viral elements of an infected person wearing the same mask from escaping and infecting others.

The only known methods of protection is distancing and not touching an infected person (or objects that have droplets from an infected person). One is either infected through the air or by physically carrying it from hand to mouth, nose or eyes.

The point here is that the lies and stupidities of the capitalist system will tend to infect otherwise intelligent people unless they treat the system as a virus and maintain a strict distancing from all that it does and says while working for a cure this mother of that is sick about the world that we live in.

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