

# 'Take This System and Shove It'

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That's what appears to be next on the agenda for those who freely decided to leave their jobs and the work force since the onset of the pandemic. Their employers thought they would be streaming back once Uncle Sam's helicopters stopped dropping free money into their pockets. That hasn't happened. The Labor Force Participation Rate had been 63.4 in January 2020 – 60.2 in April of that year, 61.4 in June – and then sideways for the next year and half until it was 61.9 in November 2021.

A record 4.5 million workers quit in November. Some sources like Goldman Sachs promote the mass resignation as just a sensible conforming to expectations under the circumstances, such as those near retirement calling it quits before the planned departure. With Covid being more risky for the elderly, they have decided to cash out their bloated mutual fund winnings in advance. But that's not the case according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics which has determined that the age range with the highest quit rate is 30-45.

As is the norm, the seriousness of current developments is reduced to – everything will return to as it was before long. Left unsaid is that the economy entered recession in the last quarter of 2019. Between September 17 2019 and January 20 2020 the Fed was forced to loan more than \$6 trillion to Wall Street trading firms in order to keep the financial sector afloat. The economy was sick before we were and shows signs of returning to where it left off which should become visible once we are free of the Covid distraction.

Just as the *invisible hand of the market* drives the capitalist market economy it also serves as a replacement for acting in accordance with what a thinking and reasoning brain would conclude is the best way to fight this pandemic. Everyone *knows* that the way to end the pandemic is to vaccinate everyone in the world. But the market controls the collective brain of capitalists and it fights like hell to keep vaccines flowing to the most profitable sources. Thus we have recurring mutations and sickness fomenting active or passive rebellions in many

areas because more people are coming to the realization that capitalism is a threat to all life on earth.

The depth of this madness can be seen in how it also controls the minds of those not directly involved in the economy. Richard Dawkins, the author of many works on evolutionary biology supports the view that the genetic process is all for itself ('the selfish gene'). Thus our control over it all an illusion – that we only imagine that we think and reason – our thoughts are in fact genetic implants (memes) that muscle their way into, and dominate, the human thought process. Actually Dawkins' theorizing is the invisible hand of the capitalist market determining what Dawkins must think and write about in order to serve their mutual interests and thrive. Losing ones mind under capitalism can be very profitable.

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