

## Trump: America's Yeltsin

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In the 1920's Stalin overthrew communism as defined by Marxism, but for a reason similar to that of coup leaders seizing power in a capitalist nation will retain the framework of the existing political democracy (because it can be used to buttress their rule), Stalin retained the existing framework until conditions made it possible for his heirs to complete the counterrevolution.

Trotsky's *The Revolution Betrayed* (1936) described in accurate detail the transition of the Stalinist bureaucracy into a new generation of capitalists. They had already reached a stage equivalent to that of petty capitalist. At that point they began drawing into their clique members of the old bourgeoisie that stayed behind. Trotsky thought that it would be the latter that overthrew the remaining nominal shell of Marxism, and that the bourgeoisified bureaucrats would then join them, but it didn't quite happen that way.

It was led by Gorbachev who represented the moderate bureaucracy. World capitalism was ecstatic that one of the great enemies of their system was joining them on their own initiative, but it was of critical importance that the resources of the Russian nation be in private capitalist hands so they may be freely exploited by the world family of capitalists. The West was concerned that Gorbachev wanted to maintain a strong state involvement in the economy, and the ostensible coup attempt by a hard line (but still pro-capitalist) sector of the bureaucracy intensified the concern.

American led world capitalism discovered a possible savior in the communist party leadership – a pliable drunken fool by the name of Yeltsin. They went all-out in support of his rise in power, and during the period he ruled they sent an army of academics to wreck the old economic structure to make conditions irreversible, and to make Russian assets easily obtainable by foreign investors. Eventually the bureaucrats united to get rid of the idiot who was giving away the store. China has learned from the mistakes made in Russia and largely completed the conversion to capitalism while preserving power (and the cream of the asset wealth) in the hands of the established bureaucracy. The enmity of the US and the EU for both regimes is solely derived from their blockage of free access to the resources and peoples of both nations.

Now we have our Yeltsin assuming the presidency next month. Hillary Clinton was the ideal choice of the ruling class as she's been perfectly conditioned to serve their interests. And Trump, even though an official member of the ruling class, shocked them with his populist rhetoric, like saying Goldman Sachs robbed the working class (the equivalent of saying capitalism in general robs the working class – made all the worse because it happens to be true), and his belligerently stupid and racist blatherings.

But Trump won and for a few moments the ruling class was worried. Then Trump sent through the secret wire of private capitalism a brief message – *just kidding!* Far from protecting the working class from capitalist robbers he's loaded his \$6 billion cabinet almost exclusively with those robbers. As for being less of a war

monger than Clinton, he promises a huge defense budget increase and brought in at least three generals to help pick his targets. We also now know what Larry Summers meant when, during the first Obama term, he said his infrastructure stimulus had no commercial value. The infrastructure certainly needs refurbishing and out of that comes good paying jobs which would increase consumer spending, etc. But Summers was too shy to explain what is meant by commercial value. Trump as made it crystal clear – distribute the bulk of the federal money in such a way that most of it will be directly pocketed by the capitalists managing the program.

The markets have boomed worldwide since Trump's victory even as the world economy and political stability has worsened. The ruling classes have been blinded by their unimaginable success. So much so that they have failed to see that a Trump-led America is on track to create the world-historic disaster than many expected. We've had senile presidents and we've had stupid presidents but never one who combines the ugly face of American capitalism with a bred-in-the-bone stupidity that makes him incapable of thinking before speaking (and possibly doing!). Such a president is walking talking crisis creator made worse by the fact that he will be the most despised president ever.

But the liberals/Democrats will beat Trump in creating a crisis if they actually succeed in getting enough holders of Trump electoral votes to switch to Clinton. In support of their efforts they actually quote Alexander Hamilton, the strongest advocate of an authoritarian dictatorship of the Founding Fathers, from his Federalist Papers, that the Electoral College could nullify the electoral outcome if the winner was not "to an eminent degree endowed with the requisite qualifications." Meaning: If someone not acceptable to the ruling class is voted in, we will use the EC to keep him out of power. These fools should study some of the notorious acts passed by the Federalists during the Adams administration. The Sedition act criminalized criticism of the government if said government determined the statements were false. Good old Alexander Hamilton, a man worth celebrating with song and dance if one is attracted to proto-fascism.. Other Federalist legislation would fit in quite nicely with Trump's plans. The extension from 5 to 14 years before an immigrant may become a citizen (Federalists upset that new arrivals tended to vote for Jefferson's party). Another, the Alien Friends act, made it easier to deport an alien if he were deemed dangerous. One of the controversial acts still exists and is frequently used -- deport or imprison aliens from nations we are at war with.

It's virtually impossible that Trump's victory will be overturned but it's still strange that the normally very nervous markets have not even given it a thought. It's just too unlikely -- much like Trump winning the election.

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One major event involving the economy this week -- the Fed did raise the Fed Funds rate to 0.50%. They had to do it at least once this year even though the depression continues.

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