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He says -- " we are transferring power from Washington, D.C. and giving it back to you, the American People". And toward that end he's hired a bunch of cretins on leave from robber baron land to effect the delivery. It's tempting to think that the person saying such a thing, as well as those believing it, must be idiots. People born and raised under almost totalitarian dictatorship conditions don't really believe anything, but that doesn't mean they don't realize they can still get something out of cheering the maker of false promises.

Trump is like the host of an old TV program where women would tell an audience the most soul wrenching sob stories, and the one who squeezed out the most tears would be named *Queen for a Day*. "Their victories have not been your victories, their triumphs have not been your triumphs, and while they celebrated...there was little to celebrate for struggling families across our land...That all changes...because this moment is your moment...it belongs to everyone watching all across America."

Trump is saying that America is a rotten country, complains a Washington Post columnist -- "Mothers and children trapped in poverty... rusted-out factories...an education system...which leaves our young and beautiful students deprived of all knowledge." Doesn't he know that the unemployment rate is down to 4.7%! Isn't it amazing that liberals still don't get how I fellow like Trump made it to the White House? All it took was for a prominent person with enough money to make his voice heard across the land to tell everyone that it was all a lie. That's what made all the difference. People were so starved for a truthful meaningful word that it was of no consequence that it came from a congenital liar.

Once the master rouses the rabble he must deliver something worthy of the response. That's where Trump will be at his most dangerous. He's clearly set up a reactionary regime designed to screw the masses to the maximum degree. What will Trump put in place as a distraction so that the job can be accomplished? Railing against China, Muslims, Mexicans, etc. is not enough. Positive actions are necessary, and most must be aimed to domestic issues. Both at home and abroad Trump may set in motion a train of unintended developments that, while being devastating, may force the masses occupying the sidelines to implement unimagined changes in our social system if for no other reason than to save their own necks.

Oxfam reported that 8 men collectively have wealth equal to the bottom half of the world's population. A few are Gates, Buffet, Besos, Ellison, Bloomberg.

Jeffrey Snider of Alhambra Partners presented an interesting argument for why the late 2008 economic distortion became such a rapid crash. It wasn't the real conditions that caused the acceleration, rather it was the highly leveraged balance sheets of the big companies -- they were so bad that they literally could not meet their payrolls and therefore had to lay off workers even though there was still plenty of need for their labor.

China has successfully accomplished its goal of slowing its rate of GDP growth failure to smaller fractional amounts. Down 6.7% in 2016 -- only 0.2% less than 2015. As much as Trump was saying everything was rigged in this country, it's even more applicable for China. The numbers are always suspiciously consistent with what was planned. Like it stayed at 6.7% almost the entire year. Industrial production has been around 6% for 22 months. The newly trained capitalist rulers haven't yet mastered the technique of variation which in economic terms means life. But then the West has yet to obtain a variation that is not merely a doubling back to an earlier stagnant state that may be a little better or a little worse than that of a no significant growth system.

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