

7 Signs That Civil War Is About To Happen Part 2

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In Part ,1 we discussed nine (9) social, political and economic factors that are precursors to civil unrest. These nine factors form the basis of the seven (7) signs that a US Civil War is on the horizon if we, the people, do not take back our government and instill common sense in our governing leadership. These signs are:

1. Increasing Partisanship
2. Dysfunctional Governance
3. Impeachment and Coup Rhetoric
4. Widening Wealth Gap
5. Further Entrenching Oligarchy
6. Rise of Extremist Ideologies
7. Artificial Intelligence

Increasing Partisanship

In our multi-party system of government, there are people who strongly support their party's policies and are reluctant to compromise with political opponents. When this happens it is called "**partisanship**."

Partisanship can be found in every branch of our government. Partisanship becomes a problem when our leaders are more interested in supporting their party affiliation and its agendas rather than supporting what is good and beneficial for the American people and our nation. For example, Democrats currently support an open border policy without acknowledging the negative consequences that such a policy has on:

- National security,
- Law enforcement,
- Education,
- Financial subsidies,
- Food subsidies,
- Housing subsidies,
- Energy and utilities subsidies,
- Childcare subsidies,
- Medical care,
- Occupational training, and
- Other social services

. . .that are supported by taxpayers. This is not to say that social programs are bad but rather that Americans should come first and immigrants, legal or otherwise, should be paying their fair share for these services.

In many ways this example demonstrates a government that exhibits the characteristics of a “non-profit” charitable organization which relies on the donations (mandated taxation) of others.

Partisanship becomes even more problematic when it crosses the branches of government. Since 1945, both houses of Congress and the Executive Branch have been controlled by the same party 16 times. In twelve (12) of those times, Democrats have ruled.

When partisanship crosses our branches of government, the potential for abuse is dramatically increased. To reduce this potential it is necessary for the ruling party to come to the middle of the political spectrum. Remaining at the far end (left or right) established a more dictatorial environment where the people have less say in how they are govern.

Dysfunctional Governance

“As long as you have a government that is intimately involved in every aspect of our lives, there are always going to be attempts to influence it,” David Primo (Univ. of Rochester) said. “And these attempts are going to lead to messiness.”

By its very nature, government is dysfunctional (not operating normally or properly). So does it matter if the government is dysfunctional? To some extent many accept the dysfunction as normal, but consider this example given by 1A.org, “Some parts of a car can work even without gas. But at what point do we admit our vehicle is broken down?”

Our democracy is essentially a two-party system where one party favors increased government control over our lives, while the other favors a reduction of government control. These two agendas are in conflict with each other that result in rules, regulations, and laws that are poorly written. Almost every decision made in Congress contains elements (pork) that are not, even remotely, related to the substance of the decisions.

While the substance is often poorly written, the pork in these decisions is equally, or more so, poorly written and often in conflict with other decisions. The lack of clarity, simple, and concisely written rules, regulations, and laws create an environment where government cannot effectively work.

To further compound this dysfunctional governance, state and local governments make equally dysfunctional decisions.

The outcome of this dysfunctional governance at all levels is the lack of trust that the people have in their leaders. While our government(s) has never been tidy there has always been partisanship, intense disagreement and irrational behavior.

Congressional tribalism has led to a paralysis of economic and social progress. Our financial well-being, foreign policy, and presidential and congressional abuse is creating a dystopian America.

Impeachment and Coup Rhetoric

Ever since Trump became president in 2017, the House of Representatives, under its leftist control, has adamantly pushed for impeachment of not just the president (twice) but also for sitting members of SCOTUS.

Widening Wealth Gap

For the past five decades (50 years) the role of middle-class Americans has been eroding. In 2021 about half of the working adults were classified as middle-class. Corresponding to this shrinking class, the upper-income tier has increased.

With Covid's pandemic onslaught, the nation was thrown into financial hardships affecting mostly the lower and middle income families. Devastating lockdowns, inadequate healthcare supplies, and excessive government handouts combined with erratic leadership created a faltering US economy. Middle-class families were using their savings and government subsidies trying to make it through the pandemic.

As the initial pandemic subsided, irresponsible decisions by local, state and federal leadership exacerbated the economic woes as "history repeated itself" with new variants and senseless lockdowns and restrictions. The consequences of government's rash and imprudent decisions have thrown many middle-class Americans into a state of poverty without a foreseeable future free of economic hardship. All of this is backed up by rising inflation rates and a national recession.

The blame for these hardships is easily cast upon the current Biden administration. While incomes have risen, inflation and recession has quickly and negatively impacted workers' buying power. Anger and frustration grows as lower and middle income earners are unable to buy life's necessities due to supply chain issues, higher prices, and increased taxation, all the while they observe a lack of such issues for upper class families.

Further Entrenching Oligarchy

Oligarchy: a form of government in which a small group of people hold most or all political power.

As Americans continue to observe a lack of sincerity, contriteness, and contrition in Biden and his administration, they also see a government that does not have the interests of the majority but is ruled by the rich and powerful, powerful special interest groups (Princeton University).

As the wealth gap widens, the “rich-get-richer,” according to Robert Solow. The hypocritical left purports that they are fighting against perceived injustices, that they want to raise taxes on the 1 percent, and are for equity. The problem is that they are not walking the talk. The democrats and far left are working hard to entrench their social agenda in American life.

According to IRS data, 65% of taxpayers with a \$500,000 or greater income are Democrats and that 74% of taxpayers with an income of \$100,000 or less are Republicans. Democrats are also pushing to remove the tax deduction caps on the 1 percent and also want to lift the current \$10,000 cap on state and local tax deductions. Removing these caps would benefit high-income Democrats in the blue states. (Standing For Freedom Center)

There is no doubt that Democrats and the left are working hard to entrench their government power and control. However in doing so, they hit a major roadblock – US Constitution. Fortunately Trump was able to install constitutionalists on SCOTUS. It is for this reason, constitutionalists view the constitution as *text* instead of *constitutional discourses*, that there is even discussion of court packing. The Democrats and left have already expressed a desire and willingness to rewrite the US Constitution. The major rewrites would be to the First and Second Amendments, and to the voting laws.

Rise of Extremist Ideologies

Typically an ideology is “a system of ideas and ideals, especially one which forms the basis of economic or political theory and policy.” (Oxford)

Wikipedia identifies eleven (11) major political ideologies. Each of these ideologies have ideological subsets – conservative (right), middle, and liberal (left). Although these subsets are often thought of as political parties, they should not be simply because the Republican, Democrat, and Independent parties (plus all other minor parties) contain conservative, middle and liberal elements.

However the reality is that the general public views the three subsets as political stances associated with particular parties. For example, the “far-right” political advocates are thought to be far-right Republicans while “far-left” advocates are far-left Democrats.

There have always been, and will always be, far-right and far-left advocates. When these advocates take their thinking to a higher level of action, we then view them as extremists. Their actions could range from verbal agitation to physical violence.

In recent years, extremism in the US has not only increased but is also a different composition than in previous times. The Boston Tea Party for example was primarily a response to the British tax on tea, while the rioting following George Floyd’s death was a response to perceived police brutality and racism.

Unlike past extremism which as typically base on one or two ideological ideas, today's extremism is a mixture of interrelated identities contains political, social, economic, and religious mantras and/or thought.

The societal polarization of politics, race, social and economic status, and religious beliefs are tearing our country apart. People, both Americans and non-citizens need to take a deep breath, look at both sides of the "coin," and sit back in peaceful discourse. No political party is innocent of fomenting violence, and the media is equally guilty of creating the polarization and violence that has gripped our nation.

Artificial Intelligence

The initial beginnings of artificial intelligence (AI) can be dated back to Aristotle's "invention of," **the field of formal logic** (Encyclopedia Britannica). However it wasn't until the early 1800s when formal logic evolved to become the impetus for a new scientific study – computer science.

While scientists were developing the beginnings of computers and theorizing its future development, "**Metropolis**," a 1927 movie by German cinematographer, Frank Strobel, was the world's first look at the concept of artificial intelligence (AI).

Since "Metropolis," the public's view of AI was relegated to horror movies where physical objects became animated with an implied intelligence. While the term AI came into existence in 1955, it wasn't until the 1970s when AI was ushered in a series of movies such as Stephen King's movie "**Maximum Overdrive**" and the "**Terminator**" series. These science-fiction horror movies, like the Dick Tracy comics, are the foretellers of AI.

The evolution of AI over the past 50 years has dramatically increased to the point where AI has become part of our daily lives.

Researchers and scientists in almost all areas of human endeavor – medicine, sociology, industry, defense, and education – are claiming astonishing results when using AI applications. However researchers at Princeton University have discovered that the AI results are inaccurate due to the misapplication of AI, improper data sets, and a lack of comprehensive understanding of its techniques and limitations. (WIRED magazine)

AI has become essential across a vast array of industries, including health care, banking, retail, and manufacturing, however its application and use is subject to abuse.

On the surface AI appears to be objective overcoming the human traits of subjectivity, bias, and prejudice. But many of the algorithms used in AI are based on data already containing subjective decisions, bias and prejudice.

Many government agencies already use AI for facial recognition and lie detection. The fallacy of facial recognition software is based on everyone being different, just as fingerprints are unique to each person. The simple application of make-up or facial prosthetic devices throws facial recognition software for a loop. Similarly AI lie detection software is based on the same factors as standard polygraphs combined with facial and body movements. Again this software is flawed because it does not take into consideration social and cultural differences.

So why is Artificial Intelligence a sign that civil war is on the horizon?

When people talk about AI and war, most probably think about

- the use of robot soldiers
- prediction of enemy movements
- analysis of what to take out first

While the military currently uses AI for equipment maintenance, logistics, and manpower utilization, there is another side of AI use, to locate, target, and kill the enemy without human involvement using “lethal autonomous weapons systems” (LAWS). There is an international call for banning LAWS. In 2014 the US, under President Obama, opposed the UN attempt to ban LAWS.

The reality of AI weapons is no longer constrained to science fiction hits like *I, Robot* or *Black Mirror*. The technology exists today, and its development and use is accelerating. The backend of these weapons are the algorithms and data banks that can be used to target the enemy.

It is a simple task to develop an algorithm that accesses the IRS database and interlocks that database with church registries, political donor, state CCW license, and/or military personnel databases to identify “enemies” of a political party. The result of such algorithms and database outputs can easily be fed into any LAWS weapon or political party army (think about Hitler’s SS troops and Hitlerjugend [Hitler Youth]).

In spite of the **Posse Comitatus Act**, both Barack Obama and Joe Biden have engaged in radicalizing our military as a political weapon. National Guard units have already been used in this role when they were mobilized to protect Congress in 2021.

Biden is the “Commander in Chief” of the military. Hopefully, if he is stupid enough to violate Posse Comitatus, that our military leaders will disobey such an unlawful order.

The Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) allows military personnel to disobey unlawful orders.

In the meantime, you need to think about how to keep yourself and your family safe given the pattern of current events and the possibility of civil war.