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"The words you speak become the house you live in." - Persian poet Hafiz (14th century)

Oceania Has Always Been At War With Eastasia

Ignore the news. We are not heading into World War III. In fact, we have not stopped fighting World War II. Sure, there are no more troops in Guadalcanal, no more Nazis in Paris, and the Japanese did officially surrender. But the **ideas** that animated WWII were never defeated. They went silent, continuing to work in the shadows, waiting for the right moment to strike.

Strike That Metaphor

There's a problem with the phrase "moment to strike." Admittedly, we use it to understand events. For example, the 9/11 attacks happened on a particular day, at a particular time. But we need to stop thinking about events as beginning at a single point in time – December 7, 1941, September 11, 2001 – or ending (September 2, 1945) at a particular time. Those dates are more suited for school exams than for understanding the flows of history. "Start dates" disguise the long genesis of ideas. "End dates" give us the false hope that heinous ideas died at the same time as the soldiers and civilians did during a particular war.

Head Games

Mentally transport yourself to the 1930s. Here are three political issues prevalent at that time.

- Fascism versus Democracy
- Antisemitism
- Americans praising fascists¹

Now change a few of the terms, e.g.,

- Fascism to Authoritarianism
- Antisemitism to Globalists
- Praising fascists to Praising Putin

While the calendar may say it is the year 2022, we're still in the grip of the 1930s. These issues (and many others) were never fully resolved but, instead, were temporarily driven underground. The operative word here is *temporarily*.

We Can Be Fascists Too!

¹ Many more items could be added to this list, such as Labor versus Big Business, Conservatives versus Liberals, Racism, Religious Zealotry, American paramilitary groups, US corporations helping the Nazi government.

By the time FDR came into office, America reached a fork in the road. In fits and starts, FDR took us down the road of democracy, albeit an imperfect one. But there were others who fought against FDR's administration. They wanted to follow a different road. They went as far as planning a military coup to overthrow FDR and install a dictatorship.

In 1934 leading members of the [American] Legion conspired with Wall Street brokers and other big business men to upset the government of the United States and establish a fascist regime. They asked Smedley Butler, noted former commander of the U.S. Marines, to head the American fascist march on Washington.²

The coup was never put into action, but the idea of using violence to seize control of the government is still with us. The National Rifle Association tells us that the purpose of the Second Amendment is for citizens to be able to protect themselves against so-called government tyranny, which they seem to define as any policy or law they do not like. We had heard the female Donald Trump, aka, Sarah Palin, talk about guns and government officials.³ During his campaign, the Orange One spoke about Second Amendment solutions,⁴ and the coup of January 6, 2021, was a nearly successful attempt to do what Wall Street and Smedley Butler failed to even try to do: use violence to take control of the government.

We Hate Jews Too!

When we think "eugenics" we think Nazi Germany. But the idea behind eugenics – the creation of a master race by perfecting the gene pool and eliminating undesirables – took hold in the United States well before Hitler came to power. Philanthropists, such as Rockefeller and Carnegie, helped fund the sterilization of "undesirables" in the United States.⁵ Combined with laws enforcing segregation, the Nazis saw America as a model nation that took eugenics seriously.

Hitler proudly told his comrades just how closely he followed the progress of the American eugenics movement. "I have studied with great interest," he told a fellow Nazi, "the laws of several American states concerning prevention of reproduction by people whose progeny would, in all probability, be of no value or be injurious to the racial stock."

Hitler even wrote a fan letter to American eugenic leader Madison Grant⁶ calling his race-based eugenics book, *The Passing of the Great Race* his "bible."⁷

Less than a decade after the official end of World War II, America re-started its own war against the

² Facts and Fascism, George Seldes, In Fact, Inc. New York 1943, page 112.

See also: Wikipedia: Smedley Butler. See also the recently published, Gangsters of Capitalism: Smedley Butler, the Marines, and the Making and Breaking of America's Empire by Jonathan M. Katz.

³ Did Sarah Palin's Target Map Play Role in Giffords Shooting? by Max Fisher

⁴ <u>Donald Trump Suggests 'Second Amendment People' Could Act Against Hillary Clinton</u> By Nick Corasaniti and Maggie Haberman

⁵ Those programs, in one form or another, continued up until 2010. <u>Forced sterilization policies in the US targeted minorities and those with disabilities – and lasted into the 21st century</u>

⁶ Madison Grant "argued for the preservation of America as a 'civilization preserve' for the Nordic race, advocating for immigration only from the founding stock of Anglo-Saxons and other Nordics from north-western Europe." Source

⁷ See: <u>The Horrifying American Roots of Nazi Eugenics</u> by Edwin Black. Also see: <u>Hitler's American Model: The United States and the Making of Nazi Race Law</u> by James Q. Whitman

Jews. McCarthy targeted Jews, people and ideas associated with Jews, and businesses associated with Jews, the most obvious one being Hollywood.⁸ The Jew-frenzy did not end there. Though America won the "hot" war and emerged as a nuclear power, there was still the question of, how did the Soviet Union acquire the secret of the atomic bomb. The real answer was Klaus Fuchs, a physicist who worked at Los Alamos and passed secrets to the Russians. But he was a British citizen.⁹ Thankfully we found an American spy. Even better, a Jew! Julius Rosenberg did pass along information to the Russians, but that information was essentially useless, especially when compared to the information provided by a physicist who actually worked on the atomic bomb.¹⁰ But Rosenberg was not just a spy. He was a card-carrying Communist and a New York Jew.¹¹ Eventually Julius, and his wife Ethel, were convicted of being spies and were executed in 1953. Recent scholarship has discovered that there was *zero evidence* of Ethel partaking in any form of espionage. The government hoped that if they threatened Ethel with death that she would convince her husband to tell the government who he worked with. She refused to turn against her husband, and the government, in order not to embarrass itself by withdrawing the charges against her, went ahead with her execution.¹²

Our new McCarthyism takes aim at progressives (AOC, The Squad), enlightened Democrats (like Elizabeth Warren), intellectuals, higher education (and the rest of education too!). In case anyone isn't getting the message, the new McCarthyites scream about globalists (echoing the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, ¹³ the "secret documents" that detail how the Jews control the world) and even provide the name of the head globalist: the Jewish philanthropist George Soros.

Three Cheers for Fascism!

On February 25, 1941, Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes

denounced five "Quislings" ¹⁴ and named them as: Colonel Lindbergh, ¹⁵ the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, ¹⁶ Major

⁸ In both Europe and the United States, Bolshevism and Communism were considered "Jewish" ideas.

⁹ See: Klaus Fuchs

¹⁰ "I consider the information passed in the Rosenberg Case of minor value." – Statement made by General Leslie Groves. At his request, this statement was kept secret and not released to the public until 1979. See: Executing the Rosenbergs: Death and Diplomacy in a Cold War World by Lori Clune, page 146.

¹¹ The 1920s and 1930s were a difficult time for Jews in America. They saw how Europe's fascist regimes were mistreating Jews while American politicians either praised those regimes or looked the other way. A number of Jews were attracted to local Communist and Socialist parties (including various trade unions) because they spoke out against the ill-treatment of the Jews.

¹² See: Executing the Rosenbergs: Death and Diplomacy in a Cold War World. The execution of Ethel Rosenberg should be a wakeup call to all Americans. It's not impossible to imagine the Republicans concocting a case for executing Dr. Fauci or Hillary Clinton. One more point. An attorney who played a prominent role in the prosecution of the Rosenbergs, and who knew Ethel was innocent, was Roy Cohn. His name came up recently when it was revealed that he was a mentor to Fred and Donald Trump.

¹³ See: Protocols of the Elders of Zion

¹⁴ Quisling: "a citizen or politician of an occupied country who collaborates with an enemy occupying force." Source

¹⁵ Lindbergh supported the America First Committee, an organization that was sympathetic to the Nazis and promoted isolationism.

¹⁶ Coughlin's radio programs reached tens of millions of Americans. "After hinting at attacks on Jewish bankers, Coughlin began to use his radio program to broadcast antisemitic commentary. In the late 1930s, he supported some of the fascist policies of Adolf Hitler, Benito Mussolini, and Emperor Hirohito of Japan. The broadcasts have been described as a variation of the Fascist agenda applied to American culture." Source

Alford J. Williams, ¹⁷ Lawrence Dennis¹⁸ and Merwin K. Hart, ¹⁹ adding that these are men "who would sacrifice democratic ideals.... These men are supported by others who play upon the prejudices of the anti-Semite, the anti-Negro and the anti-sharecropper. These are the Quislings who, in pretended patriotism, would cravenly spike our guns and ground our planes in order that Hitlerism might more easily overcome us."²⁰

This fondness for fascism did not end in 1945. As New York Times writer Jamelle Bouie noted in a recent column,²¹ William F. Buckley sang the praises of fascism since at least 1957 when he lauded the accomplishments of Spain's fascist dictator Francisco Franco. He also spoke sympathetically about apartheid South Africa, that is, sympathetically towards the white power structure.

A "modernized" version of fascism (if you can even use such a term as "modernized" in this case) can be found in Hungary, where its authoritarian leader, Viktor Orban, has become a darling of the Republican Party. Orban does not hide his disdain for intellectuals and Jews in general. His anti-immigration law was referred to as the "Stop Soros" law,²² as in George Soros, the Jewish Hungarian billionaire. Further, Orban expelled the world-renowned Central European University from Hungary because it was funded by that same Jew.²³ He has also pushed through anti-LGBT legislation, and an agenda that will sound eerily familiar to those who have been listening to our home-grown fascists. "Liberal democracy," he said, "had failed to halt immigration, protect Christian culture or strengthen the traditional family of one man and one woman."²⁴

In case you're still not with the fascist program, Tucker Carlson recently hosted his show in Budapest, and while he was likely dreaming about Stormtroopers in America, he gave a speech at the *MCC Feszt*, a far-right conference that was held in Budapest with the blessing of Viktor Orban.²⁵

Carlson, our American Goebbels keeps pushing the fascist agenda.

"Tucker is using the massive platform that he has at his disposal, via Rupert Murdoch, to legitimise authoritarianism," said Kurt Bardella, an adviser to the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. "It's not speculation. The Republican party has made it very clear that **their agenda is to institute an autocratic style of governance to the point where they are willing to throw out democracy when elections don't go their way.**²⁶ [emphasis added]

¹⁷ Williams' "fierce anticommunism excused the support Generalissimo Francisco Franco received from Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy on the premise that anything was fair to "clear the Reds" out of Spain." <u>Source</u>

¹⁸ "In 1941, Life [Magazine] called Dennis "America's No. 1 intellectual Fascist." Source

¹⁹ In 1947, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith cited Merwin K. Hart's National Economic Council along with Gerald L. K. Smith's Christian Nationalist Crusade and the Ku Klux Klan as organized anti-Jewish organizations... which had significant influence, resources and membership. <u>Source</u>

²⁰ Facts and Fascism, page 180

²¹ Tucker Carlson Has A New Hero by Jamelle Bouie

²² Hungary to criminalise migrant helpers with 'Stop Soros' legislation by Shaun Walker

²³ George Soros-Founded University Is Forced Out of Hungary by Marc Santora

²⁴ Hungary will defend traditional families, stop demographic decline, Orban says by Reuters Staff

²⁵ Tucker Carlson to Speak at Far-Right Conference in Hungary After Meeting With Orban by Matt Wilstein

Interestingly, Dennis Prager, a right-wing Orthodox Jew, was paid \$30,000 dollars to speak at the same conference.

See: <u>Hungary Paid Dennis Prager \$30,000 for an Hour of Appearances at Far-Right 'Education' Conference</u>

26 How Tucker Carlson and the far right embraced <u>Hungary's authoritarian leader</u> by David Smith

It's not only Republicans on the fascist bandwagon. There are Christofascists²⁷ who use Christian doctrine as a cover for a totalitarian ideology. Among their many successes has been the installation of three Supreme Court justices: Gorsuch,²⁸ Kavanaugh, and Coney Barrett.

Eternal Fascism

The author Umberto Eco coined the term Ur-Fascism²⁹ to describe the universal characteristics of fascism. Fascism is not simply "black shirts" or "brown shirts," wild men with little moustaches or jutting jaws. The characteristics of fascism change over time but the essence of it remains the same. I've selected four of these characteristics from Eco's list of fourteen. Some have been part of America for quite some time.

"The Enlightenment, the Age of Reason, is seen as the beginning of modern depravity. In this sense Ur-Fascism can be defined as *irrationalism*."

We see this in the attacks against intellectuals, scientists, education, and so on.³⁰

"For Ur-Fascism, disagreement is treason."

We've heard this since the days of Woodrow Wilson. People were jailed for expressing disagreement.³¹ Most recently, the Orange One wanted to loosen up libel laws so he, and others, could more easily attack their critics. Ginni Thomas, the wife of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, provided the Orange One with a list of people who should be fired from government positions for the crime of not being in lock step agreement with Hair Füror.³²

"Ur-Fascism grows up and seeks for consensus by exploiting and exacerbating the natural fear of difference."

At different times, that difference was Native American, Blacks, Catholics (Irish, Italians, et al.), Jews, and recently Mexicans, Central, South Americans, and members of the LGBTQ community.

²⁷ "Christofascism refers to use of the faith of Christianity as a cover for totalitarian ideology. This radical phenomenon is embodied among American Christians today in the various Militia movements, White Supremacist, and Christian Identity movements, and where these radical, armed, and Christian racist groups overlap with the Pro-Life movement and the right wing of the American political landscape, including the fringes of the Republican party." Source

Here's a must-see documentary on Christofascism where you'll see people like Senator Ted Cruz speaking at one of their events. See: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f8IY8V8Pg4o

²⁸ Recently Justice Gorsuch delivered a speech to the Federalist Society, the organization that has worked tirelessly to get extremists judges into all levels of the judiciary. This organization spent large sums of money to help get Gorsuch onto the Supreme Court. For some undisclosed reason, when he delivered a speech to the organization, the press was not allowed to attend. <u>Source</u>

²⁹ See: Ur-Fascism: Freedom and liberation are an unending task, by Umberto Eco.

³⁰ See: Hofstadter's 1963 book about anti-intellectualism in America which remains relevant right up till the present. Anti-Intellectualism in American Life, by Richard Hofstadter

³¹ See: <u>Eugene Debs</u> See also: <u>Sedition Act of 1918</u>

³² Trump's Deep State Hit List by Jonathan Swan

"...at the root of the Ur-Fascist psychology there is the obsession with a plot, possibly an international one. The followers must feel besieged. The easiest way to solve the plot is the appeal to xenophobia. But the plot must also come from the inside: Jews are usually the best target because they have the advantage of being at the same time inside and outside."

Of course, George Soros has been the favored target, and portrayed as the source of all that is wrong in the world. But the psychosis does not end there. There are those who believe that the Clintons killed many people,³³ that there was a human trafficking and child sex ring run out of a pizza shop,³⁴ and finally, that there is a Deep State that undermines Republican policies.³⁵ All of these conspiracies serve to increase fear, and draw the frightened closer to, and more dependent on, the leader who claims that only he can fix our problems.³⁶

The Current Current

I like to think of history as a vast ocean whose currents carry us in different directions. In this metaphorical ocean, it is possible, with enormous effort, to change a current's direction. Unfortunately, there are always those who want to alter that direction or reverse it entirely. We are now in a period of a great reversal.

This reversal can be traced back to the time of the Roosevelt administration (sometimes referred to as the Rosenfelt administration because of the number of Jews in FDR's cabinet) and its expansive view of the role of government in people's lives.³⁷ So many of the changes over the decades have been attempts to undermine or outright dismantle Roosevelt-era programs, the most well-known being Social Security. Many of the gains made since that time, such as civil rights, voting rights, and abortion, have been partially reversed. It's only a matter of time when they are dispensed with altogether.

We're Still at War

It has taken decades for our home-grown fascists to take control of our country. We got a taste of American-style fascism when the Orange One was in the White House. Mental midgets, Nazi-inspired eugenicists, Christofascists, and many other crazies from the deep, came back to the surface and were made part of the administration and, most ominous of all, they had complete control of all three branches of government. Amazingly they did not cause more damage than they did, but that was more a result of incompetence. Nonetheless, they still inflicted a lot of damage. For example, the judiciary is now filled with inexperienced judges, from the lowest courts to the Supreme Court. These judges show more allegiance to

³³ See: Clinton Body Count

³⁴ See: <u>Pizzagate Conspiracy</u>

³⁵ See: The Deep State

³⁶ Trump: "I have joined the political arena so that the powerful can no longer beat up on people that cannot defend themselves. Nobody knows the system better than me, which is why I alone can fix it." Source

³⁷ "FDR and the New Deal were denounced by anti-Semitic figures like Father Coughlin and fascist organizations such as the "Silver Shirts" (or Silver Legion of America), which warned Americans about a Jewish infiltration of Christian government. Their founder, William Dudley Pelley, referred to FDR as that "Dutch Jew Franklin Rosenfelt." Meanwhile, the "American Vigilant Intelligence Federation… maintained a continuous criticism of Roosevelt, the New Deal, and Jews" and the "Knights of the White Camelia" called the New Deal the "Jew Deal." Source

right-wing ideology than to the law. Numerous departments were systematically dismantled, such as the State Department, which was run by Putin protégé Rex Tillerson, former head of Exxon Mobil.³⁸ Then there was the *real* deep state of unelected fascists, like Stephen Miller,³⁹ Jared Kushner, Steve Bannon, and others.

And Ukraine?

The current war in Ukraine is a result of the growth of fascism both here and abroad, and the way that it has undermined democracies and distorted domestic and foreign policy. But it's important to realize that fascism is not simply a political system. It is a blending of right-wing authoritarianism with laissez-faire capitalism. Fascism does not eliminate capitalism, specifically, the capitalism of the largest corporations. What it does is pick winners and losers.

In Nazi Germany, companies that were willing to produce goods needed for Hitler's war machine became quite profitable, as did the large U.S. corporations that also helped, such as IBM, General Motors, and others. We've just seen this same sort of cozy relationship of U.S. corporations with Russia. However, this relationship is qualitatively different and much more ominous. Underlying these new relationships between major corporations and authoritarian regimes is a network of transnational criminal organizations that extract wealth for a select group of people while impoverishing everyone else.

Political Criminals

In 2011, then-FBI Director Robert Mueller described the emerging transnational business-criminal class.

These [criminal] groups may infiltrate our businesses. They may provide logistical support to hostile foreign powers. They may try to manipulate those at the highest levels of government. Indeed, these so-called "iron triangles" of organized criminals, corrupt government officials, and business leaders pose a significant national security threat. ⁴⁰ [Emphasis added]

Ukraine was one of those countries caught up in an iron triangle. When Viktor Yanukovych became the president of Ukraine in 2010, the majority of the people wanted the country to align with the European Union. Yanukovych, however, focused on improving ties with Russia. In 2014, after massive demonstrations in the country against him and his pro-Russia stance, Yanukovych fled to Russia.⁴¹

Volodymyr Zelenskyy became Ukraine's president in 2019. With help from U.S. Ambassador Marie Yovanovitch, he worked hard to reduce corruption in the country. That was a problem for both Russia and the Trump administration. That was especially a problem for America's alcoholic mayor, Rudy Giuliani, who tried to pressure the government to pretend to dig up dirt on Biden. Giuliani also tried to develop his own business relationships. Standing in the way was the ambassador. No problem. A short time later, Trump

³⁸ "Russian President Vladimir Putin awarded president-elect Donald Trump's secretary of state nominee Rex Tillerson with the Order of Friendship in 2013." <u>Source</u>

³⁹ Miller was an aide to the white supremacist Senator Jeff Sessions of Alabama who became Trump's first Attorney General. Miller, despite being Jewish, has a deep affinity for white nationalist thinking and has had along friendship with white supremacist / neo-Nazi, Richard Spencer. <u>Source</u> Also see this <u>source</u>.

⁴⁰ See Robert Mueller's speech of January 27, 2011. (Yes...THAT Robert Mueller!)

⁴¹ See: <u>Viktor Yanukovich</u>

⁴² See: Volodomyr Zelenskyy

fired Ambassador Yovanovitch.43

But The War?

It's quite likely that Putin felt he had a free hand in Ukraine. Look at it from Putin's perspective. He had:

- a) a trusted associate, Paul Manafort, who was a presidential campaign advisor.
- b) a trusted business associate, Rex Tillerson, who was Secretary of State.
- c) a US President who always sided with him and praised him.
- d) major Christian Evangelical groups, political groups, and others (such as the N.R.A.) who had close relations with Russia.
- e) major U.S. news organizations, such as Fox News, continually spew Russian disinformation.

So why wouldn't he try to take over Ukraine? Why would he think anyone would stop him?

Now What?

We defeated fascism in the past. But at that time the fascist elements in the country were kept at the margins of society and away from political power. That has all changed. The fascists now have significant power. When they gained control of all three branches of government during the reign of the Orange One, they did everything possible to stay in power: lawsuits, conspiracy theories, pressure state secretaries to alter vote tallies, and a violent coup. All those efforts failed, but they're quick learners. Next time around, they will likely succeed.

Greatest Generation, Version 2

So, what do we do? We fight, keeping in mind that it will take more than tweets, "likes," "shares," and a few election cycles to save the remnants of democracy. The anti-democratic forces have infiltrated every level of government, from local to state to federal, from the lowest courts up to and including the Supreme Court. Their anti-democratic ideas, disguised as "individual freedom" and "regulation-free markets" has feen fed to us for decades by hate-talk radio, Fox News and all its imitators. All of this has been made worse by social media.

Now is the time to look deep within yourself, to find that inner strength, to renew your commitment to the ideals of America, the ones that we've never quite put into practice. Each of us, in our own way, has to become a warrior. You do not need to take up arms, but you do have to get in the fight. That could be donations to organizations, writing letters to the editor of your local newspaper, showing up at rallies, calling your representatives (local, state, federal) to make sure they do the right thing. And you must educate yourself. Read newspapers, magazine articles, books, especially history books. Learn about past struggles and how they were resolved. For example, a book such as *How Democracies Die*⁴⁴ provides an historical and multi-national view on the ways that different countries fought for democracy and won.

This fight will take a decade or more to win but, even then, winning is not a singular event. It is an ongoing process. For example, the Democrats won by taking over all three branches of the Federal government, but we've quickly seen that that's not enough. We have to maintain control and, most

⁴³ See: Firing of U.S. Ambassador Is at Center of Giuliani Investigation

⁴⁴ See: How Democracies Die

importantly, expand that control. Slim majorities are useless. We need large majorities.

The question you need to ask yourself is, are you ready to become version 2 of the Greatest Generation?

Postscript: What Do We Do About Ukraine?

We must arm them and, if necessary, we must get in the fight. That should be a last resort, but it should not be off the table

We must also acknowledge that, since the George W. Bush administration, it has been difficult for the United States to stand up for democracy abroad since Republicans do not stand up for democracy at home. This problem existed during the FDR administration and only changed after Pearl Harbor. We cannot wait for another Pearl Harbor to force Republicans to pretend to support democracy.

What happens in Ukraine will offer a glimpse of what might happen in our country. Putin has hinted at a Korean-style solution that splits Ukraine in two. 45 Republicans might look at that as a possible model for the United States.46

ADDENDUM

From the 1943 book, *Facts and Fascism*, a definition of fascism as applied to the United States.

"Fascism is a dictatorship from the extreme Right. [...] I am going to ask latitude to insist that we might have Fascism even though we maintained the pretense of democratic machinery. The mere presence of a Supreme Court, a House of Representatives, a Senate and a President would not be sufficient protection against the utter centralization of power in the hands of a few men who might hold no office at all. Even in the case of Hitler, many shrewd observers feel that he is no more than a front man and that his power is derived from the large munitions and steel barons of Germany....Now one of the first steps which Fascism must take in any land in order to capture power is to disrupt and destroy the labor movement.⁴⁷

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 ⁴⁵ Putin wants 'Korean scenario' for Ukraine, says intelligence chief
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⁴⁷ Facts and Fascism, page 278