

COVID-19 Depression: Trump Needs a War

A dystopian nightmare for millions spreads across the land.

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It is seriously astounding how fast the economy is crumbling. No infusion of funny money will save the American people from the historically severe depression now evolving.

State and federal governments are becoming more authoritarian in response to serious influenza (critical data on the transmission of the disease is absent, muddled, contradictory, and the corporate media feeds a frenzy of fear and paranoia based on conflicting, revised, and often speculative numbers).

Critical supply lines foolishly based on the globalist profit-maximizing concept of "just in time" are now breaking down. How long do you suppose unemployed service industry and gig-economy workers will tolerate a serious shortage of food and other essentials before looting stores like the poor and hungry of Palermo? How long before armed citizens begin taking what they need and the military is called in to restore order and confiscate weapons like they did during Katrina? All hell will break loose from Baltimore to Seattle and the government may impose martial law (it can be argued we are already under a soft form of martial-medical law, half of us confined to our homes, the equivalent of house arrest, scared to death of a virus they now say can spread by merely opening of one's mouth and speaking and thus allowing viral-laden breath to drift in the air).

I don't believe the state will be able to meet the needs of a third or more of an unemployed workforce—angry, desperate, and eventually violent as a dystopian nightmare spreads across the land. Congress and Trump's onetime \$1,200 check will certainly not satisfy the unemployed for long—in many cases, that's not even a month's rent. Millions of Americans stood by and watched as the Federal Reserve dished out a trillion and a half bucks to the banks and the financial elite.

Mark Twain said something about history rhyming. It looks like a big fat sonnet is about to unfold and knock us flat. Historians argue whether FDR did or did not secretly agree with Churchill to get the US involved in the war in Europe and thus put an end to a stubborn depression. It did—and the military-industrial machine returned prosperity to depression and war-weary Americans while building a sprawling national security structure behind the scenes to face an exaggerated enemy, a critically flawed Soviet Union and the virus of Lenin's version of communism.

While we are obsessed with life, death, and the coronavirus, the Trump administration is moving to re-ignite the war in Iraq, a war that has as its final objective the destruction of Iran.

From the corporate propaganda media:

President Donald Trump warned Wednesday that Iran was planning a "sneak attack on U.S. troops and/or assets in Iraq" and later cited unspecified intelligence he said indicated potential plots by local Tehran-aligned forces there.

"Don't do it," the president warned at a press briefing that evening, threatening that his "response will be bigger" this time after U.S. airstrikes last month targeted Iran-backed Kataib Hezbollah positions but also reportedly killed Iraqi troops, police officers and a civilian.

It was soon reported Trump ordered "Patriot surface-to-air missiles and a variant of the Navy's SeaRAM and CIWS, or close-in weapon system, which fires 3,000 rounds a minute" be sent to Iraq to protect US bases.

Lost in the latest reportage is the fact the rockets fired at US soldiers were a direct response to Trump's Mafia hit on Iran's **Qassem Soleimani**.

A second establishment propaganda mill reported:

It was not immediately clear what intelligence Trump had obtained to prompt him to issue his tweet on Wednesday... [during a] subsequent press conference he indicated the US's likely target would be Kata'ib Hezbollah, saying the US had "very good information on the group planning the attack". He added: "It was led by Iran, not necessarily Iran, but by groups supported by Iran, but that to me is Iran."

President Trump now has the distraction of a virus and the unfolding of a governmentengineered depression to cover what the neocons plan to do in Iraq and Iran.

Considering Trump had zero reluctance to murder Soleimani in high-tech mob boss fashion, it is entirely possible he will go after Iran's expeditionary Quds force commander Esmail Ghaani. He is scheduled for a meeting in Baghdad this week. "Ghaani is hoping to unite the Shia factions, and the visit is seen as a test of whether he can match the famed influence of Suleimani."

Then again, taking into account Trump's recent vacillations on Iran, he may decline to start another war in the Middle East. He believes the impending depression is "V-shaped" and America will bounce back after increasingly authoritarian COVID-19 measures are put into place and never rescinded.

If he believes there will be a bounce to prosperity, he is surely deluded. Before the middle of June, it is likely the US will be in a full-blown depression with hyperinflation, food shortages, mass protests, political violence, and the possibility of military rule as laid out in the state's continuity of government plans for "national emergencies."

Oliver North, now handsomely compensated as a patriot-celebrity, in the early 1980s under a compromised Reagan helped put into motion a plan to round-up and intern millions of "troublemakers," most listed on the Main Core database established by FEMA under National Security Directive (NSD) 69 and National Security Decision Directive (NSDD) 55. Main Core is now held by the NSA, FBI, CIA and more than likely the national security state's corporate public-private partners (a classic example of Mussolini fascism-corporatism).

The severity of the depression and the reaction by the state will result in the final and complete destruction of the Constitution and Bill of Rights. This will be of little concern to folks facing poverty, eviction, homelessness, and the disease, mental illness, alcohol, and drug addiction, and early death that invariably accompanies the fall of managed economies and the failure of government.

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