



How the Western Nations have Changed for the Worse!!!!.....

I am horrified with all the things that are wrong with the western world, and the policies that we have allowed to evolve.

Here are the things that are wrong....

Government

What is amazing is that we now tolerate national governments that fail to treat its citizens as the prime recipient and beneficiary of its policies. It appears to be more interested in a focus on some nebulous multilateral misplaced set of goals being set by global based organizations and self-serving actors, who in many cases have demonstrated zero interest in the well being of our nation and its citizens, and are much more interested in how they can access and hand out our hard earned wealth to others for free.

Globalization

Most western nations have failed to maintain a position as a modern industrial nation by adopting uncontrolled globalization creating the de-industrialization of our economies and ongoing wealth transfer.

We have allowed our trade balance to go out of control via Globalization and our governments have been complicit in the mismanagement of the growth in transnational corporatism. This has created a trade system that operates as a global wealth transfer machine from us to others.

This has upset the delicate balance between labor and capital with further erosion of productivity and prosperity.

Interest rates are now lower than they have been in the last 3000 years to the point that over-borrowing by all facets of the population has outweighed the contribution toward prudent savings and investments. In fact, many investments that do exist end up in economic rent seeking such as escalated real-estate value and other non-productive investment activities.

This has coincided with a huge financialization of all the service sectors of western economies, with the best examples being the global focused casino of the stock market with most citizens dwindling investment capability getting marginalized due to ultra low interest rates. Another prime example is the bloated housing markets. The other less well understood sector that has been financialized is our institutions of further education that are now sold to the highest global buyer rather than a focus on citizen learning. Also, these education institutions that are significantly taxpayer funded are hot beds for IP theft from foreign actors with little R&D value going back into the wealth of our nations.

Prosperity

In 1980 a house in a North American industrial city was about twice an annual salary for the average career orientated 30-year-old... its now at least 5 or 6 times that salary with realistically higher interest rates on the way.

A new car back then was about 25% of an annual income and the extras to put it on the road no big-ticket item. Today, even a small car with all the on-road costs is an annual salary, and with all the Net Zero nonsense its going to get far more expensive to own such an essential.

The cost of college was about 25% of a typical family annual income and now its more like 60%.

So, the disposable income for most citizens has fallen significantly due to living costs of food and other essentials mentioned above.

Population

Based on all this both family members need to work to make ends meet, so it should come as no big surprise that families have become much smaller or non-existent, with the death spiral of even more uncontrolled low-quality immigration being used to maintain the national population size.

Immigration

Many immigrants in the 1960,70s and 80s had to apply with a firm job offer after the role was pre-screened as a role that could not be filled by a local citizen. Now we let just about anyone in, especially if they can illegally walk across the border requesting asylum. Today immigration has almost zero to do with ability and contribution to our economy or if they are a cultural fit and can integrate.

Why are we not better managing our national borders, and why are we continuing to allow this massive influx of immigration and refugees to continue. Its clear this process is doing nothing for our national prosperity, and is certainly adversely affecting our productivity, and is fast over-loading the health, education and housing environments that we as citizens have been funding directly or indirectly for all of our lives. Not to mention the struggle to cope with a failed multi-cultural experiment that must stop as we are now witnessing massive cultural disconnects with fighting in the streets and social discord trending higher.

Language

Due to the above lack of correct immigration controls we now have many newcomers not even trying to learn to speak and write proficiently in the official national languages. We now have some of our politicians pandering to this demise by suggesting our school systems should offer education in the immigrant's language, and this does nothing to assist with assimilation, but does ensure we will end up with cultural enclaves and less productive and employable citizens.

Education

It should be no surprise that the quality of the national public-school systems due to the stresses of immigration and low prosperity has fallen to the point that many families are feeling it necessary to pay for private school with the price tag close to a college fee and further stressing the prosperity gap.

Our post secondary educational systems are just not serving our citizens and are now being sold to the highest global bidder with most of our learning resources consumed with teaching someone else's children how to earn a living, and certainly not enough focus on our citizens ability to be productive and prosperous... well its time to stop and reset on this journey.

Culture

We now have new immigrants that go out of their way to maintain their old way of life, and create extra load on our social systems by refusing to conform to our social practices, and even complain about our hours of work and demanding special holidays and concessions for these foreign religions etc. They expect their demands due to these differences to be met or they whine about discrimination. This failed concept of multicultural tolerance was a huge mistake. These people also bring their past national politics and pollute our social discourse and resist any form of assimilation or integration into our national culture.

To further exasperate our national culture and history we now have the clear and present threat of woke policies and associated over-liberalized culture changing initiatives.

Many of the western political leaders have signed up to these global driven initiatives without any democratic vote process, and they appear drunk on this ego driven righteousness and virtuousness drug and cannot get off it.... Our Canadian PM is a good example.

Many citizens are brainwashed by this new religion, and some have built careers with it, and whole industries has been built around these goals which are clearly not adding value to our productivity or prosperity.

They have installed a new religious language to chant their commitment to these woke goals. The key ones are the global oriented multilateral commitments to UN driven SDG and ESG goals, and the carbon Net-Zero initiatives... All this is backed up with the woke DEI Marxist style doctrine that is infiltrating all our institutions and corporations.

We used to respect our cultural history and those that built it, and we did not tear anything down unless we had something better.

This woke ideology coupled with the impact of uncontrolled globalization is clearly conditioning our youth, through no fault of their own, to become non-productive consumers who are now job-starved, over-educated and under-trained, snowflake, safe-spaced, racially hypersensitive, sexually deviant, neurotic, drugged-up and suicide-prone.

This new over liberalized society we are building is mainly being influenced by our leaders listening far too much to many fringe elements and minority groups in our society, who are also forcing a decline in free speech, and it must be said, common sense!

Work Ethic

Based on all this we now have a higher percentage of the population with a very poor work ethic, and coupled with the massive expansion of government and the social services this has bred a "soft population" that also expects all kinds of social accommodations which has contributed to a huge nation-wide productivity gap.

Identity politics

Many of us can remember when boys were boys and girls were girls and we were a far better team. There was no need to worry if the person next to you was offended if you did not recognize or honor how different they were. Also, we did not have to put up with legislative conditions and rules to enforce extreme tolerance when things were pushed in our face... we just said what was on our mind and everybody quickly learnt what was acceptable.

What we have now is a breakdown in the national pride and the family structure and respect for each other... and it is being passed on to our children by teachers who have never lived in the real world.

It clear that we have far too many professors and students of the liberal arts studies that get off on this crap, rather than a focus on STEM learning which is what we need for productivity and prosperity.

This post modernism has made our society more worried about "who we are" rather than "how we are doing" and has distracted us from far more pressing topics such as national prosperity and sustainability.

Climate Emergency

We have swapped organized religion for the notion of the climate change emergency with the political cart way ahead of the scientific horse.

Some worry the climate emergency initiative is a human population compression plan, but its certainly a plan to transfer wealth from the west to the rest, and even if its just overactive ego driven righteousness to save the planet, and have a feel-good cultural experience, it's a huge distraction from a focus on citizen prosperity.

Instead of learning and recovering from the 30 years of dangerous globalisation that has forced de-industrialization of the west and the negative wealth transfer, we are now faced with coping with these huge distractions and constraints on our energy infrastructure and our economies, with the threat of a cultural revolution that will most likely follow when we lose the last bit of prosperity that will incite the riots.

The huge shame is that it could all have been avoided if our national leaders had grown a pair and stood up for and focused on national interests.

This Climate change thing is clearly not an emergency as when it's studied at face value in a balanced manner without the religious fanaticism, you see that the facts support only a need for some manageable level of adaption. All these extreme mitigation efforts will serve no useful purpose but will significantly disrupt our economic well-being and prosperity.

This climate emergency rhetoric has funded the growth of a climate emergency industrial complex which has bred an almost religious fanaticism at all levels that has subjugated the scientific community and prevented a balanced scientific viewpoint on the issue.

But now many scientists are creating an awareness that Climate change is mostly natural, it's not an emergency, and it's not us.

They dispute this "climate emergency" position and argue that CO2 is not a pollutant, and is not a significant driver of climate change, so any mitigation such as NetZero is unnecessary, technologically unattainable, economically unviable and extremely foolish.

Geo-Politics

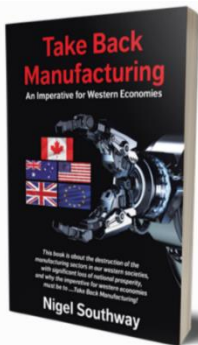
Its clear that the west prematurely forced the end of the cold war, and now we have a "geo-political spring back" with the outcome being a new hot war with Russia and Ukraine, with China and the west, and most of the rest of the world getting sucked into a nuclear holocaust unless we are very careful.

The Future Political Fix

We have become obsessed with "who we are" rather than "how we are doing" and its high time we look at the failed policies of globalism and multilateralism and move toward a reset that places nationalism and citizenship at the center of our real goal of national prosperity for all our existing citizens.

The left end and middle of the political spectrum has become completely lost to these woke and global forces. The only hope is the right of centre politics that will need to swing even more nationalistic and populist to ensure it abhors the failed policies of the global elites, and must continue to listen to the disgruntled citizens of the western nations if it hopes to succeed in making the necessary corrections and recover the western nations.

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