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Happy New Year?

Part Two - Obvious Predictions

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Then, the outcome was that threats (like everything else that controls people's behavior against their will) won out as it too may this time around. For those that thought that they could hide from a declining dollar, Franklin D. Roosevelt's government in its first official act in April of 1933 stepped in and made the buying, owning and hoarding of gold illegal under penalty of $10,000 fines and up to 10-year prison sentences. A similar proclamation was issued for the confiscation of silver in August of 1934.[1]

What this foreshadows for us today is a replay of a tried and true scheme. Only now, it has extended itself to the loss or confiscation of *real* and *vested* property and personal rights.[2] So much for respecting the U.S. Constitution and so much for freedom. History, then as now, is playing like the Greek myth that finds Sisyphus (read here as the worker) forever condemned by the gods to roll a boulder up to the top of a hill only to have it tumble back down.[3]

So what can we look forward to in this New Year? Generally, based on current trends, a few obvious things are certain.

- Obama will clearly define and confirm himself as what Black preachers are calling him – a *mack daddy*.[4]
- Millions more will die for profits and massive war expenditures will continue worsening an already terminal

[1] *Gold was confiscated and paid at the official rate of $20.67 an ounce, which the government then promptly revalued to $35 an ounce while devaluating the dollar by as much as 40%. This prohibition was not lifted until 1974 under President Gerald Ford.*

[2] *Through recent efforts to reform health care, if debated legislation is passed, workers will be forced to purchase health insurance or face steep fines. With people being robbed today of their employment retirement savings, it should be noted that during the 1940's, residents of Japanese descent were subjected to property confiscation through population segregation and relocation. In a more silent manner, Raza is being subjected to this through foreclosures, driving with no license or DUI car impounds, deportations and arrests, not to mention Social Security contributions going into black holes due to not having so-called "legal" documentation.*

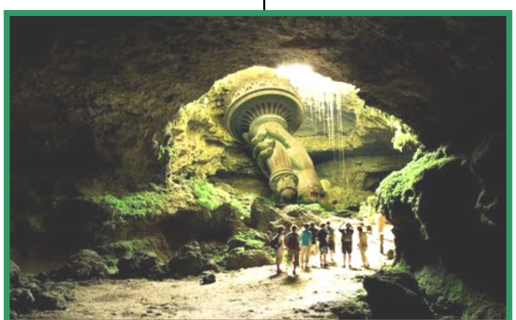
[3] *Sisyphus also plays out in the way that democracy that might lead to equitable distribution of wealth is always quashed when people exercise their voice through voting. When the practice of democracy leads to the first phases of Socialism and it subsequently does not protect itself by arming its citizens, it inevitably is brought down by Capital to begin again from Fascism gotten to through armed Dictatorship. Case in point, 1970s Chile with Allende and Pinochet and a condition presently ignored here in the U.S. where voting has become a complete farce.*

But then, people tend to de-humanize basic behaviors with complex-sounding terms that when manifested institutionally cannot easily be translated back to relate to that behavior. Capitalism, for example, is nothing more than the deformation of Greed in an organized manner to benefit a chosen few. Made to chase the term, like Quixote the windmills, it becomes nearly impossible to identify, much less eliminate, those few that manifest and perpetuate that behavioral deformity.

[4] *Mack daddy is a man who is a successful pimp or violent criminal.*

economy, ensured by ridiculous setup *bombs-in-the-ass* events such as the one this past Christmas.

- On the censorship front, efforts will increase this year to equate condemnation of racist Zionism and criticism of Israel with anti-Semitism *to stifle* constitutional freedom of expression rights. Attempts will be made to include any challenge against both as *acts* to be *legally* judged under recently passed Federal *hate laws*.
- Continued bailouts of those *too big to fail* will continue with taxpayers footing the bill and further becoming the slaves of Wall Street bankers.



- There will be lowered or stagnated wages with a definite impact on employment benefits through either reductions or higher employee contributions. Both *secure* liberals and conservatives are calling for reviews on *insecure* middle class salaries and benefits on this point. However, there will not be an immediate corresponding lowered expectation in the general *zombied* consumer population.
- Credit rates will increase in order to bring in the trillions in worthless debt notes circulating due to the bailouts, payoffs, and outright corruption. Regardless of actions taken, the risk of hyperinflation will be high and may completely wipe out whatever remains of the fabled *middle class*.
- Unemployment, especially in California, will continue increasing as local government budgets project to reduce further their work forces up to 10% of current levels.
- Even with banks holding back foreclosed properties from the market to keep prices from further deteriorating, prices will continue dropping as foreclosures increase as adjustable interest bank loans continue resetting this year.
- Despite efforts for so-called *immigration reform*, with this worsening economic condition, ICE will increase its steady deportation of Raza through employer electronic verification, indiscriminate arrests, and so-called drunk-driving *retenes*.
- Food prices will see a sharp increase due to severe climate effects in agriculture-producing Mid-western states this winter.
- Silver coin and bullion will become the next hot convertible currency here in the U.S. Those with modest savings will begin hoarding as a hedge against potential currency devaluation. Safeguarding itself, the People's Republic of China is currently minting silver coins and making them available for purchase by its citizenry. Obviously, not so here.

Less obvious will be the gradual maturity in some people and their sense of urgency to develop survival strategies to confront deteriorating economic conditions. We can only hope that this urgency progresses to rage and thus to political action beyond the confines of manipulated mainstream liberal and conservative dictates.

For the few committed Raza organizations, this year may be the only opportunity in the near future to begin building a *sustainable* political effort that also addresses the fundamental *needs* of its core participants. Now may be the opportune time to introduce survival strategies to reduce both personal and organizational financial slavery by creating, to mention just one example, housing cooperatives where individual rent payments currently paid to speculators can go instead towards the purchase of *real* property while creating organizational capital and stability.