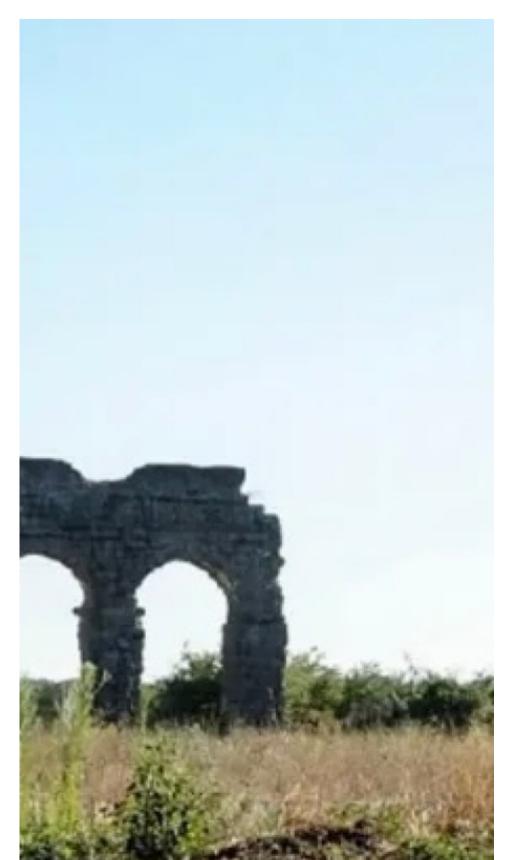
Is America Heading for a Systems Collapse?

Description

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It is a very realistic possibility that America might be heading towards a systems collapse. There are quite a few indicators adding weight to this highly probable event.

Numerous countries have experienced "systems collapse" in contemporary eras, much as they did in ancient Rome. The word refers to a population's unexpected incapacity to continue doing what had previously assured their way of life, reports The Epoch Times.

Suddenly, the population is unable to purchase or even locate formerly abundant necessities. They believe their streets are dangerous. Laws are either not enforced at all or are enforced unfairly. Things break down on a daily basis. The government shifts from being dependable to being erratic, if not antagonistic.

Take the Venezuela of today. By 2010, the once prosperous oil-exporting nation had gotten itself into a quagmire. Food was in short supply, and criminality was rampant.

The perpetrators were radical socialism, nationalization, corruption, incarceration of critics, and the abolition of constitutional principles.

Between 2009 and 2016, Greece, which had previously been reasonably stable, was on the verge of becoming a Third World nation. So did the United Kingdom during its socialist era in the 1970s.

Joe Biden's budding presidency could potentially be bringing the United States to its knees.

The concept of a border has been all but demolished by hard left "woke" thinking. Throughout a pandemic, millions of destitute immigrants are unlawfully entering the United States, with no COVID-19 checks or immunizations.

Official communiques on masks, herd and acquired immunity, immunizations, and comorbidities appear to vary and react to perceived political circumstances, resulting in a loss of confidence for health authorities.

America is reverting back into a pre-modern tribal system after generations of improving race relations.

Crime is on the rise. Inflation is raging. Meritocracy has been delegitimized, and we are now governed more often by ideology and tribalism.

The working class is being strangled by skyrocketing prices for the necessities of life—fuel, food, housing, health care, and transportation.

Millions of people stay at home, pleased to be compensated by the government to not work. The new normal is supply shortages and bare shelves.

Train burglaries in the style of the nineteenth century are making a comeback. Looting, car thefts, and indiscriminate murders of the innocent were all part of 1970s urban violence.

Following the failure in Afghanistan, we have reverted to the dark ages following the loss in Vietnam, when U.S. deterrence was destroyed as well, and worldwide extremism and instability were really the norms.

Who'd have guessed a year back that America would be begging Saudi Arabia and Russia to pump more oil while pulling our existing oil licenses, pipelines, and oil fields?

It's not really an earthquake, climate change, nuclear war, or even the COVID-19 outbreak that will bring our systems down.

The majority of our ailments, on the other hand, are self-inflicted. They're the outcome of woke ideas which are simultaneously brutal and diametrically opposed to conventional American pragmatism.

Thousands of criminals have been apprehended, but hard-left district attorneys in our big cities have refused to prosecute them, rather depending on defunct social justice notions.

Law enforcement has already been defunded and libeled indiscriminately. As a result of the loss of police deterrent, looters, vandals, thieves, and killers are more willing to prey on the population.

"Modern monetary theory" brainwashes ideologues into believing that printing trillions of dollars will empower the public while it actually is inflating the public's wealth and making them poorer.

The absurdity of "critical race theory" is that present "good" racism can undo the effects of past bad racism. A formerly tolerant, multiracial nation is emulating the former Yugoslavia's factionalism.

The cause is once again a brutal woke philosophy that places little importance on individuals and places the so-called collective agenda above all else.

"Equity," or enforced equality of outcome, is woke's trademark. In practice, we're turning into a comicbook version of victims and perpetrators, with awakened opportunists playing the roles of our superheroes.

Weirdest of all in 2021 was the relentless onslaught on our historic institutions, as we blamed our forefathers for our own failures.

The woke have conducted a veritable warfare against the 233-year-old Electoral College and states' power to create their individual balloting regulations in national elections, as well as the 180-year-old filibuster, the 150-year-old nine-person Supreme Court, and the 60-year-old 50-state union.

Until recent times, the United States military, Department of Justice, FBI, CIA, Center for Disease Control, and National Institutes of Health were held in high regard. Their highest levels were manned by career experts who were primarily unaffected by the politics of the day.

Not right now. The public's trust and support for these bureaucracies and institutions are eroding. Citizens dread, rather than appreciate, Washington power brokers who have turned politics into a weapon rather than a tool for public service.

Mark Milley, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Merrick Garland, former FBI directors James Comey and Andrew McCabe, retired CIA director John Brennan, and Anthony Fauci, Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, have all politicized and massively surpassed their professional responsibilities. They spoke out in public forums as if they were appointed lawmakers seeking reelection. Some people have lied under oath. Others cast aspersions on critics. The majority of them aspired to be media darlings.

A painfully befuddled, petulant, and inept president is in charge of this governmental rapid decline. In his perplexity, President Joe Biden, who is becoming progressively unpopular, appears to believe that his divisive turmoil is working, dismissing his political adversaries as racist Confederate insurgents.

Who will prevent our spiral into communal poverty, divisiveness, and self-inflicted craziness as we approach the 2022 midterm elections?