



# FINANCIAL PREPAREDNESS

*"One of life's most painful moments comes when we must admit that we didn't do our homework, that we are not prepared." ~ Merlin Olsen*

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## Cultural Marxism

In recent years, have things seemed increasingly backwards, upside down, screwed up or bizarre? Do you have the sense that things are rapidly headed in the wrong direction or spinning out of control? Do you find yourself asking, "What is happening to my country?" Have you realized that the government is financially bankrupt and our society and culture have become morally bankrupt? Have you noticed that our empire is collapsing, along with families, community, our work ethic, small businesses, and our currency? Are you dismayed that everything from jobs to college admissions to access to healthcare is increasingly awarded based on considerations such as one's skin color, gender, sexual orientation or political views instead of the content of one's character, as Martin Luther King Jr. dreamed of? Are you concerned about the war on free speech, dissent, liberty and privacy? Are you struggling financially because of high taxes, high prices/inflation, low interest rates on your savings, and shortages of food and labor?

You can thank Cultural Marxism for all of this. I wanted to know more about this concept, so I recently read [The Red Trojan Horse: A Concise Analysis of Cultural Marxism](#) by Alasdair Elder. It's an intellectual book and explains a lot. Sample quotes:

"The Roman state became bloated and overly bureaucratic, introducing housing and welfare programs along with subsidies for the agricultural sector. All of this growth in the

size of the state created the inevitable rise in taxes, which is always a concomitant to an increase in government power, to pay for all of the new social programs.”

“Another inevitable concomitant of this growth is a corresponding decline in overall economic performance; government regulations were imposed on the private sector, and once-productive sections of the population became dependent on state handouts. As productivity declined, shortages became more common. The Roman citizenry became an angry mob, which the state had to pacify through the provision of bread and circuses....”

Elder includes two chapters in which he profiles all of the intellectuals (most of whom belonged to the Frankfurt School) who made significant contributions to Marxist thought: Sigmund Freud, Franz Boas, Margaret Mead, Max Horkheimer, Erich Fromm, Georg Lukács (who introduced what he called “cultural terrorism” to Hungary; for some reason, the Hungarians didn’t dig it), Theodor Adorno, Antonio Gramsci and Herbert Marcuse.

In the 1920s and 1930s, Marxist intellectuals began to realize that history was not evolving as Karl Marx had predicted. The masses were not replacing their national or ethnic identities with global class consciousness. And the only place where a communist revolution had occurred was economically backward Russia, not in the industrialized countries, as Marx had predicted. Additionally, after several decades of various communist regimes in power around the world, it had become painfully obvious that economic Marxism (e.g., central planning, state ownership of the means of production, etc.) was a disastrous failure.

Therefore, Marcuse proposed a new strategy to bring about global communism: a Long March through the key institutions of society: education, the media, entertainment and the mainline churches. Marcuse found “the surrogate for the working class: students and minority groups....student radicals should aim for the radicalization of university departments.”

“What Marcuse was advocating was the total abandonment of a culture centered around responsible self-governance, in exchange for one centered around irresponsible hedonism, thus creating a widespread cultural acceptance of Marx’s concept of a society based on leisure rather than productivity [thereby] removing the stigma from unemployment.”

Elder continues, “...only revolutionary minorities held the ‘truth,’ and the majority had to be ‘liberated’ from their erroneous ways by being re-educated in the truth by the minorities....these revolutionary minorities had every right to suppress alternative viewpoints.” Sound familiar?

Organizations whose names continually pop up in connection with all of this include Columbia University, Johns Hopkins University (which was modeled on the German universities that germinated the Frankfurt School, and which coincidentally today provides data about COVID-19 “cases”), and the Rockefeller Foundation.

For me, one of the most fascinating chapters was the one about radical Islam. Politics

makes for strange bedfellows, as the saying goes. Until recently, the Soviet Union/Russia and its military have been in disarray, China has been competing primarily in non-military ways, and communist countries such as Cuba, Venezuela and North Korea are starving basket cases that can't get toilet paper. So Marxist intellectuals realized that they needed to find a surrogate for the once-mighty Soviet military to perform the final *coup de grâce* on Western civilization, similar to how the “barbarians” rolled in when ancient Rome was ready to collapse. They chose radical Islam.

This is an ingenious and insidious strategy because an argument can be made that Islam is a peaceful religion (as George W. Bush once said) and that most Muslims are peaceful people. Many if not most Americans don't want to appear prejudiced, and generally want to allow others to worship as they wish in our traditionally pluralistic society.

But if a religion (or at least a significant sect of it) has been bent on destroying such societies for well over a thousand years, that can be problematic. The generally high birth rate among Muslims and their tendency to concentrate in geographical areas result in everything from No Go Zones where the police won't go to enforce civil law (allowing Sharia law to become the de facto local law) to electing several radical Islamic members of Congress. It was fascinating to read about the intellectual high-wire act of leftist intellectuals defending radical Muslims for, say, keeping females in burqas and out of schools, or stoning gays to death.

Another book I read recently was [The Kindergarden of Eden: How the Modern Liberal Thinks and Why He's Convinced That Ignorance Is Bliss](#) by Evan Sayet. At first I thought it would be a Did Not Finish since I didn't care for the initial writing, but it turned out to be pretty brilliant. Sample quote: “Today we are at a tipping point where the people of God and science will soon be overwhelmed by the demands of taking care of the permanently infantilized. It is unsustainable. If the system collapses under the weight, the future is not merely a slightly less wonderful existence, it is a return to what life had been like for the overwhelming majority of people in all other times and all other places.... That life was described by Thomas Hobbes as 'nasty, brutish and short'.”

## What You Should Be Doing Now

1. The yield on 5-year Treasuries has spiked to the highest since May 2019 and the yield on the 10-year has spiked to the highest since July 2019. The official inflation rate just hit the highest in 40 years. This is very big news. The financial system is by far the most highly leveraged it has ever been and is rapidly becoming unstable. Brace for impact.
2. Aggressor nations sense the weakness of the U.S., and there are rumors of war. Don't be surprised by simultaneous invasions by different countries that seek to exploit this weakness.

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