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"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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Political Corporations

Remember back in the old days when corporations merely made and sold widgets? Things were a lot simpler then. Today corporations provide so many other "services": spying on their customers for profit (AKA Surveillance Capitalism), spying on citizens for their government (in a way the Stasi could only dream about), censoring political speech and crucial information, interfering in elections, gaslighting the public, etc.

Things were going great for the ruling elite until Elon Musk bought Twitter. Then all hell broke loose. <u>Dozens of large corporations (the usual suspects) suddenly stopped advertising on Twitter.</u> <u>Apple is threatening to remove Twitter from its App Store.</u> <u>A reporter asked Biden if Elon Musk is a threat to national security</u>. Biden and Democratic senators are calling for an investigation into his acquisition of Twitter, disingenuously citing free speech concerns. <u>The EU is threatening to ban Twitter from Europe unless it does what it wants</u>.

Why the sudden hysteria? Because Musk has made it clear he's not in The Club. First, he announced that he would allow free speech on Twitter and reinstate some banned users (including Trump). Second, before the midterm elections, he urged voters to vote for Republicans since he thought a divided government works best (and a Democrat was already in charge of the Executive branch). He has also said that he would probably

support DeSantis if he runs for president. Further, he may have access to emails to and from Twitter executives about banning content and users that would be politically explosive if disclosed to the public. So now he needs to be destroyed. It's ironic—the global elite are trying to deplatform the new owner of one of the biggest platforms of all.



Elon arrives at Twitter to clean house, including the kitchen sink.

To give you an idea of the dramatic change at the helm of Twitter, consider this Tweet by Dick Costolo, who was CEO of Twitter from 2010 to 2015: "Me-first capitalists who think you can separate society from business are going to be the first people lined up against the wall and shot in the revolution. I'll happily provide video commentary." Although the tweet violated Twitter's terms of service for glorifying violence, it's instructive. What kind of revolution are you talking about, Dick? Are you trying to bring it about? So you think that capitalists who think that businesses should stay out of politics should be the first people executed in this revolution? And you'll produce the documentary? Will it be on YouTube or Netflix? Just imagine the howls of outrage if Elon Musk had tweeted something like that today.

The good news is that conservatives and libertarians are waking up to this massive, coordinated, global assault on liberty and voting with their money, which <u>is far more powerful and effective than casting a single political vote once every few years.</u>
Conservative state governments are leading the pushback against ESG investing (I highly recommend <u>this article</u>).

You no longer have to get your news from the woke legacy media. New outlets such as <u>The Epoch Times</u> (which explicitly opposes the Chinese Communist Party) provides excellent and comprehensive coverage.

You no longer have to bank at wards of the State such as J.P. Morgan Chase, as new financial institutions such as <u>Old Glory Bank</u> are popping up (see their video "<u>We Stand With You</u>").

If you love freedom and would like to patronize businesses that do as well, check out the <u>PublicSq. app</u>.

If your kid wants to go to college but you don't want to have to <u>deprogram</u> them afterwards, you could send them to <u>Hillsdale College</u>, the only college I know of that doesn't accept government funds.

I long for the days when I could just buy a widget from a company and not have to worry about it trying to take away my freedom. But as long as the likes of Blackrock, Vanguard and State Street manage trillions of dollars for investors (the vast majority of whom are unaware of how their life's savings are being mismanaged), liberty-loving people need to fight fire with fire.

News Items

The Technological Elite Are Now in Control

<u>G20 Pushes Vaccine Passports for All Future International Travel</u> Because vaccines have worked so well to stop COVID-19, right?

Number of Handgun Owners Carrying Daily Nearly Doubles This was even before the 2020 "Summer of Love."

What You Should Be Doing Now

Take some time before the end of the year and make a conscious decision about which businesses you want to patronize, ensuring that their values are aligned with yours.

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