

Oh Captain, My Captain Where IS my Captain?

I do NOT wish any ill will to President Joe Biden (my Captain). He IS my President and is better than ANYTHING in the line of succession. Although he may have some diminished brain function, at least he has some vs the next 20 in line. Does ANYONE really think that the next in line should be on phone with Putin-Head or having him know that she has the “Football”? ¹ I could continue about my reasoning and proposition regarding her unsuitability, but to quote Fermat “I have a truly marvelous demonstration of this proposition which this margin is too narrow to contain” ²

But let’s get with my concerns:

Need vs. Want

Maslow posited “Needs” vs. “Wants”. Every human needs water, food, shelter, warmth, and now air conditioning, etc. Life has gotten a “little” more complicated in the 21th century. For almost all people in the Western world and those that want to have that standard of living, the list has become

1. Stable currency (without which NOTHING else is possible for 97% of people)
2. Water
3. Food
4. Shelter
5. Electricity
6. Gasoline/Diesel
7. Medical Drugs
8. Social Security (each country has its own term)
9. Medicare (each country has its own term)

And by the way, reliable energy is REQUIRED for 2, 3, and 4. It would be impossible to feed the world without it.

President Biden has done NOTHING to secure those needs and in fact has done everything to threaten them. He will claim that everything is because of Russia/Ukraine and/or COVID. The naive partisans want believe they have scape goats³ instead of understanding that he has surrounded himself with the incompetence of his “experts”, and the corruption and lying of his political handlers and bi-coastal congressional demigods.

1 I have to believe that her children believe that their children would be better off if it doesn’t happen.
2 It took 350 years to prove Fermat’s Last Theorem, but the VP seems to provide a proof once a week.
3 And what the hell did goats ever do to Biden

Stable Currency:

We must realize that the Federal Reserve Governors and Chairman were/are way over their head and political figures like Pelosi and Schumer are always out to buy votes. Trump didn't help but Biden et al drank ALL the Kool Aid. They found a new bogus idea that they like to call "New Monetary Theory". It has no basis in history or fit with the most basic theories of economy life, for instance, supply and demand, good money drives out bad money, etc. In fact, they were against diversity of opinion about the validity of this New Muddled Thinking.

The Fed had a self imposed mandate to keep inflation at 2%. For 4 years they couldn't get it up. Now that it is hitting 9%, we are suppose to believe they can get it down. They overdosed on Viagra and we are going to have to live through their boneheaded (pun intended) thinking for the next 3 years that will probably cause a recession and could make the pandemic unemployment look like a blip.

How did the Fed, Congress and our Presidents (and their Secretaries of Printing Money Yellen) get us here:

1. When COVID hit, it WAS important to make sure that money could move through the economy.
2. So the Fed bought (created) \$5,000,000,000,000 dollars (trillion) by giving money to investors that bought US Debt and US mortgages. That is \$15,000 for every man, woman, child or others living in the United States.
3. It SHOULDN'T have been important to drive mortgage interest rates down during a "National Crisis" from 5% to 2.5%. Anyone WANTING to BUY a house could / should have waited until the crisis is over. But NO, the cost of buying a house with a 30 year mortgage goes down 40%. So "rational" people say , flip the house because at half the interest rate, they can afford twice the house.
4. Seventy (70%) of the US economy is "Service". That means someone does something for you. They don't produce anything that you can keep and "use". It is a one time exchange. Sure you got your haircut today, but what are you going to do next month.
5. But because of Government edicts, people can't provide services so a lot of them are out of work.
6. So, Congress decided that because those people are out of work (from no fault of their own), the grandchildren of voters should double the unemployment benefits. (It doesn't matter that 12 months before, that if a Ford worker was laid off (because of no fault of she/he/it own) didn't deserve that bonus in 2019)
7. The FED keeps on buying the bad US debt so Congress doesn't have to feel the "pain" that it must pay INTEREST on its debt. The Fed and Yellon tell Congress there no problem.. because "We have this new way of thinking about being in debt. It just doesn't matter anymore". Why should they care, their pensions are inflation adjusted.
8. But Congress, wanting to buy even more votes, said, "Let's double our grandchildren's bet by giving EVERYONE regardless of their employment situation an extra \$600/month if they make < \$100,000 (key Democratic voters)" Why, because Congress is stupid and corrupt.

9. Huge number of people that provide services are out of work because of Government edicts. There are very limited services to “buy”, no travel, no restaurants, no gyms, no bars, no haircuts ⁴
10. So, people have ALL this “free cash” and no where to spend it on restaurants, bars, concerts, haircuts, etc. So what do they do? They buy Peloton stock and bikes made in Asia. In 12/30/2019, Peloton stock was worth \$30/share, in the madness of “free money” it was worth \$160/share, today it is worth \$16. Those \$2,000 bikes in 2021 are now worth \$600 on ebay and probably going to see \$400 before being thrown into a landfill.
11. But there was enough “free cash” to pay down credit card debt, speculate in AMC options, and sign up online to place the odds that whether Brady would really go off in the sunset.
12. Stock Market goes nuts and goes up 25% in spite of zero economic growth from 2019. It was based on NO rational justification except money is free and interest is negative.
13. Default rates on credit cards goes DOWN and savings go UP. Exactly the opposite of what should happen in a household/national emergency.

So What Could Go Wrong...

So almost no one cares about COVID anymore. Sure some people are going to die. In a country of 330 Million, we should expect around 3 Million to die in a normal year. More people are going to die because they didn't get proper medical care in 2020-2021 instead of COVID in 2022.

Most people go back to work and we get to 2019 levels. We get to full employment. The 3.5% unemployed is to be expected. I won't want 50% of those that are unemployed to wait on my table, mow my lawn, or watch them read the National Enquire on a plane jump seat while I wait for a drink.

So we have as many people providing “services” and producing real things as is humanly possible in the US. There is no reasonable, possible way to increase 70% of the GNP. No amount of money to consumers is going to solve that problem. IT IS JUST GOING TO JUST DRIVE UP PRICES!

Reality bites and “everything is back to normal” (with the exception of 8.5% inflation) default rates on credit cars and autos are up, savings down. And there is no logical reason that it will not continue as the price of things that people REALLY need go up in price.

So President Biden and his Congressional leadership say.. “We NEED VOTES” ... let's get really stupid and even give out MORE money to increase demand. In fact, not only do we give out another trillion dollars, we can continue to stop collecting on student loans.. every month we can pump another 7,000,000,000 dollars of demand into the economy (lost interest only). Let's give out 1,000,000,000,000 dollars to build roads when there no workers to build them.

And all those states are pleading poverty because all the lost taxes. Let's give New York more money so they continue to give free rides on the subway⁵ and build a \$1,400,000,000 dollar stadium

⁴ Unless you are Nancy Pelosi. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ndafeJrHYGA>

(\$600,000,000 from NY tax payers) so the governor's husband can have a new Crib to sell his hot dogs.

But Wait Inflation is because of Energy, Food and Port Congestion

The US has HAD the resources to be self sufficient in energy and even displace the likes of Putin's money source for invading the Crimea and the Ukraine. It is just not the kind of energy that Biden et al like. The not so bright leadership in Europe shutdown nuke plants, and get hooked on natural gas from their friendly energy dealer next door in Russia. (Not a bright move, but there seems to be bouts of naivety in European strategic thinking every 20/40 years.)

Okay, I agree, there is global warming. I agree it is being caused by the increase of CO2 and cow farts and venting of methane. I agree it would be a good idea if the WORLD could migrate to energy sources that would decrease the human impact on a "warming planet". But Billions of people depend on energy for food, light, heating and now air conditioning in New York. Try to feed 7 Billion people without fertilizer or fuel for tractors or trucks to move the food to cities, or electricity for the computers to provide a platform to show off the exhibitionists and feed the voyeurs.

Biden et al are hell bent on destroying the oil and gas business, close nuclear plants and replace all internal combustion engines with motors made of raw earth elements, solar panels made in China / and Chinese subsidiaries in Southeast Asia and offshore windmills that no one wants to see.

He has it ass-backward. First he should make sure that there is enough energy to meet the needs of the economy. And if he cares about US security, he should care that the rest of the world has enough not just to meet their requirements, but for continued growth. A bunch of frozen German soldiers that pissed off Putin won't do much good for NATO. (They were dependent, like Finland, etc on natural gas from a mega-maniac.)

Any rational manager/leader would create a VIABLE plan for migration. The plan would depend on availability of the materials and people to deploy those new energy sources. There may be a debate about how much lithium or raw earth elements are necessary or needed for any plan.⁶ And if the plan depends on other countries to provide them, then how dependable are they, and what to do if/when they become unreliable trading partners (like when they try to attack Taiwan or Ukraine). And the plan must make trade offs. Is it better to drive up the price of electricity by 100% so that 500 year old ancestor sites are protected? Is it better to have the China and Nigeria use slave labor to get the "necessary" stuff to execute the plan. What is the back up plan if/when the assumptions fail? At some point, obstructionists should just STFU and get with the program.⁷

5 NYC will NOT prosecute anyone that jumps the turnstiles to get a free ride. I think this is a direct violation of the ADA (Americans with Disability Act) because haven't seen any ramps so that people in wheelchairs can clear the turnstiles.

6 But there are "expert" studies to suggest that there isn't enough to replace the US fleet of cars let alone the world's. Let alone build the windmills, etc. Who knows, but there should be a plan based on best available data and a backup (or two if new data / events suggest otherwise.) China controls 90% of all raw earth element production.

7 See: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Champlain_Hudson_Power_Express Basically, since 2010, CHPE has been trying to lay a cable from Canada to NYC for hydro/wind power since 2010 to deliver 1 GW of power to NYC. The buffoons in the Sierra Club have been tying it up because they would prefer to protect NY power producers (like they have a plan). Before the EPA,

What most people don't understand is that India, China have NO intention to go to CO2 neutral. There are statistics that show CO2/per capita. Who cares? The world climate is controlled by the absolute amount of CO2 (plus methane, etc) released; not per person in each country. Two countries (India and China) have 2.7 Billion out of the 8 billion. Add in Indonesia, Pakistan, Brazil, Nigeria, Bangladesh, Russia and Mexico, Ethiopia, Philippines, Egypt, Vietnam and DR Congo you get 4.6 Billion. None of those countries have the resources to go "Solar" and they are NOT going to kill growth by turning off classic energy sources.

A LEADER would realize that climate change is going to happen in any case. A LEADER would understand that it needs to be a VIABLE plan to mitigate the impact of climate change that is GOING to occur and the plan needs to face the realities of resources and the geopolitical reality we live in.

New Orleans is 8 feet below sea level. How much money will the children of Idaho have to pay to stop it from become the "Lost City of the Gulf of Mexico"? Or should we be "encouraging" residents of Gulf coastal cities to move to some where above the 100 year flood plan? What will happen to airplane fuel, gasoline, diesel, etc when a hurricane destroys (puts off line) refineries? Texas and Louisiana have over 50% of the refinery output in the United States. Hope isn't an answer if it happens THIS year or within the next 15 years. (And we should we only hope that hackers won't take them offline because their incompetent staff connect the control systems and software on the internet)

There is NO plan.. Only Hope and HOPE IS NOT A PLAN.

So, his answer to APPEARS to reverse his misguided strategy of weening the US off oil before it can feed itself on solar cells and windmills. He is going to release land for drilling. It doesn't matter to him that there is not enough pipelines to move the stuff across the country. It doesn't matter that it probably takes 2/4 years to bring a new well online. And he PROMISES to make sure that government bureaucracy implements any and all regulations to impeded bringing them online. He is "BUYING" votes because he is seems to be "DOING" something (but in reality nothing!)

But he has even a MORE stupid idea: Let's take Food Stuff and turn it in to fuel that gets less MPG and creates SMOG and damages engines that don't like ethanol on their piston rings.

So Let's Use the Food Chain to Get Two Day Delivery From Amazon

If you are to believe that the world is going to see significant variation in weather/climate, then you HAVE to believe that there is going to significant variation in food production. You don't even have to believe in climate change to understand that there is going to be significant variation in food availability in a world that allows the like of Puten-Head to continue to exhale CO2.

(1970) , Cape Canaveral was funded in 1949, started construction in 1950. Thirteen later John Glenn orbited the earth. Now it only takes 15 years to lay a 400 mile cable across the NYC for GREEN energy after 13 years in COURT!

Weather causes variations, climate change is going to make it more difficult for historical bread-baskets to predictably produce food and “Free Trade” is now a weapon of mass destruction. But no alignment of all these negatives will “never” happen. (Just Hope & Fail)

So Russian and Ukraine won't/can't export wheat. Ukraine can't export fertilizer. India has a drought and bans all wheat exports. US farmers are struggling to plant because of a very rainy spring and so they are predicting a significant lower yields. Dams in CA/AZ are now restricting water for agriculture because they won't be able to make enough electricity to charge all those Tesla's in CA. (But CA hasn't been a leader in energy supply management because they are worried about salmon and impact of proper forest management and building dams to secure the second and third most important thing for living).⁸⁹

So, while food production is going down, Biden suggest that we burn even more corn instead of trying to make up the short fall in world wide production of food/distribution. “Corn is “GREEN” and who cares if the world would like to eat it. We need to be carbon neutral ASAP.”

Let's ignore that much of Africa, Middle East, etc are going to see soaring pricing on the second more important necessity of continued life. Let's ignore that it might / (will) lead to riots and instability of whatever government is holding those countries together. Let's forget and any extremist with a Koran will try to overthrow the government. It doesn't appear to be in the plan that there is US security interest that there Might be Some stability in 3rd countries. We didn't care about Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan.

Port Congestion: Where is Reagan/Patton when you need them

Biden et al like to blame port congestion as a major factor in the inflation equation. So, I struggle with that blame game. Did all of a sudden imports into the United States blow through 2018 and 2019 levels?

I believe it is Port Mismanagement and Unions and lack of willing workers.

If you were a President and truly believed that inflation is getting to 9% because of the ports, then as part of national security and welfare, you DO have the power to fix it.

8 The CO2 emissions for forest fires in British Columbia is 2-3 times the fossil fuel burning all other sectors of B.C. <https://www.cbc.ca/radio/quirks/sept-15-2018-summer-science-camping-under-a-volcano-plastic-in-beluga-bellies-and-more-1.4821942/how-do-co2-emissions-from-forest-fires-compare-to-those-from-fossil-fuels-1.4821944> It's estimated that the 2020 California wildfires have already generated more than 91 million metric tons of CO2 (as of Sept. 15), according to data from the [Global Fire Emissions Database](#) (GFED). That's about 25% of the annual emissions from fossil fuels in the state. <https://news.mongabay.com/2020/09/off-the-chart-co2-from-california-fires-dwarf-states-fossil-fuel-emissions/>

9 Given the predictability of electricity, rational CA residents should be installing inground diesel storage tanks and generators.

1. Fire all the political hacks that run the ports. They are obviously over their head. They are appointed by a mayor of LA and LA does NOT have any track record of being well managed. The commissions seem to continue their incompetence every week over the last two years. Just NATIONALIZE them.
2. A truck driver at the port can make \$85K/year. If there aren't enough of them, then for national security reasons get the Marines just 60 miles south of LA in Fort Pendleton. If the US Marines don't know how to unload and land cargo, then the US military is in a world of hurt when China invades Taiwan and other Asian countries
3. Longshoreman, ILWU. You have a contract to provide workers, if you can NOT provide those workers, workers working for the US military will be provided. The Port will pay them the going salary for ILWU. (But NOT their dues) If you even THINK about calling a strike, I will have your contract declared null and void because of national security. Don't screw with me. The Supreme Court will take 3 years to hear your case. I'll be out of office and you will be out of job.
4. Railroads: National Emergency. I want trains backed up and leaving the port EVERY 4 hours 24 hours a day until there is only 1 ship waiting to be unloaded. Don't give me crap about nothing having enough rolling stock. Make it so .. or the US Army will make it so.

If you truly believe that LA and Long Beach are the reason for 8% inflation , the President can and should fix it. Don't be a bitch to incompetent management and unions.

So, you ask, what does this have to do with Patton. There is rather an infamous scene in the movie Patton played by George C. Scott. Patton finds a column of troops, tanks and vehicles blocked by a peddler's cart with two mules on a narrow bridge. He yells **"You let a whole column get stalled and strafed on account of a couple of jackasses? What the hell's the matter with you?"** He then, takes out his revolver, shoots the mules and orders the mules and cart throw over the bridge.

Moral of the story: If you really have a plan and trying to win, you don't let asses get in your way. If you want Green energy, get the asses in the Seirra club out of your way. If you want a healthy economy, ignore the asses in Congress and don't renominate fools as Fed Chairman. If you want to Build Back Better, stop driving the country to bankruptcy and build a secure energy supply plan. If you want to make sure there is not mass starvation, then stop using food as a fuel. Stop listening to the asses.