

The End of the Republic: America's Institutions

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- 1. The glorious American revolution of 1776 that the greatest founder of the republic championed in his Declaration of Independence consummated in the ratification of a Constitution, whose preservation continues ultimately from the continued enforcement of Thomas Jefferson's injunction against the English crown in the form of the United States of America.
- 2. The United States, whose origins stem from the greatest achievements of the Crisis of the European Mind, have created one of the greatest Republics in the history of mankind. With its checks on balances of power distributed throughout the three branches of government such as the Legislature (i.e., Congress), the Judiciary (i.e., the Supreme Court), or the Executive (i.e., the US Office of the Presidency), the founders of the Republic sought to operate on the basis of a Constitution whose Supreme Law of the Land continues to stand for the rights of individuals "to life, liberty, or the pursuit of happiness."
- 3. The people, the individuals whose rights are those, lie at the

heart of America's democracy, providing a basis for the Republic persists or desists. With its emphasis on the the rights of individuals "to life, liberty, or the pursuit of happiness," the personal sentiments, affections, perceptions or opinions of these individual citizens, whose birthrate is the legal of the Constitution, matters most for its ultimate legitimacy for its fruition or from now until its termination.

Crisis of Trust

- 4. In the eyes of Americans, the more than 16 institutions, whose continued functionality provides a basis for the expression of the personal sentiments, affections, perceptions or opinions of these individual citizens within a legal framework, continues to witness a historic shift in mass consciousness. The shift, which is tending continuously downward, appears to have hit rockbottom.
- 5. In an opinion published last year by the *Wall Street Journal* on the weekend edition of the newspaper for September 9th-10th, 2023, the authors, who

- entitled their article, "American Institutions Went From Trust to Bust," explain how America is now faced with "a crisis of trust."
- 6. The authors note how within "a generation," the people no longer trust the government. Such institutions as the Federal government, whose more than 18 domestic intelligence agencies contribute no less than \$100 billion dollars per agency a year to the rapidly, irretrievably expanding Federal debt, big business, whose companies have transformed the Military Industrial Complex into a renewable source of free money, the media, whose newspapers like the New York Times or the Wall Street Journal promote the ruling elite's narratives without any sense of a Kantian critique, education, which is hardly affordable for the vast majority of Americans, science, whose manipulation now serves the state security apparatus or medicine, whose exploits advance the profit interests of America's health corporations, no longer enjoy the confidence Americans used to hold in high regard for America. Americans

- no longer hold America in high regard.
- 7. Measured against statistics from a Gallup pool in 1979, the latest poll published in July "found that across the nine key institutions Gallup has tracked consistently, the proportion of Americans who said they had 'a great deal or quite a lot of confidence' averaged out" to no more than "26% percent," "the lowest figure ever recorded" in the history of the country.
- 8. Even more alarming than the rockbottom America's trust has reached is the rate. America's rate of distrust appears to be trending downward at a rate more rapid than in previous decades during which Gallup polled the population. The Journal explains how "[confidence] has generally trended downward since registering 48% in 1979 and holding near 45% in the 1980s. It averaged closer to 40% in the 1990s and early 2000s before dropping to the low 30% range in the 2010s. Last year was the first time it fell below 30%." The rate, which is accelerating now, is reaching a steeper curve of descent than in any previous

- period of time in the past. The future trajectory of the descent is towards an even steeper decline than in any previous period of time.
- 9. To underscore the objectivity of its statistics, the *Journal* mentions how the findings the Gallup made are reflected in nearly identical findings from surveys the Pew Research Center conducted in the past 30 years. The authors note how both studies "found the same broad decline in trust."

Biggest Factor

10. The authors attribute the biggest factor "driving mistrust" to a widening 'cultural' gap, "separating people who have thrived in major institutions" from "the rest of the population." It is clear from the newspaper's careful wording that the word 'cultural,' for which there is certainly no basis in fact, is an especially curated interpolation designed to shield readers from a clear articulation of the underlying nature of the immense inequality Americans face on a daily basis. There is no 'cultural' gap, except the ones arising from the ever widening

- amounts of money separating the vast majority of America's working people from its ever more detached ruling elite.
- 11. The authors note how "[the] past 20 years have seen the rapid emergence of a new elite—expensively educated, versed in progressive nostrums, increasing distant from and disdainful of the rest of America and its values." While these differences may be reduced to 'culture,' the underlying basis is a function of disparities in wealth. However, the more important term the authors mention is "values."
- 12. The "values" these American ruling elites celebrate amount to a destruction of the Constitution, the elimination of any requirement for a Congressional declaration of war, the repudiation of any right to be free from government interference in personal effects or papers, the right to receive a return on the labor the U.S. Treasury guarantees in its nonconvertible promissory notes, or the right to "to life, liberty, or the pursuit of happiness," broadly speaking.

13. Although the authors are at lengths to conceal the hidden meaning of the episodes amounting to the annihilation of these rights, the enumerated list of grievances certainly betrayal any attempt at concealment. The authors derive the betrayal of "the people's confidence" from the following calamities: the Iraq war, the 2008 financial crisis, Snowden's exposition of the Federal government's complicity in Big Tech's conspiracy against the American people, their data or its usage. It is clear from these 'episodes' that the Biggest Factor in the betrayal of confidence is the overthrow of the Constitution in all of its most important manifestations.

The News & the First Amendment

14. Among the more startling admissions is on the status of the media. "Some institutions," the *Journal* writes, "have forfeited more trust than others." The *Journal* continues: "In 1979 Gallup found that 51% of Americans had a great deal or quite a lot of confidence in" news. The number is now 18%. A more recent poll, however, indicates that the statistic, which appears to have lost 7% in less

than a year, is much lower now. In a recently published infographic entitled, "Americans' Confidence in News Lower Than Ever," the statistic, which is followed by a graph, charting its trajectory over the years, appears to be at 11% for TV news.

Control

invocation of change, the authors of the *Journal* indicate that the way forward for the vast majority of the distrusting Americans is none other than a 'political change,' in which "Americans take back control of the institutions that direct the country and affect their lives." Without comment, there can perhaps be no better resolution than the one these journalists from the *Journal* recommend.

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