

Petroleum, Trump and Marx

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The economy is out of whack. Inflation is still a problem. Inflation is driven by the high cost of energy, mostly petroleum. A barrel of petroleum costs between \$70 and \$80 a barrel. Yet, the world is awash with petroleum. In a truly free market that is free from political influences, a barrel of petroleum would cost almost zero. However, petroleum is used as weapon to extort political concessions. This is a form of warfare. Although the United States is the world's leading producer of petroleum, the US still imports much of its petroleum. This demand for imported petroleum automatically drives up the price of petroleum. Consider this example: a ticket for a certain sports event is advertised as costing \$80, but with fees, the price increases to \$115. The same process of pricing applies to the marketing of petroleum. The product itself is cheap, the administrative costs exorbitant. Petroleum exporters charge fees. They want to be paid for their services. They expect to be paid in cash and the US consumer pays. If the US reduces its imports and ramps up domestic production, exporting countries would take that as an act of war. Russia supplies Western Europe with natural gas. If those nations stopped importing natural gas from Russia, that could trigger a war that would make the Ukraine War seem a sideshow. Hence, Biden approved Russia's natural gas pipelines to Western Europe. Germany imports ALL its natural gas from Russia.

Trump is making all kinds of extravagant promises. He promises to end the Ukraine War, bring peace to the Middle East, end the income tax, end taxation on Social Security benefits and tips, crush street gangs, deport millions of illegal aliens, and close the southern border. It is unlikely that any of this will ever happen, but the rhetoric is welcomed by lots of Americans who are fed up with the Dems who openly despise the United States and hate anyone who disagrees with them.

Even Fake News is reporting that Trump is leading in the polls, but always not by much, that the race is close, that Harris has a chance to win. The fact is that the Harris campaign has sputtered from the start and has failed to gain traction. Harris talks about solving problems that she helped to create. Whatever the case, the fact is that exposure to years and decades of Marxist inspired propaganda emanating from American schools infiltrated and controlled by Marxists disguised as educators has inflicted permanent damage to the United States. The damage is irreparable.

The Marxist element is here to stay. Their toxic poison can be suppressed but not eliminated. The poison is now embedded in the social fabric of the country which the schools teach is racist and systematically corrupt and in need of a complete and total makeover. The schools teach that the United States is bad nation deserving of scorn and that its institutions are a sham and need to be torn down.