

# Five Challenges Facing America

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# Preamble: American Exceptionalism

- Exceptional...compared to what?
- W. Cleon Skousen: The American Revolution was a 5,000 year leap
- Common people overthrew (violently) political and religious Elites
- America was the culmination of a moral revolution:
  - Christianity: Each person is born with intrinsic worth (Individual Sovereignty)
  - Judaism: Everyone is equal before the law (the Elites are no better than anyone else)
  - Our Founders: The moral purpose of government is to safeguard these principles

# The Results of American Exceptionalism

- The greatest country in the history of the world
- The two greatest political documents ever crafted
- Unparalleled wealth and freedom
- Ascendance of individual sovereignty and limited government
- Free minds, free markets, and free people
- The world (and all of history) were turned upside down
- The Elites were rejected and kicked to the curb
  - Replaced by a Constitutional Republic
  - Replaced by sovereign individuals and subsidiarity

# Revenge of the Elites against Everyone Else

- The Political Class **versus** the Economic Class
  - Control and power to shift burdens of life onto others
  - The urge for personal purpose to become public purpose
  - Not rich versus poor, but wealth thru coercion **versus** wealth thru value-creation:
    - Politicians, bureaucrats, bankers, oligarchs, financiers, consultants, lobbyists **versus**
    - Farmers, producers, retailers, managers, truck drivers, doctors, policemen, soldiers, inventors, engineers, entrepreneurs, and skilled tradespeople
- “Of the Elites, by the Elites, for the Elites” **versus**
- “Of the People, by the People, for the People”

# The Elites are Regaining the Ground they Lost

- Less than a thousand people control 90% of the world's wealth
- In America in the last 30 years:
  - 1000% more millionaires
  - 500% more billionaires
  - The 1% now have more assets than the entire Middle Class
- The political class (the Elites) are getting their control back
- This trend is the source of the Five Challenges we're going to discuss
- This impending catastrophe has been 150 years in the making
- It is far bigger than any one issue, politician, party, or ideology

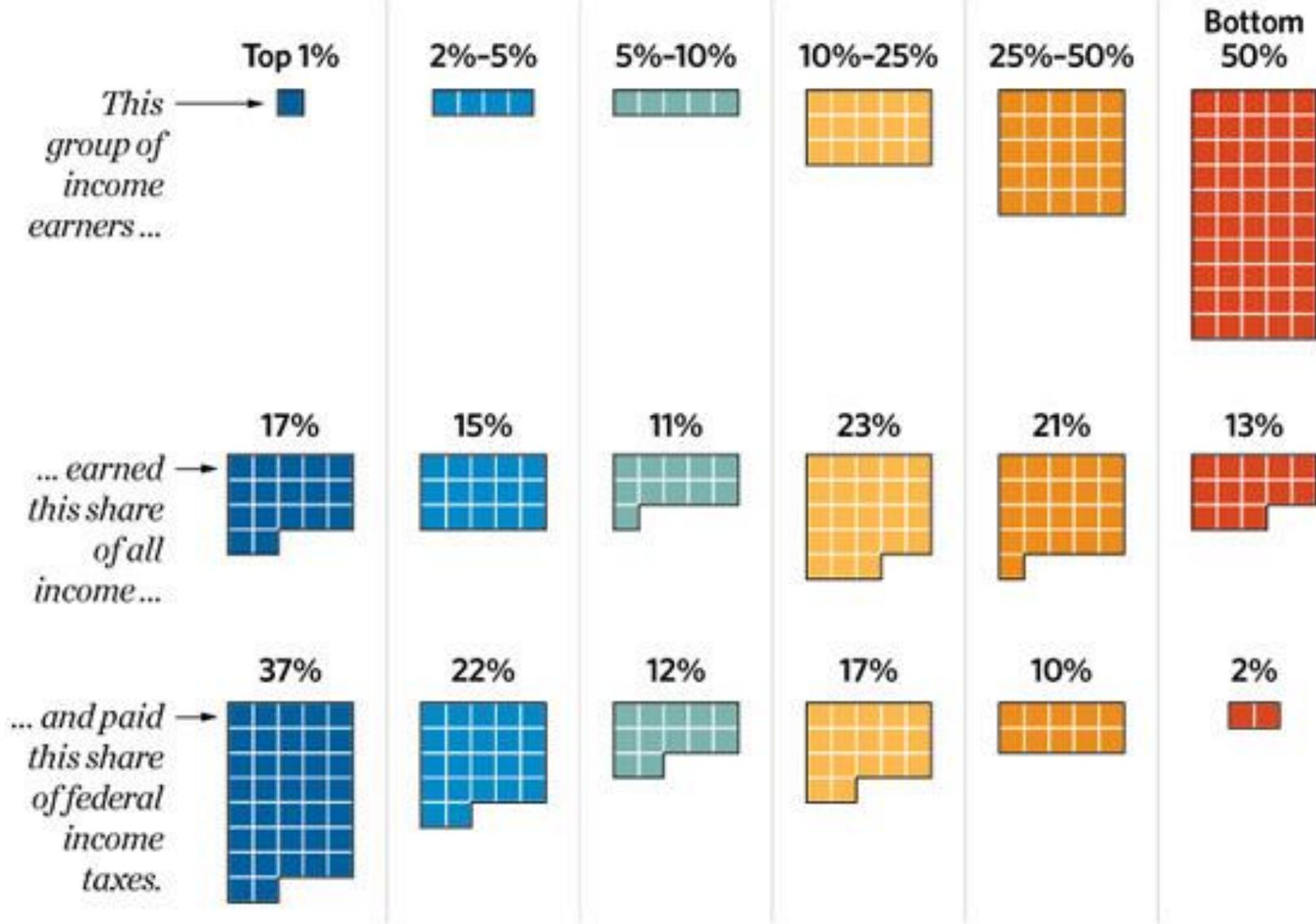
# Challenge #1: Creeping Collectivism

- Not just Socialism or Communism – all forms of centralized control
- Progressivism and Neo-Marxism:
  - Marx's revolution was never going to happen in America
  - Rise of alternative class conflicts:
    - Race (Critical Race Theory and White Guilt)
    - Gender and sexual orientation
    - Climate offenders versus climate victims
    - Equity of outcomes (successful versus unsuccessful)
    - Covid vaccination status
    - “Resolution” of all of these require bigger government, more coercion, and less freedom
    - We are entering the “Permanent Crisis” to frighten us into centralized control

# More Creeping Collectivism...

- Growing dependence on the government:
  - Since 2000, population is up 51 million and workers are down six million
- Political power has a ratchet function:
  - It only works in one direction (expansion)
  - This is the main feature of Progressivism
  - It is also the Achilles Heel of pure Democracy
  - People clamor for more government, but it never goes away
- Basic human motive: Everyone prefers better rather than worse
  - Under Capitalism, “better” means working hard to reap the benefits (at the price of taking on risk)
  - Under Collectivism, “better” means doing nothing because you will get the benefits anyway (at the price of surrendering freedom to the collective)

# Who Will Pay For It?



# Challenge #2: State-Run Education

- Collectivism can only succeed if it is culturally ascendant (and if individual sovereignty is culturally condemned)
- What else will a state-run school teach but Collectivism?
  - The state has a monopoly on education, so the state will be glorified
  - The state colludes with teachers who have a union monopoly
  - The system is funded by monopolistic revenue (taxation)
  - Lenin: Four years of indoctrination plants a seed that can never be uprooted
  - Compare that to 16 years, 5 days per week, and 8 hours per day of group think, obedience training, and peer pressure in our state-run schools
- Freedom of learning is the same as freedom of religion, thought, speech, and action. Education is a parental responsibility, not a tool for statist indoctrination.
- State-run schools are the most authoritarian, destructive, and dangerous institutions in our society. They must be abolished!

# Challenge #3: Post-Constitutionalism

- The Elites hate the Constitution, so it must be destroyed
  - It's the only thing standing in the way of Collectivism
- The Constitution in America today:
  - It still provides the “forms” of our society (e.g., 100 senators)
  - However, it's substance (protecting individual sovereignty from encroachment by Elites) has been eaten out
  - It is now mere pieces of paper because too many ignore it
  - Entire generations have been programmed to shun it:
    - It was written hundreds of years ago
    - It was written by slaveholders
    - It was written by white supremacist patriarchs
    - It is an artifact of American Exceptionalism

# More Post-Constitutionalism...

- All branches of the government are ignoring the Constitution now:
  - Began with the Civil War, Reconstruction, and the diminishing of States' Rights
  - The Federal Reserve Act of 1913 enabled unlimited printing of money
  - The 16<sup>th</sup> Amendment ratified in 1913 enabled unlimited taxation
  - FDR's New Deal (including the Social Security Act in 1935) introduced dependence on the state
  - Wickard versus Filburn case in 1942 enabled unlimited regulation of commerce
  - LBJ's Great Society in the 1960's introduced more dependence on the state
  - Obamacare (and soon Medicare for All) introduced more dependence on the state
  - The Green New Deal will empower the state to have its tentacles in ***everything***
- Once the government is accepted as the fixer of all things, it controls all things.
- Once the government controls all things, you control nothing.

# More Post-Constitutionalism

- Where does the Constitution authorize:
  - Transferring money from one citizen to another (now done by the trillions)?
  - Using the FBI and Homeland Security to squelch internal dissent?
  - Globalism and extranational subservience (UN, Paris Climate Accord, WHO, World Bank, IMF, etc.)?
  - Open borders and the erosion of our national security, sovereignty, and identity?
  - Covid lockdowns that suspended civil rights, closed business, and forced unemployment?
  - A surveillance state that accumulates data on everything you do?
- Huge sectors of our society are rushing into the Constitutional Breach to collude with the state to squelch individual sovereignty and move us toward Collectivism:
  - Big Media, Big Education, Big Bureaucracy, Big Tech, Big Pharma, Big Finance
- The federal government can now do anything it pleases. The Constitution is defanged.

# Challenge #4: *Two* America's

- Identity politics, class warfare, and the grievance culture are tearing the country in two
  - The Classical Liberalism of our founding *versus* the Neo-Marxist Collectivist creep of the past 150 years
  - Limited Constitutional Republic *versus* centralized nanny state
  - These competing ideologies are completely irreconcilable:
    - Freedom from coercion *versus* freedom from harsh reality
    - Protection of life and property *versus* sacrificing both to the collective
    - Moral virtue is necessary because you are responsible for your own messes *versus* moral virtue is unnecessary because the state will clean up your messes.

# Has a “Cold” Civil War II Already Started?

- Riots in our cities
- Rising crime
- Soaring inflation
- Empty store shelves and parked container ships
- “Help wanted” signs and poor service everywhere
- Statues being torn down and history being rewritten
- Anarchist takeovers of urban enclaves
- BLM and Antifa violence
- Presidential impeachments
- Shadow coups (Russian hoax and election fraud)
- Calls for reparations
- Cancel Culture
- Vaccine and mask wars (firings and banning from events)

# Challenge #5: The Grand Illusion

- Truth and science have been hijacked, politicized, and tribalized:
  - Traditional American truths are incompatible with Collectivism, so they must die
  - Now there are two versions of truth and science, just like there are two America's
  - The Elites call their political posturing "science", while they call the common sense of Everyone Else "ignorance".
- Mainstream culture and media are in lockstep with the Grand Illusion:
  - Search engines manipulate results
  - "Fact checking" is merely partisan opining
  - Shadow banning is squelching contrary opinions on social media
  - The media is openly censoring information and de-platforming dissent
- The two-party political system is part of the Grand Illusion:
  - Most national candidates are beholden to the Elites
  - Election integrity has been compromised
  - The Republican Party merely treads water when they have power

# The Path Forward

- Resist Collectivism and the Deep State
  - Be a hero, in whatever small way you can. Don't wait for others!
  - Reject all collectivist programs and premises, no matter how small. If they can tax for a penny, they can tax for a million.
  - We outnumber the Elites by millions. We are not required to submit to them. They are counting on fear, intimidation, and peer pressure to silence us.
  - Refuse to play along. Avoid the state, slow-play the state, and fight every encroachment on your liberty. Some civil disobedience will be necessary.
  - Think for yourselves, or the Elites will think for you without thinking of you.
  - Silence is surrender.
  - We cannot be the "Ordinary Men" that enabled Totalitarianism

# The Path Forward

- Dismantle state-run education. There is no hope of success without this step.
  - Support homeschooling (help eliminate all roadblocks and obstacles)
  - Agitate to disband the Department of Education and end Common Core
  - Reject all millage increases for education funding (starve the Beast)
  - School boards work for us – make their lives miserable if they forget that
  - Agitate to privatize **all** schools:
    - This is the most important step in the battle
    - There should be no such thing as a state-run or state-owned school of any kind
    - Education funding should follow the student according to the wishes of the parents
    - Let all schools compete for students and funding
    - Let all schools set curriculums based on consumer demand
    - Let all schools hire and fire teachers as necessary
    - If the funding flows through students, there can be no objection to parochial schools

# The Path Forward

- Press for key changes to the Constitution:
  - Term limits everywhere
    - All politicians
    - All bureaucrats
  - Hard limits on legislative prerogatives:
    - Budgets capped as a percentage of prior year GDP (e.g., 10%)
    - Balanced budgets – no money printing or spending the money of future generations
    - Flat tax, such as national sales tax – everyone should have skin in the game
    - No wealth transfers from one citizen or group to another
  - Audits of the personal financials of every bureaucrat and politician:
    - At time of election or hire
    - Annually thereafter
    - When leaving office
    - Make results publicly available to everyone online

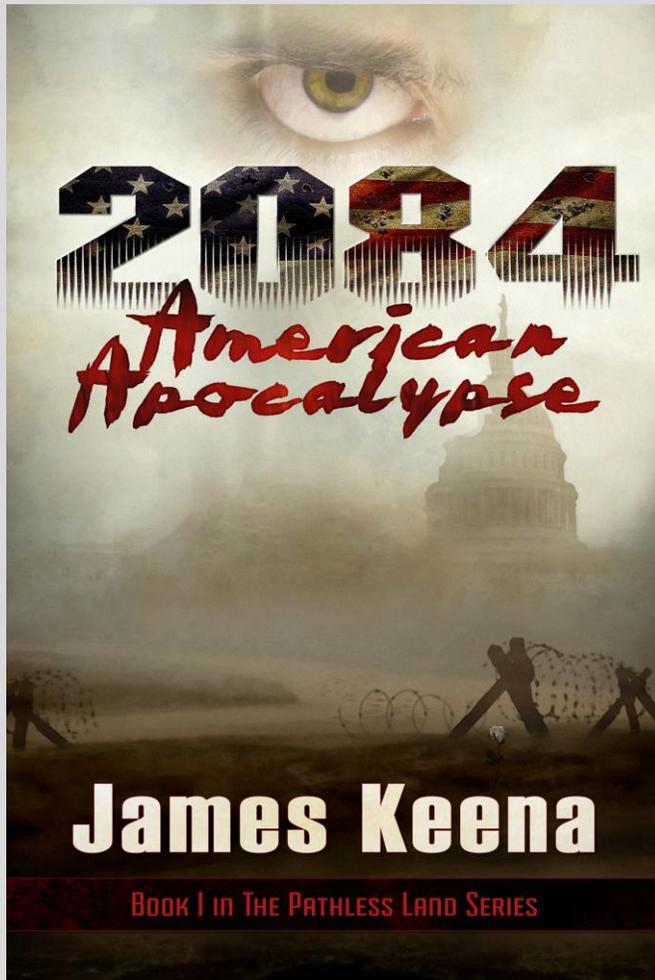
# The Path Forward

- States' Rights will be the ultimate battleground for the soul of America
  - The federal government and the Constitution are creatures of the states
  - Only the states have sufficient power to reassert control (if they have the will)
  - Thus, state and local elections are more fruitful than national elections
    - Electing conservatives nationally will slow the bleeding, but won't stop it
  - Focus on electing state leaders committed to asserting state sovereignty and dismantling state-run education
  - If your state is hopelessly lost to Collectivism, consider moving to one that isn't
  - Like-minded governors will eventually coordinate the activities of their states. Support them!
  - Remember what true patriotism is:
    - We are committed to our constitutional principles
    - We have no obligation to the usurpers in Washington

# The Path Forward

- Prepare to assert your natural right to disband any government:
  - Remember the first rule of negotiation:
    - If you are not willing to walk away from the deal, you have already lost
  - Lesson from the Founders:
    - Playing by the rules of the Elites in England was a fruitless game
    - Sometimes common people need to make their own rules
  - Wisdom from Thomas Jefferson:
    - “A little rebellion is a good thing, and as necessary in the political world as storms are in the physical.”
    - “Whenever any form of government becomes destructive, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government.”
  - Ultimate power belongs to the people:
    - Elections (pick new leaders)
    - Constitutional amendments (pick new rules)
    - Revolution (pick a new government)

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