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Pandemics & Globalization

Add Pandemics to the many reasons to avoid Unplanned Globalization!

Governments, businesses and households globally have been shocked and shaken to the core by the COVID-19 pandemic. Right now, public health protocols to slow the spread of the virus are the priority, and this has required unprecedented degrees of business and social shutdowns in Canada and elsewhere.

That the COVID-19 pandemic will result in a global recession is sadly a given, as we will have debt, mountains of it.

De-globalization due to the firm need to improve national sustainability in such a crisis will be accelerated, and many supply chains will be redesigned: They will be much shorter and less centralized in hubs, such as China, and much more distributed. Governments will mandate “national critical supply capacity” in products such as vaccines, medical devices and certain technologies.

Future trade and investment patterns will shift: The pandemic will accelerate current changes in global trade and investment already set in motion by more “buy local” trade tariffs and reshoring initiatives already underway in the United States. Canada and Canadian business will have to decide how to position themselves for this global decoupling.

Global people movements will be affected: Some countries will be more restrictive on travel visas, university student bodies will be less internationalized, leisure travel outside of national borders will decline as people self-select to limit travel and international business travel will be reduced as part of pandemic-related corporate risk management.

Geopolitics will see a steep rise in nationalism, and a decline in multilateralism.

To many of us this “De-globalization” is no big surprise and a long time overdue, as there is a growing awareness across most of the population that most of our current problems come from the past unplanned globalization....

Here is a list of what the current unplanned globalization journey has caused.....

- More container ships that are the highest polluters on the planet
- More pollution by uncontrolled and under legislated third world manufacturing activity.
- More safety problems due to manufacturing in inexperienced emerging economies.
- More loss of our local manufacturing base and high value employment
- More transfer of service jobs offshore
- More need to have to unfairly compete with low cost wage countries who have inferior health and safety standards.
- More pressure to increase the wasteful support for exports due to need to pay for imports
- More global waste and productivity loss due to global transportation and long supply chain support effort.
- More unsustainable resource extraction and de-forestation to pay for the globalization process
- More imported and out of season food products that destroys our ability to “grow our own” in a sustainable way.
- More wasteful duplication of product offerings with less utilization of local capacity and capital.
- More loss of national sovereignty, individual liberty and economic freedom in all forms

- More loss of control of the national economy by governments
- More national balance of payment and wealth and investment transfer problems
- More Dilution of local government spending
- More foreign investment diluting our national stability
- More financialization services rather than real value to our economy
- More cross border capital flows disrupting local investments
- More pressure on national exchange rates
- More complex systems needed to control national trade balance
- More inequality within and across nations
- More expectations to migrate and immigrate instead of making the native environment work.
- More Adverse and forced mixing of cultures
- More boom and bust growth due to trans-national corporatism
- More Trans-national corporate tax evasion at national levels
- More opportunity for trans-national corporatism to exploit national economies and its citizens.
- More international students that become unplanned and unneeded back door immigration.
- More dislocation of our own students who go offshore for wasteful exchange programs while foreign students get relevant experience in our own economy.

The Outcome.....

Globalization in its current form is a failed concept that has allowed Total Global Mismanagement...

Now we need to add the inability to control pandemics and manage any recovery due to long unsustainable supply chains.

It's yet another reason to localize our economies in all forms and improve national borders and controls.

If Globalization is to continue, at all, it must be far better controlled, and this will mean a firm move away from liberalized and multilateral policies and practices as currently promoted by the United Nations and the World Trade Organization and its many derivatives.... This will include exposing the massive hoax of climate change and reset national trade imbalances and the many porous borders that allow dangerous migrations.

It also means that the over-liberalization of almost everything in our society is wrong headed and threatens our liberty, security and safety.

Recent events provide a very strong lesson we must consider for future national policies.

The Solution/s..

It will mean forming much more stable localized trade blocs to avoid the current high level of wealth transfer due to the large wealth gradient between mature and emerging economies.

It will mean a refocusing of the financial and corporate sectors to better serve the national good rather than the globalized agenda.

It will mean rethinking our education systems to better serve our citizens to gain value adding employment with a more formal industrialized learning system as we move toward the next industrial revolution with INDUSTRY 4.0

It will mean the LEANing-out of our political system/s to avoid the many wasteful levels and division

It will mean a hard look at national border security to avoid or minimize unplanned immigration and the risk of pandemics.

It will mean a harder look at planned immigration including the wasteful practice of the refugee system.

It will mean much better balanced dialogue about the climate change hoax that is promoting an agenda that threatens our modern civilization and redirect it toward the more practical conservation and sustainability of the global environment by reducing pollution and resource depletion.

It will mean serious action to constrain religions and social practices that disrupt the social order of the national society.

It will mean a hard look at the mistakes made on national sovereignty and local cultural identity brought on by the adoption of multiculturalism and will demand a refocus on an agenda such that the value of unified national citizenship is maintained as a paramount privilege.

We need to appoint leaders that better understand and will undertake the installation of a national culture that demands environmentally sound and sustainable economic growth, balanced international trade and drive policy that will ensure sound global business practices.

We need leadership that will focus on the health, prosperity, liberty, education and security of all our citizens.

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