

Turbulent “Turnings” in American History



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“Turnings” are described by some conservative blog writers as distinctive periods of crisis that once resolved, result in a new paradigm or zeitgeist being established. The philosopher Steven Yates, a frequent contributor of articles for the www.NewsWithViews.com conservative site, identifies four such “turnings” in American history (I have about 150 articles of my own archived on the site ~ S.S.). The first period involved the War for American Independence from the British empire that resulted in the original thirteen colonies becoming a federation of independent states after a considerably problematic post-war period. The second developed as the antagonism between States of the South and the rest of the Union boiled over into what became an unsuccessful war for the establishment of a Southern Confederacy, independent from that Union. This war greatly changed the understanding of the original union as seen when historian Shelby Foote pointed out that references to the “new” (post bellum) nation went from “the United States are,” to “the United States is.” That is, the US emerged from that imbroglio as a nation state, its superstructure comparable to the nation states of Europe, with the individual states and citizens losing some of their identity as well as constitutionally guaranteed liberties in the process.

The third turning began with the establishment of the Federal

Reserve System as a return to Hamilton's vision of national bank along with the country converting from a Constitutional republic to a nation governed by powers outside of the nation itself; this happened during the Wilson Administration and was "legitimized" by our involvement in the First World War and efforts to create a global governing body, The League of Nation. This was unsuccessful at the time, but the so-called "Russian Revolution" (the rise of Marxist communism) that culminated in the Second World War resulted in the US emerging as a dominant world power with our currency basically becoming the world's currency. Thus America became the empire envisioned by Lincoln (the cause of the war with the South as empires do not cede territory!) with our now worldwide holdings and interests, together with a gradual further loss of constitutional liberties over time.

America is now in the 4th turning characterized by the elites and globalists attempting to establish a global New World Order that, of course, requires a takeover of individual nation and using the US as its most powerful tool to enforce its dictates and promote its desires in the process of transition to complete the 4th turning. This 4th turning differs from its predecessors in at least two respects: first it utilizes and is characterized by a highly advanced technology that brings graphic violence into our "devices" via social feeds within seconds of the violent events themselves. World domination requires a swift response to developing situations. Prior to the "Information Era," there would simply not have been the ability to respond rapidly enough to make any response useful. However, with today's technology the media is able to magnify the emotional aspects of events, extending the period of time in which they can be graphically presented to the public. This coverage feeds off and amplifies the already established fears and divisions within the body politic.

The second – and equally important with respect to the above –

is the nihilistic, take-it-down mindset these situations create in the minds of much of the leftist segment of the population, a mindset that creates a sense of unease and precarity in the face of the dysfunctional lack of response to these public concerns by the dominant institutions that control us. People eventually become desensitized to the constant frequently contrary clashes of narratives and as We the People “weren’t there” (so to speak), we are unable to determine for ourselves what to believe. Furthermore, this situation is further compounded by our continuing distrust of our sources of information and especially the “Legacy Media.” Meanwhile, “do your own research” has its limits! Why? Because it takes the luxury of time and requires both the skills and the tools of a detective! Furthermore, when there are gatekeepers who control those tools that provide the necessary information we are allowed to see, “self-education” can simply become another means of disinformation. Furthermore, the present “AI slop” slips into everything now. As noted, Big Tech contrives and controls the algorithms that control if not our thinking, then certainly the information we require to establish what we think! Thus, we face the complex conundrums of modern life!

In view of the above, many times the best thing to do for peace of mind is to delete – or ignore – one’s social media accounts, shutting out the machine gun bullets of information and data constantly emanating from these sources. Of course, this has the downside of creating an informational vacuum that can leave one “out of the loop.” There is danger in having too little as well as too much information! However, when it is difficult to impossible to determine whether the information involved is accurate or a determined lie, the problem cannot easily be solved. Nevertheless, should mass violence break out, ignorance could very well blindside one especially in an urban area. Therefore, it requires more than just a “response.” It requires *an intelligent* response from the individual, something that it is becoming more and more

difficult to achieve in these days of manipulated information and falling IQ levels!

This 4th turning will eventually culminate in a war or some other form of civil conflict that we have not yet experienced. The increasing amount of political violence foretells this outcome. Marjorie Taylor Greene, one of the few representatives we have who are “politically with it,” has already articulated the sense of what is already here and has sort of “laid down the gauntlet” in her call for a “national divorce” between conflicting political and cultural worldviews as the current situation is untenable and therefore cannot continue much longer. This situation becomes increasingly obvious given the general feelings of unease and the increase of (actual) hatred as the left controls all the culture’s major institutions while conservatives – having refused to be disarmed! – possess nearly all the firepower necessary to resist! And now, President Trump has taken steps to openly define this situation by declaring Antifa a “domestic terrorist” group– which it is! – thus giving its members more of an excuse to practice their aggression as they no longer need to hide their intentions!

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