Subject: Re: Empire Posted by Rusty on Sun, 08 Jun 2025 16:40:50 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

I've been interested for some time in the goings on in our society as I've ripened with age. Maybe that's just a gaseous process emanating from me. I'm trying to understand what seems to me to be a negative process affecting our lives. That's led me into researching our economic philosophy which leads invariably to the political process and our ways of interacting with the nations of the world.

I feel the track I'm on with the help of the influences with the individuals I relate to that have the experience and knowledge from their disciplines make sense of what relates to the negative processes which don't seem to be explained by our media sources.

I've learned our economic doctrine adopted by our society is the major contributor to how our political process and foreign policy has turned into dysfunction. Our leadership follows an ideological path that deviates from reality based thinking. Denial and subterfuge assists in keeping the public unaware of the possibilities of alternative ways of economic and political choices. That and our deeply entrenched deep state institutionalized construct of our national authority. Every nation on earth has some form of it.

But our nation, in that it has pursued a worldwide dominance of empire management particularly since the end of WWII. Has become more and more an aberration of a democracy due to the influence of wealthy elites insinuating themselves into the political process. They control the electoral campaign process completely now. And our economic doctrine has been tailored to resemble the top down style of management as is done with corporate enterprise. Neoliberal, financialized trickle down economics.

Our cost of living has been climbing since the adaptation of this economic doctrine. While our debt both individually and national debt in the form of trade debt, has risen to levels that are untenable. Our infrastructure in key areas is outdated. Our educational, medical, childcare and many other metrics of a stable thriving society show burden and neglect. Yet our authorities feel obliged to spend more than any other nation, or the combination of many other nations towards military procurement and status with over 700 installations in the world.

Our nation is at a point now with the development of the once 3rd world aligning together to counter our tradition of empire colonialism, financial weaponization and warmongering. Our economic fortress of the mighty dollar is being challenged by alternatives that the BRICS nations are developing to counter what we have taken for granted for too long. A free lunch, rentier philosophy of dominance in the world of trade and finance.

What will become of this challenge is being discussed and editorialized by the few and not well known group of people of various journalistic, academic, former governmental, military and various disciplines in society. I for one take solace with following this movement in our world. It goes way beyond our borders as has what our capitalism has done over the centuries. What it has become should be at a crossroads. Because it isn't functioning in the interests of people in the majority.