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I wonder with hope and optimism through the deepening gloom of news attributed to our current administration, if that it is unwittingly hastening the process of change. Change in the realization that our capitalism is at the twilight of its usefulness.

When it originated after the French Revolution in the late 18th century replacing Feudalism of the aristocracy there was the hope it would come to embody the slogan "Liberty, equality and fraternity". As it stands now here in the US, it resembles more like the Feudalism it replaced. The aristocracy replaced now are the oligarchy class, our modern lords to we the serfs. The gap of economic inequality now is as deep and wide as then.

When we were an industrial nation there were those issues, but the industrialists realized the government could keep their workforce wages lower by augmenting the cost of living better than they could with social services. By the mid 20th century after the big war our nation was at its peak. And our middle class and living standards as well. That's all changed from the deliberate adoption of finance capitalism settling in our society for good in the 1980's. Its taken us down that path of the Feudal system of centuries past ironically. A government comprised of an ideological shift towards letting the corporate and financial sector plan the economy through the notion of the free market. Which would be only free for the needs of the few that most benefit from that notion.

That's demonstrated by what our administration has inflicted on the world with the tariff debacle. The free market isn't free when you can't dominate it by monopolization. Blanket tariffs are the tool of desperation for an economy in turmoil from a strong rival that has put all the advantages in peril for our finance capitalists. We couldn't take advantage of the Chinese market as we'd conspired. Because they invested in their markets, they built them up. They were not solely trying to capitalize their market for a few at the expense of their huge population. As we have let happen to ours.

We threaten them with war. They are our greatest threat our leaders say. We devise ways to hamper their superior economy unsuccessfully. Theirs is a hybrid economy. A socialist-private enterprise economy. Their government keeps finance controlled by the state. Thus speculation is minimized. Cost of living low.

Our government relinquished that to the (un)free market. For profit. And we languish from it. Capitalism in the hands of the financiers devours itself. Hopefully its at a crossroads. Do we try to keep this false facade in place or come to realize that the word socialism isn't bad after all? It means sharing and working more equally. The freeloaders of society are the ones whom make their profit in their sleep. That takes a strong government to make it so. The only pretense of strength of our government is the authoritarianism projected at home and abroad just to enable the continuation of this fantasy notion of the free market finance capitalism.