

Mitigate the Top Dogs

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Recorded human history has exposed a small group of people who have been fanatically devoted to preserving & expanding their personal wealth, power, & security. Their willingness to sacrifice any & all ethics, morals, & facts in favor of alternative self-empowering narratives, often including willfully savage realizations, identifies those few people as: "The Top Dogs" (TD's).

In viciously attacking Ukraine - Vladimir Putin is doing what comes naturally to a TD. Putin's predecessor Joseph Stalin starved about 3 million Ukrainians to death in the 1930's by denying the Ukrainian farmers access to the grain from their own fields. (Wikipedia chronicles the travesty, known as The Holodomor.) By failing to prevent the present Russian attack on Ukraine, professional "thinkers" across all societies have once again dismally failed a majority of humanity which seeks guidance from ethics, morals, & facts. The root of this failure is that across cultures, humanity has lacked both the vocabulary & the means to effectively thwart sociopaths, psychopaths, tyrants, the hyper-greedy & the TD's. A complete failure of intellect by experts, academics, politicians, & clerics of all faiths across all societies across the full span of recorded human history supports this enduring tragedy.

Having vilified President Putin & his thus far short war, consider another historical war perspective: The August 2015 National Geographic article: [Life After the Bombs](#) (page 106-120). The introduction to the article reads:

"The U.S. dropped more than 2 million tons of bombs on Laos from 1964 to 1973 during the Vietnam War. That's equal to a planeload every 8 minutes for 9 years. How does a country recover?" The article goes on to point out that this was "up to 2000 pounds for every Laotian man, woman, & child".

Ken Burns' 10-part Public Broadcasting System Documentary on the Vietnam War (2017) did a superb job of exposing the labyrinth of American mischief that nurtured & sustained the Vietnam War, including the ancillary bombing of both Laos & Cambodia.

On January 6th 2021 Americans witnessed President Trump on national TV incite his followers to violently prevent certification of the presidential election at the U.S. Capitol. Despite ubiquitous evidence of a wide range of crimes before, during, & after his time in public office, the former president remains unindicted by Attorney General Merrick Garland. Trump continues to de-stabilize our governance both nationally & within individual states. U.S. Constitution Article II, Section 3 states that The President "shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed." The duty rests squarely on the President's shoulders. Yet 17 months after the Capitol riot, President Biden holds fast to his assertion that there are four independent branches of the U.S. Government, with the U.S Attorney General's Office being a fourth branch beyond his control.

The Republican Party did not publish a "party platform" of their key ideas for the 2020 election. Instead the party abandoned its previous principles in favor of blind allegiance to Trump, who relishes being unpredictable, uncontrollable, & morally unaccountable for any of his actions.

For the Top Dogs, chaos creates the opportunity to acquire assets for “pennies on the dollar”, while simultaneously eliminating competitors. Meanwhile the victims of their orchestrated chaos are distracted and disoriented by disintegrating social events & issues. What many people perceive as history’s tragedies become the fortunes of the TD’s.

The chaos of contemporary American politics prevents serious consideration of two types of taxes: 1. Taxes on inheritance. & 2. Taxes on rich people. Endless distractions are funded as diversions. The TD’s nurture deeply disruptive squabbles between citizens concerning issues they care, at most, little about either way. E.g.: Why even slightly fret about the rights of the unborn while denying healthcare to already-breathing people? Likewise, sufficient will to curb the recurring massacre of students in our public schools is long overdue. The TD’s can easily afford to endlessly misdirect our national discourse because they have far too much money, and profit far too handsomely from their efforts.

Legal experts haven’t helped. An early, baseless & effortless trashing of American ethics, morals, & facts resulted from the dismissal (by government legal experts) of ideals expressed in the Preamble of the U.S. Constitution. The Preamble was never repealed by due process of law, but rather was rendered impotent in an offhand blurb of bureaucratic rhetoric. In this environment which is caustic to ethics, morals, & facts, TD’s endure & prosper. The U.S. Supreme Court could step in by embracing the Preamble of the U.S. Constitution.

Suggestions for the U.S. Supreme Court:

1. Reshape the National Justice System to center on ethics, morals, facts and transparent predictability.
2. Cease to obsess about preserving “the rights of the accused” at the expense of any & all victims, thus reducing the TD’s wildly excessive advantages on an extremely unlevel judicial playing field.
3. Take the lead in embracing the U.S. Constitution’s Preamble. Expect a steep initial learning curve. Consider finding & expressing The Ethical High Ground in secular terms in order to preserve religious freedom.
4. As a candidate starting point on the learning curve, consider a 2004 metaphilosophy which can be found at:

<https://ftp.setterholm.com/Philosophy/LTDW20.pdf>

Learning Together in a Diverse World (34 pages long.)

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A key element of the one-page summary is: **Anticipate scoundrels.**

This paper concludes with the free one-page English summary of my metaphilosophy:

English:English* **The Peacefully Adaptive School** Version 2

A world view.

- "Understanding":**
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| 1) accounts for past experience | 3) predicts future experience |
| 2) clarifies present experiences | 4) grasps bounds |
| | 5) can be communicated. |

OBJECTIVES:

- > To create a usable collection of understandings that will help humanity live peaceful, productive, happy, and (optionally) exciting lives, while enjoying religious freedom.
- > To make the understandings accessible and free to people around the globe.

BOUNDS:

- > Origins of faiths are fundamental (beyond reason).
- > Language is insubstantial, but can be very useful.
- > Human cognition (*brainspace*) is limited.
- > Hidden dimensions of secrecy do more harm than good.
- > Self-restraint is essential.

APPROACH:

Organize understanding.

- > Combine the understandings of many people.
- > Seek simplicity, brevity, clarity, resilience, and synergy
- > Use committees to define words.
- > Characterize benefits and risks.
- > Anticipate scoundrels.
- > Explore better ways of teaching.
- > Evolve self-sustaining standards.

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Encourage improvement.

- > Foster shared thinking.
- > Employ understandings as filters.
- > Experiment and simulate.
- > Shape dimensions and question limits.
- > Consider life-cycle issues.
- > Be patient.
- > Create useful attitudes.

Strive for integrity.

- > Avoid intentional hiding of assumptions, goals, and ignorance.
- > Respect individual right to a viewpoint.
- > Consider dissenting views.
- > Acknowledge contributors adequately.

*Translations by: Precision Language Services

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