

# Political Drama & Market Chaos in 2016

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*“As democracy is perfected, the office of president represents, more and more closely, the inner soul of the people. On some great and glorious day the plain folks of the land will reach their heart’s desire at last and the White House will be adorned by a downright moron.”*

- **H. L. Mencken (1880 – 1956)**

*“Government is a broker in pillage, and every election is a sort of advance auction in stolen goods.”*

- **H. L. Mencken, Journalist & Social Critic**

*“We really can’t forecast all that well, and yet we pretend that we can, but we really can’t.”*

- **Alan Greenspan, former Fed Chairman**

*“What the Fed did, and I was part of it, was front-loaded an enormous market rally in order to create a wealth effect.”*

- **Richard Fischer, former Dallas Fed President**

*“The market can stay irrational longer than you can stay solvent.”*

- **Sir John Maynard Keynes, Economist**

## **Greetings to All in 2016,**

First of all, we would like to welcome all new subscribers who have joined us from our affiliation with **Mike Adams**, the Health Ranger, and his new [www.TalkNetwork.com](http://www.TalkNetwork.com) project and diversifying into a Precious Metals IRA account with our firm. This newsletter will deal with two topics that are going to be with us for all of **2016** – political theater and market volatility. Concerning the latter, we can expect conditions to worsen as the epic failure of central planning is visited upon the planet as we also suffer the follies of our two-party political paradigm. As **H. L. Mencken** observed above, the office of president will be occupied by a downright moron someday when enough plain (ignorant) folks reach their heart’s desire for a demagogic leader, the likes of what we have seen in recent years.

According to Judicial Watch, the Obama's have spent over **\$70** million in resplendent vacations while occupying the White House in their quest for a fundamentally transformed America. That's right, an unknown community organizer with no executive experience and less than 145 days in the Senate was elevated to the presidency in **2008**, *and we are the morons for doing this!* Prior to the **2012** elections, *Newsweek* magazine announced it was shutting down its print edition, and columnist **Matt Patterson** offered a stinging rebuke of Obama with this observation, "Years from now, historians may regard the **2008** election of Barack Obama as an inscrutable and disturbing phenomenon, the result of a baffling breed of mass hysteria akin perhaps to the witch craze of the Middle Ages. How, they will wonder, did a man so devoid of professional accomplishment beguile so many into thinking he could manage the world's largest economy, direct the world's most powerful military and execute the world's most consequential job?" Full link [HERE](#). He concludes that Obama is an "imposter in the Oval Office." But unfortunately, we have another full year of this beguiling figure, who has recently promised his (deluded) supporters, "I've got 12 months left to squeeze every ounce of change I can while I'm still in office. And that's what I intend to do." And how will he squeeze all of this change? With a *"pen and a phone"* as he has famously declared. In other words, with *raw executive power*. This lust for power is the *VERY* thing that our **Founding Fathers** fought against, debated and warned about, and it should be a grave concern to all of us! Is this kind of haughty rhetoric reserved to the radical **progressive Left** in the US? Nope. We also find it in the **neoconservative Right** today.



Among the many things I like about **Trump** (closest thing to a 3<sup>rd</sup> party candidate), I am awestruck with his bravado and hubris when it comes to how he will conduct business in the Oval Office. He is essentially hinting at a "pen and a phone" like.....**Obama**. And why not? That is all he has known for his entire life. For some perspective on this, I invite you to watch this 16-min impassioned video from **Senator Ben Sasse** (R-NE) on the dangers of raw executive power in the US today. *Insightful:*

### [Senator's Dire Warning of Unchecked Executive Power](#)

**I hope you will watch this clip.** At issue is how we are drifting into the "kingly power" that emanates from the District of Criminals, and this is a non-partisan issue. Senator Sasse make an eloquent case that we really don't mind raw executive power – as long as it is "our guy" in the Oval Office. Do you get this? I hope you do; but most will be cheering for their guy. At least with Socialist/Communist **Bernie Sanders** we know where he stands = Classic Marxism and redistribution of the wealth!

# “Democratic Socialism” = *the Loss of Liberty*

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Democratic Party hopeful, Bernie Sanders, recently outlined what it means for him to be a “**democratic socialist.**” The problem is that the same label might be applied to most of the other candidates running in both the Democratic and Republican parties running to be the nominee for presidency of the United States. One November 19, 2015, Bernie Sanders delivered a speech in which he outlined what he means when he calls himself a “**democratic socialist.**” He assured his listeners that he did not advocate government ownership of the means of production. He said that he supported “private companies that thrive and invest and grow in America instead of shipping and jobs overseas.” And that “innovation, entrepreneurship, and success should be rewarded. But greed for the sake of greed is not something that public policy should support.” He insisted that he “merely” wanted the wealthy billionaires, the “one-percenters,” to pay their “fair share,” with the belief that if they were taxed sufficiently high then it would be able to finance all the other good things that he would like to see every American have. **So besides a clear desire for a form of *regulatory socialism* that would see to it that private businesses did not “ship” jobs and profits overseas, and a *fiscal socialism* that would use the tax code to redistribute wealth from that supposed “one-percent,” what does Bernie Sanders mean by “democratic socialism”?** His playbook, it turns out, is Franklin D. Roosevelt’s New Deal of the 1930s and FDR’s 1944 call for an “Economic Bill of Rights.” In the 1930s, Franklin Roosevelt pushed through Social Security legislation, introduced the first federal minimum wage law and tax-funded unemployment insurance, and implemented federal job programs......[READ MORE](#)



*“The state — or, to make matters more concrete, the government — consists of a gang of men exactly like you and me. They have, taking one with another, no special talent for the business of government; they have only a talent for getting and holding office. Their principal device to that end is to search out groups who pant and pine for something they can’t get, and to promise to give it to them. Nine times out of ten that promise is worth nothing. The tenth time it is made good by looting ‘A’ to satisfy ‘B’. In other words, **government is a broker in pillage, and every election is a sort of advanced auction on stolen goods.**” - H. L. Mencken*

**Henry Louis Mencken** was a journalist/critic a century ago, and I love this quote. As noted here, all politicians are auctioneers promising to deliver stolen (taxpayer) goods to their constituents. Col. Sanders is peddling the same **FDR** socialism from the **1930s**, and all collectivist schemes result in the loss of liberty and freedom. As **Ronald Reagan** clearly stated: As government increases, liberty decreases. **Here is the very speech from FDR's State of the Union in January 11, 1944:**

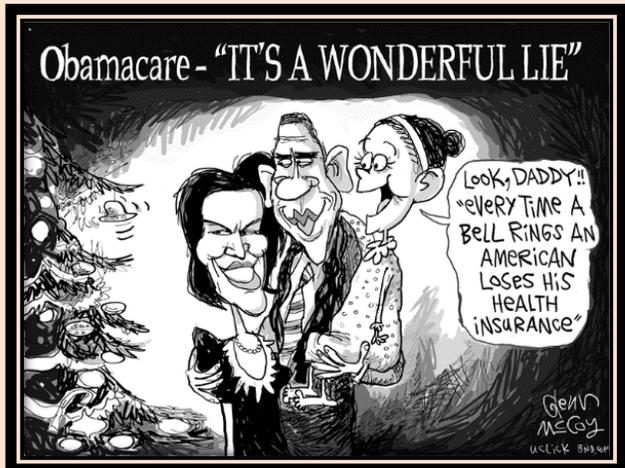
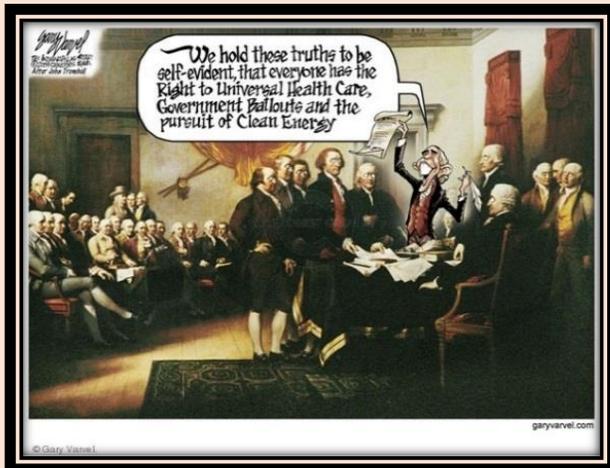
## FDR & the *Economic Bill of Rights*

“In our day these economic truths have become accepted as self-evident. We have accepted, so to speak, a **Second Bill of Rights** under which a new basis of security and prosperity can be established for all regardless of station, race, or creed.” **Among these are:**

- The right to a useful and remunerative **job** in the industries or shops or farms or mines of the Nation;
- The right to earn enough to provide adequate **food and clothing and recreation**;
- The right of every farmer to raise and sell his products at a return which will give him and his family a **decent living**;
- The right of every businessman, large and small, to trade in an atmosphere of freedom from unfair competition and domination by monopolies at home or abroad;
- The right of every family to a **decent home**;
- The right to **adequate medical care** and the opportunity to achieve and **enjoy good health**;
- The right to adequate protection from the economic fears of old age, sickness, accident, and **unemployment**;
- The right to a **good education**.

“Each and every one of us has a solemn obligation under God to serve this Nation in its most critical hour—to keep this Nation great—to make this Nation greater in a better world.”

So the theme to *Make America Great* is really not that new, and we are simply seeing the same old ideas rolled out for the past century. As **Margaret Thatcher** said, the problem with socialism is that you always run out of other people's money. And we know that free things really aren't that free, as millions are discovering with Obamacare. According to the Urban Institute, the so-called Affordable Care Act now consumes **10%** of people's annual income and **21%** of those above the poverty level. Despite low subsidized premiums there is never talk about the \$6,000 deductibles and so on.....



It is simply not the proper role of government to promise everybody a decent job, home, recreation, food, clothing, health care and education. This is why we have an institutionalized welfare system since **WWII** that is literally bankrupting our nation. The progressive Left has an agenda to expand the welfare state to the point of fiscal and economic collapse – and it is known as the **Cloward-Piven** strategy from the **1960s**. These Columbia University professors proposed to destroy the social order so they could impose their collectivist ideology to fundamentally transform our country into a Third World hellhole. This strategy seems to be working as our nation deindustrializes (like Detroit) and structural unemployment is the new normal. The recent Powerball frenzy was a good example of the despair and hopelessness across our land. It is in this political environment that demagogues rise to prominence, and this helps explain the popularity of Trump and Sanders. “Trump’s unexpected and sustained popularity has, at least in part, been fueled by his appeal to a voting bloc that seems to be emerging,” says the *Washington Post*, “blue-collar workers without college degrees who are slightly younger than the traditional Republican voter. Many say they haven’t cared about politics until now, as they flock to Trump rallies like groupies to a rock concert, read his books, buy his products, quote his jokes and follow his social-media accounts.” King Trump has dominated the polls and debates.



Why is Trump resonating with the electorate? Apart from his celebrity star power, he is saying things that are politically incorrect with some common sense. He wants border control and immigration reform, tax reform, Social Security reform, trade reform, welfare reform, energy reform and military buildup. He is pro 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment and says that climate change is a hoax, Obamacare and Common Core should be abolished and states should decide issues like gay marriage and so on. He has even compared **Bill Clinton** to serial rapist **Bill Cosby**, which is essentially *correct*. But his attempt to reform the welfare state will doom his campaign. Why? As the last two elections have proven, the **Cloward-Piven** entitlement strategy is now fully entrenched in the USSA...and these people *do* vote!

### [Two-Party Political Paradigm: No Difference](#)

**This link** is a 4-minute clip you have to see from both debates to see there is no real difference from either party. **Rand Paul** is not to be found, because he is a Constitutionalist as depicted by my friend **Ben Garrison** with his excellent political cartoons. Sadly, very little is being said about the global economic crisis that is gripping people with fear as we drift into **2016**. **Consider this headline:**

# Stock Market Crash 2016: *This Is the Worst Start to A Year for Stocks Ever!*

*theeconomiccollapseblog.com / By Michael Snyder / January 7th, 2016*

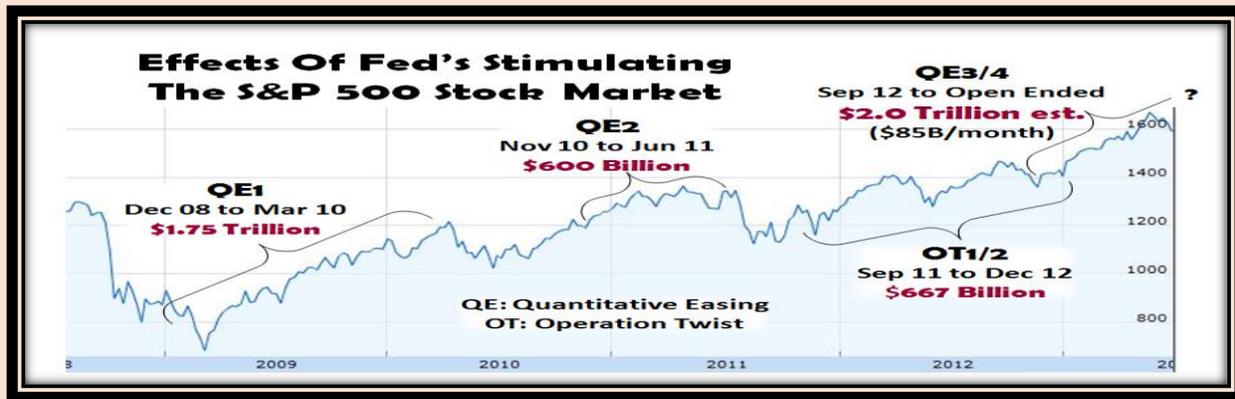


**We have never had a year start the way that 2016 has started.** In the U.S., the Dow Jones Industrial Average and the S&P 500 have both posted their worst four-day starts to a year ever. Canadian stocks are now down **21 percent** since September, and it has been an absolute bloodbath in Europe over the past four days. Of course the primary catalyst for all of this is what has been going on in China. There has been an emergency suspension of trading in China **two times within the past four days**, and nobody is quite certain what is going to happen next. Eventually this wave of panic selling will settle down, but that won't mean that this crisis will be over. In fact, what is coming is going to be much worse than what we have already seen. On Thursday I was doing a show with some friends, and we were amazed that stocks just seemed to keep falling and falling and falling. The Dow closed down 392 points, and the NASDAQ got absolutely slammed. **At this point, the Dow and the NASDAQ are both officially in "correction territory", and some of the talking heads on television are warning that this could be the beginning of a "bear market". But of course some of the other "experts" are insisting that this is just a temporary bump in the road.** But what everyone can agree on is that we have never seen a start to a year like this one. The latest scare came on Thursday as China's stock market crashed 7% overnight and crude oil plummeted to the lowest level in more than 12 years. The Dow dropped 392 points on Thursday. The S&P 500 fell 2.4%, while the Nasdaq tumbled 3%. The wave of selling has knocked the Dow down **911 points**, or more than 5% so far this year. **That's the worst four-day percentage loss to start a year on record**, according to FactSet stats that go back to 1897.....[READ MORE](#)

This headline is from a few weeks ago, and global stocks have now lost a stunning **\$16 trillion** in market cap! According to the following article and clip, stocks are overvalued by **80%** just like **1929**, and the 6-minute video by **David Buckner** compares the US to the German Republic in **1921-1924**:

## **[Economists Warn of 80% Drop in Stock Market!](#)**

In Buckner's analysis the only thing that sustains markets and fractional reserve banking is **trust and confidence**, and I totally agree. Unfortunately, global investors are too trusting and **\$200 trillion** in capital markets are at risk as noted by [THIS](#) insightful article by **Dave Kranzler**. Dave notes that most investors are "clueless" and don't understand the need to hedge in precious metals in this era of central bank QE, mischief and manipulations. Now, even the banksters are admitting their crimes!!

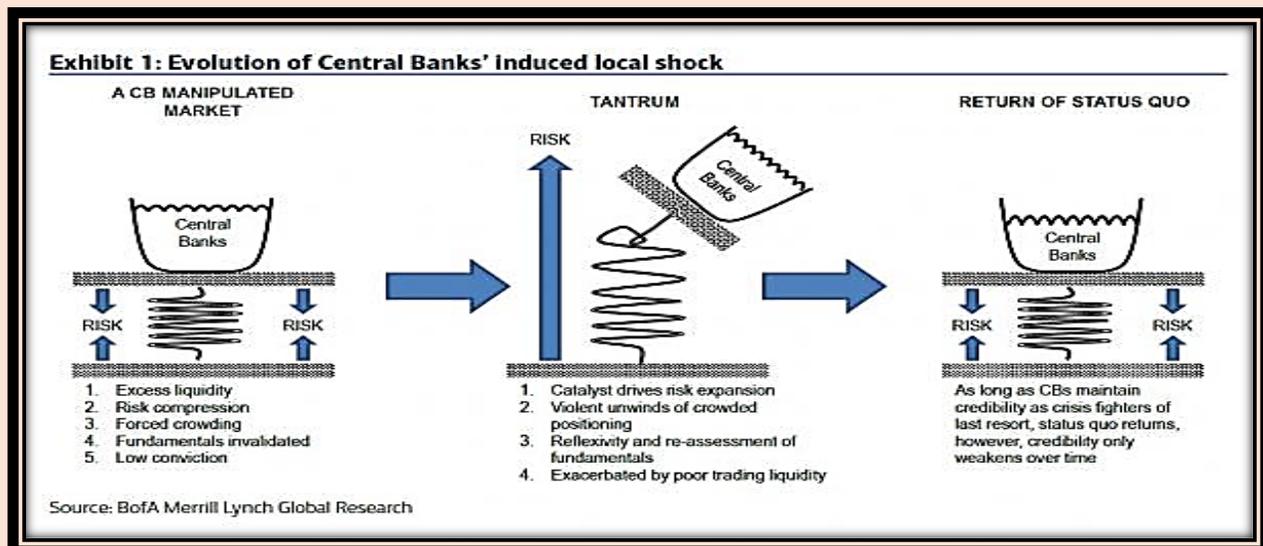


## Even The Big Banks Now Admit It: "This Is How the Fed's 'Massive Manipulation' Broke The Market"

Submitted by [Tyler Durden](#) on 12/28/2015 10:16 -0500

Here is **Bank of America's** head of global equity derivatives research, Benjamin Bowler, with a piece slamming the massively manipulated "market" that seven years of global central bank intervention has created, and a simple schematic which demonstrates just how broken everything is, and why one should expect many, many more such freak-outs in the future. From the BOA:

*Essentially central banks, by unfairly inflating asset prices have compressed risk like a spring to unfairly tight levels. Unfortunately, the market is aware the price of risk is not correct, but they can't fight it, and everyone is forced to crowd into the same trade. By manipulating markets they have also reduced investors' inherent conviction by rendering fundamentals less relevant. ....The unwinds from these crowded positions are violent, but almost equally violent in some cases are the reversals, which are driven from investors crowding back in when they realize central banks are still there providing protection. [See below]..... [READ MORE..](#)*

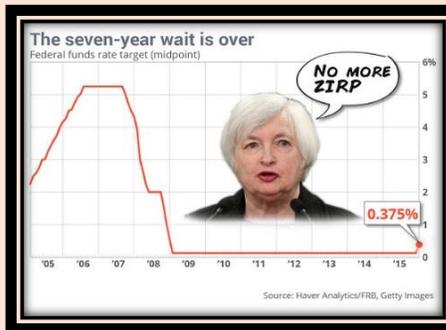
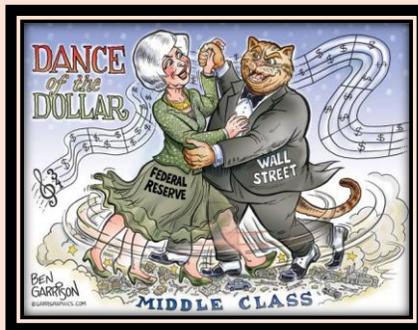


**Did you get this?** As illustrated, the central banksters minimize market risk (compress like a spring) to deceive investors that things are fine so they “crowd” into Wall Street, but when investors get spooked it causes a “tantrum” and the central banksters have to compress the market risk spring again to inspire....you got it, **confidence**. As the above article concludes by the Bank of America’s head of global equity research, “From this vantage point, it becomes clear that the biggest visible risk to financial markets is a loss of **confidence**.” Now that should make you feel better huh? Perhaps the former Dallas Fed President, **Richard Fischer**, is a little more forthright in a speech this month:

*“What The Fed did, and I was part of it, was front-loaded an enormous rally market rally [since 2009] in order to create a wealth effect... and an uncomfortable digestive period is likely now.”*

I suspect the good bankster would not make this “confession” if he still had his expensive office in Dallas, and now we all have to suffer financial indigestion thanks to his front-loading tactics. On **CNBC**, he even went further and stated, “The Fed is a giant weapon that has no ammunition left.” And this comment is very similar to what the **Bank of International Settlements (BIS)** said last summer regarding the need to raise interest rates in order to have some bullets to fight the next financial crisis (that they create). In the **BIS Annual Report** they stress the need to raise interest rates, because “more normal conditions will also be essential for facing the next recession, which will no doubt materialize at some point. Of what use is a gun with no bullets left?” asks the report. Yes indeed, we need to boost rates and lock and load the fiat printing machines. Last month, **Grandma Yellen** raised the funds rate by .25 basis points. It was tiny, but after **80** months of **ZIRP** it was a capitulation to market expectations after seven years of market intervention (easy money).

## Market Intervention & *Fed Capitulation*



In his usual irreverent manner, **David Stockman** mocks the Fed and their “gingerly, market-pleasing” rate hike in December. He further denigrates the Fed because “they operate in what amounts to the pseudo-scientific realm of economic policy numerology. Their model can be reduced to a voodoo style formula expressed as “**2, 3, 4, 5**” – that would be **2%** inflation, **3%** real growth, **4%** normalized Federal funds and **5%** unemployment. Any difference between those targets and current readings is defined as “slack” or performance shortfall that the **12** apostles on the **FOMC** have been mandated to close; and to do so with the blunt force instruments of money market rate pegging, yield curve repression (that’s what **QE** is) and wealth effects levitation of financial asset prices.”

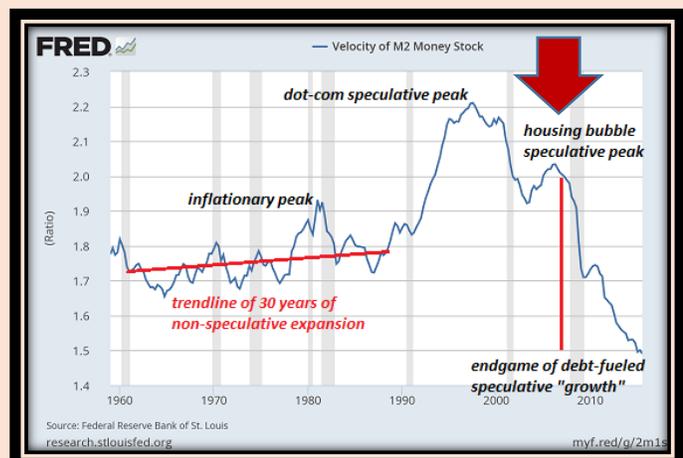
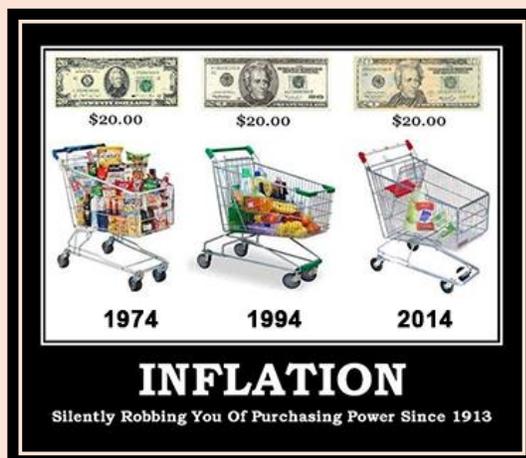
**Stockman** is spot on, and the notion that central planners in DC can provide full employment is a bridge too far. This provision was added by the **Humphrey-Hawkins Act of 1977**, and is another demonstration of collectivist ideology and social engineering by the central planners. The Fed will never succeed with their supposed mandates, and **Alasdair MacLeod** explains why.

# Why the Fed will *Never Succeed*

By Alasdair Macleod, *GoldMoney Insights* December 24, 2015

The Fed will never succeed in its attempt to manage inflation and unemployment by varying interest rates. This is because it and its economists do not accept the relationship between, on one side, the money it creates and the bank credit its commercial banks issue out of thin air, and on the other the disruption unsound money causes in the economy. This has been going on since the Fed was created, which makes the question as to whether the Fed was right to raise interest rates recently irrelevant. Furthermore, it's not just the American people who are affected by the Fed's monetary management, because **the Fed's actions affect nearly everyone on the planet.** The Fed does not even admit to having this wider responsibility, except to the extent that it might have an impact on the US economy. That the Fed thinks it is only responsible to the American people for its actions when they affect all nations is an abrogation of its duty as issuer of the reserve currency to the rest of the world, and it is therefore not surprising that the new kids on the block, such as China, Russia and their Asian friends, are laying plans to gain independence from the US dollar system. The absence of comment from other central banks on this important subject should also worry us, because they appear to be acting as mute supporters for the Fed's group-think... [READ MORE.](#)

Economists and central banksters fail to see the malinvestment and collateral damage that central planning inflicts on the domestic and global economy. **Dr. Gary North** flat out says that mainstream economists and Fed bureaucrats are “economic imbeciles” in his [LATEST](#) article. “The Keynesians have this slogan says North, ‘I’m from the government, and I’m here to help you.’ The entire case for Keynesianism is based on this slogan.” This is the arrogance of central planning and mainly why **Senator Rand Paul** called to [Audit the Fed](#) earlier this month (HR24, S264), and this bill failed in the Senate. “Clearly, said Paul. “the country needs to understand fully the extent of the Fed’s balance sheet: what it holds and from whom it was acquired, as well as *all* of the Fed’s other activities and conceivably even more dangerous shenanigans afoot. We can’t really know what we don’t know until we look. We owe it to the ‘swindled futurity’ of the next generation to take a long, hard look through a full and independent audit of the Fed.” In addition to dangerous shenanigans and producing market volatility the greatest crime committed by the Fed is the hidden inflation tax that has silently been robbing our nation since 1913. Americans have been impoverished and nothing illustrates this better than the massive drop in **money velocity** (the rate at which money changes hands in the real economy), and the drop in miserly wages in the US since the financial crisis of **2008**:



# 9 of 10 Largest Occupations *Pay Miserly Wages*

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Occupation	Employment	Average Wages		Median
		Hourly	Annual	Hourly
Retail salespersons	4,562,160	12.38	25,760	10.29
Cashiers	3,417,910	9.94	20,670	9.17
Combined food preparation and serving workers, including fast food	3,131,390	9.19	19,110	8.85
Office clerks, general	2,889,970	14.82	30,820	13.78
Registered nurses	2,687,310	33.55	69,790	32.04
Customer service representatives	2,511,130	16.29	33,890	15.00
Waiters and waitresses	2,445,230	10.40	21,640	9.01
Secretaries and administrative assistants, except legal, medical, and executive	2,207,220	16.59	34,500	15.98
Janitors and cleaners, except maids and housekeeping cleaners	2,137,730	12.24	25,460	10.98
Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand	2,400,490	13.07	27,180	11.74

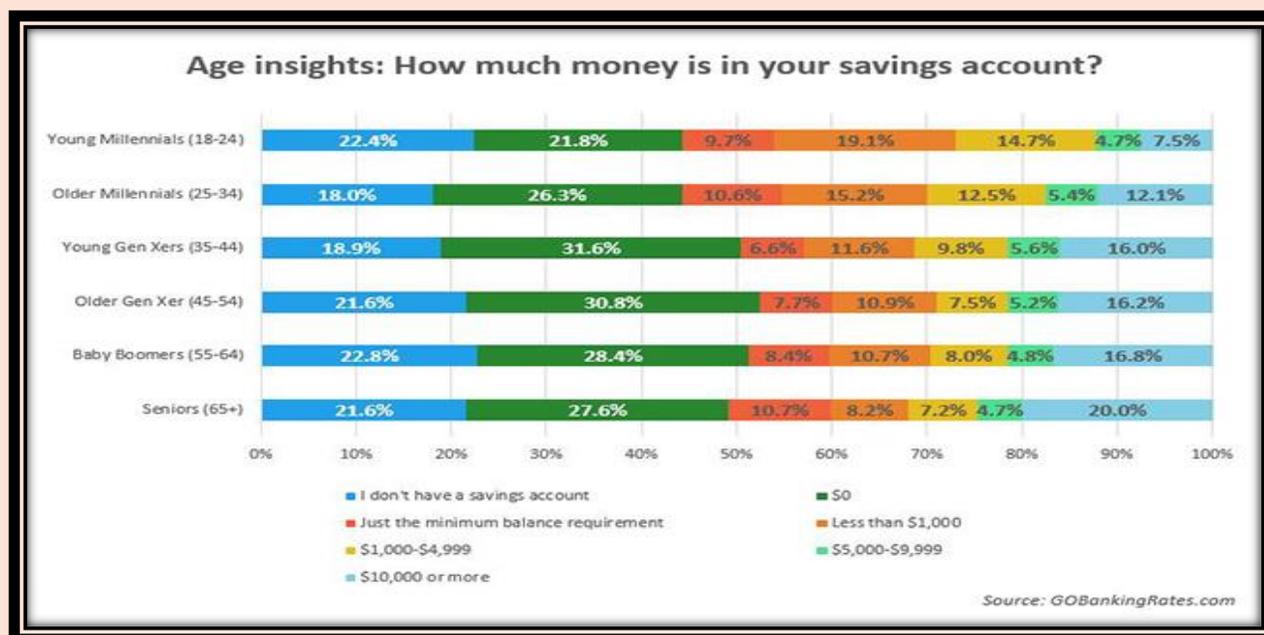
Of the 10 largest occupations in the United States, only one – registered nurse – makes more than the national average when it comes to all U.S. jobs. Nurses make \$69,790 annually while the average US worker makes only \$47,230 according to the [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#). The bureau’s Occupational Employment Statistics program provides employment and wage estimates for more than 800 occupations nationwide. More Americans worked as retail salespersons or cashiers than in any other job, accounting for about 6 percent of total U.S. employment.....[READ MORE](#)

As indicated above, our so-called **Great Economic Recovery** is being fueled by the impoverished middle class serving tables, bartending, retailing, pushing paper and cleaning toilets. To make matters worse, a recent [REPORT](#) notes that most Americans are only one paycheck away from being on the street, and this following **article and chart** reveals the severity of our times. According to this new research, nearly 2/3rds of the American population have either no savings, minimum deposits or less than \$1,000 in savings. As you can see in the **chart below**, only one third of Americans have \$1,000 to \$10,000 in savings in their bank accounts. This is a shocking statistic and almost hard to believe as we continuously hear about the **Great Economic Recovery** in the US.

## Life on the Edge: Most Americans Have *Less than \$1,000 in Savings!*

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Americans are living right on the edge — at least when it comes to financial planning. Approximately 62% of Americans have less than \$1,000 in their savings accounts and 21% don’t even have a savings account, according to a new survey of more than 5,000 adults conducted this month by Google Consumer Survey for [personal finance website GOBankingRates.com](#). “It’s worrisome that such a large percentage of Americans have so little set aside in a savings account,” says Cameron Huddleston, a personal finance analyst for the site. “They likely don’t have cash reserves to cover an emergency and will have to rely on credit, friends and family, or even their retirement accounts to cover unexpected expenses.....[READ MORE](#)

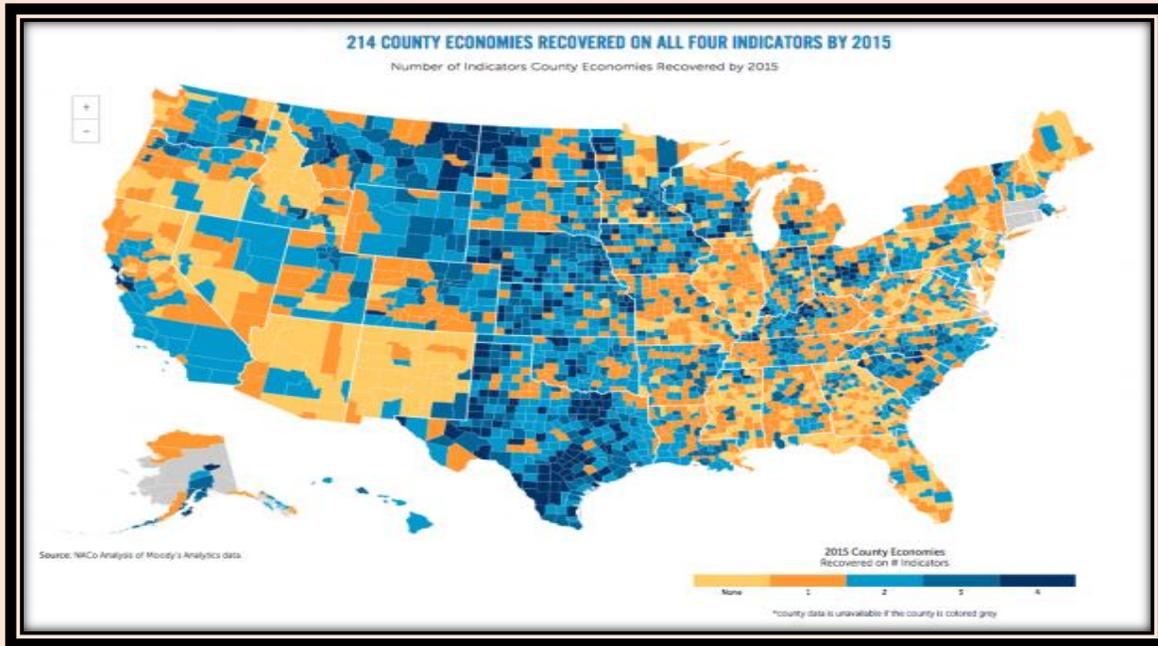


And to make matters even more considerably worse, the US now ranks 19<sup>th</sup> in median income and more than **50%** of our population receives government assistance and this same group has little or no preparation skills. Our national debt has doubled since Obama took office, labor participation is the lowest on record and **40** million students are trying to pay off \$1.2 trillion in loan debt. The average household has \$16,000 in credit card debt, and according to Credit Karma, **68%** of Americans have their credit ruined before they turn thirty. As mentioned earlier, the recent [Powerball Lottery](#) is a clear indication of people's desperation. In his dystopian novel *1984*, **George Orwell** noted how "The Lottery, with its weekly pay-out of enormous prizes, was the one public event to which the proles paid serious attention." He said for most it was their "only reason for remaining alive." This speaks to our times and the following data and chart reveals the cruel hoax that the US is experiencing any kind of an economic recovery, with **93%** of the country in a recession/depression!

## **93% Of American Counties *Haven't* Recovered from The Recession**

Submitted by Tyler Durden, 01/12/2016, [www.zerohedge.com](http://www.zerohedge.com)

**Supposedly, the Fed's decision to hike rates last month conveyed something about the strength of the US economy. "I think the economy is on the road to recovery," diminutive Chairwoman Yellen told the Economic Club of Washington two weeks before liftoff.** "We're doing well," she added, for good measure. Now first, the idea that we're "on the road" to recovery is a bit disconcerting in and of itself. After all, it's not as if the crisis happened last year. We're talking about recovering from something that happened eight long years ago. If we're not there yet, one would be forgiven for suggesting that we're not ever going to get there. **But even as the macro picture is hopelessly obscured by the mischievous tinkering of bureaucrats, the county-level data reveals the dismal truth: according to a new study by the [National Association of Counties](#), 93% of America's counties have not yet recovered from the recession.**



**In this chart**, the worst counties are in yellow and this is also a strong indicator that the velocity of money has collapsed to the lowest levels ever. With the global economy doing so poorly it is having a direct effect on tax receipts and the **economic central planners** are pushing very hard for a cashless society, and this fits right into Bible prophecy and receiving a government “mark” (Rev. 13:16-18).

## The World’s First Cashless Society Is Here – A *Totalitarian’s Dream Come True!*



 **CASEY RESEARCH** [caseyresearch.com](http://caseyresearch.com) / Nick Giamb Bruno / November 27, 2015

**Editor’s Note:** Your wealth and privacy could be collateral damage in a war you probably haven’t heard of until now... In this special edition of the *Casey Daily Dispatch*, our colleague Nick Giamb Bruno, editor of [Crisis Speculator](#), explains how central planners around the globe are waging this hidden war and what you should do to protect yourself. **Central planners around the world are waging a War on Cash. In just the last few years:**

- Italy made cash transactions over €1,000 illegal;
- Switzerland proposed banning cash payments in excess of 100,000 francs;
- Russia banned cash transactions over \$10,000;
- Spain banned cash transactions over €2,500;
- Mexico made cash payments of more than 200,000 pesos illegal;
- Uruguay banned cash transactions over \$5,000; and
- France made cash transactions over €1,000 illegal, down from the previous limit of €3,000.

The War on Cash is a favorite pet project of the economic central planners. They want to eliminate hand-to-hand currency so that governments can document, control, and tax everything. **This is why they're lowering the threshold for mandatory reporting of cash transactions and, in some instances, simply making it illegal to pay cash.** In the U.S., central planners ratchet up the War on Cash every time the government declares a made-up war on something else...a war on crime, a war on drugs, a war on poverty, a war on terror... They all end with more government intrusion into your financial affairs. Thanks to these made-up wars, the U.S. government is imposing an increasing number of regulations on cash transactions. Try withdrawing more than \$10,000 in cash from your bank. They'll treat you like a criminal or terrorist. The Federal Reserve is at the center of the War on Cash. Its weapons are inflation and control over the currency denominations.....[READ MORE](#)

The **War on Cash** has been going on for some time now, and their agenda is picking up momentum. As of this month, citizens in **Greece** have to declare more than €15,000 euro in cash being held outside the banking system and report it to tax authorities (Taxisnet). This even includes jewelry, valuables and any cash held in safety deposit boxes. **JP Morgan Chase** now prohibits cash in safety deposit boxes. This week, **Norway's** largest bank **DNB** announced plans to eliminate cash and in favor of electronic digital cash and most of their branches use no cash. **DNB** said, "eliminating the use of cash would cut down on black market sales and crimes such as money laundering." Uh huh. Black market as in cash transactions that are not taxed. "Few places are tilting toward a cashless future as quickly as **Sweden**," says the *NY Times*, "which has become hooked on the convenience of paying by app and plastic." So convenient. So easy. So modern! *So deceptive and evil my friends.*

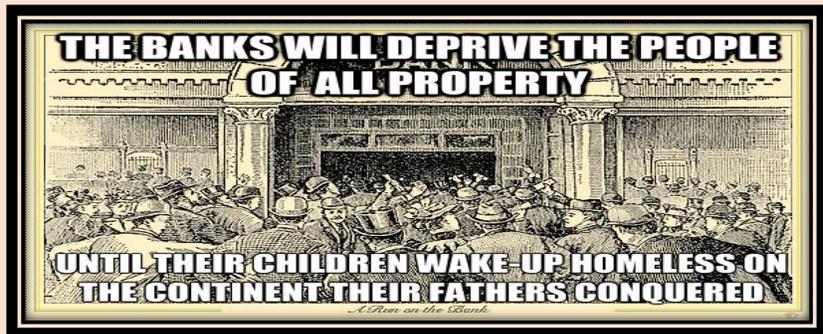
The world is moving towards a cashless monetary system and its concomitant positive ID to conduct digital transactions. In addition to eliminating all financial privacy, another prime reason for going cashless is to force people into the banking system to introduce negative interest rates (*NIRP*) so that governments can service their huge national debts. This concept has been endorsed by economists **Kenneth Rogoff** and **Willem Buiter**. Last summer I wrote a [newsletter](#) on this topic (6/13/15), and the following is an excerpt that puts this agenda into perspective. Consider this:

[According to **Kenneth Rogoff** at [THIS LINK](#), if rates go negative people will *withdraw money* from the banking system. He said, "It is precisely the existence of paper currency that makes it difficult for central banks to take policy interest rates much below a zero." His solution? "Getting rid of physical currency and replacing it with electronic money would eliminate the **zero bound** on policy interest rates that has handcuffed central banks since the financial crisis. At present, if central banks try setting rates too far below zero, *people will start bailing out into cash.*"

**Did you get that?** He is talking about the need to herd people into the banking system so they cannot remove their money! The movement toward a **cashless society** is not new, but now it is coming into sharper focus that historic levels of debt – and the need to impose *negative* interest rates – will be

used by the central banksters to concentrate more power. As a recent **London** article put it, “The introduction of a cashless society empowers central banks greatly. A cashless society, after all, not only makes things like negative interest rates possible, it transfers absolute control of the money supply to the central bank.” Recently, **Willem Buiter**, chief economist at **Citigroup**, has joined **Rogoff** in calling for a cashless society to impose negative interest rates. Of course, people will start bailing out into cash (even better into gold and silver) if rates *go negative!*

All of this is fitting into a **prophetic matrix** when people cannot “buy or sell” unless they have a “mark” issued by the government as predicted in the **Bible** (Rev. 13:11-18). Will people go for this? In a study done by **Visa** in Australia, **25%** indicated they are interested in “having a chip implanted in their skin that could be used for payments.” You can read more at [THIS LINK](#) from the appropriately named website – *The Daily Sheeple*, and I also cover this in my book.]



**Thomas Jefferson** said he feared banking institutions more than standing armies because of the threat they pose to life, liberty and property (see quote above). But our **Founding Fathers** never could have envisioned a day like this. Former Fed bankster **Ben Bernanke** has encouraged the idea of flushing out cash and **NIRP** policy, of course. The greatest threat to our fractional reserve monetary system is **bank runs**. That is, the freedom for people to remove their cash from the system. The banksters want to prevent this from happening, and now their evil agenda is becoming clear. As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 the EU has adopted new regulations for bank bail-ins to recapitalize failed banks using depositors cash. Is this only for Europe? No. The **Dodd-Frank Bill of 2010** (Section 716) prohibits taxpayers bailing-out the banksters and this allows banks to redefine depositors as “unsecured creditors” that will receive Class A bank stock for their cash. How do you like that clever idea? Right. I didn’t think so. I invite you to **click this link below** for a brief overview of this new threat to your money:

## [War on Cash, NIRP and Bank Bail-Ins by Ellen Brown](#)



What is happening in the world today is a deliberate attempt by government central planners, central banksters and globalists to front-run “the collapse of the international monetary system” as **James Rickards** has subtitled his book *The Death of Money*. Rickards sees a “monetary reset” coming and it will likely enhance a new global settlement scheme (*SDR*), as I have covered in my book. The central planners, banksters and globalists are bluffing that they can really manage or forecast the global economy and fiscal policy. As **Alan Greenspan** recently confessed, “We really can’t forecast all that well, and yet we pretend that we can, but we really can’t.” How’s that for a confidence builder? What we can expect in **2016** is more and more market chaos and volatility. Neither the politicians or banksters can forecast what **Ludwig von Mises** called *Human Action* (his *magnum opus* published in 1949). All they can do is anticipate a global financial reckoning day, and this means that they are trying to control your financial freedom and privacy as noted in [THIS LINK](#).

## The Need for *Wealth Insurance* in 2016



We have a saying in the precious metals industry that you don’t buy fire insurance after your financial house is on fire. Makes sense, right? In light of all the above it is rather urgent that you acquire precious metals bullion, or add to what you already have at *artificially discounted prices* that have no relationship to the physical laws of supply and demand. In a recent article by [GATA.org](#) (1/12/16), gold fund manager **John Hathaway** exposed the criminal suppression of metals by the use of paper derivatives (futures contracts at Comex in NY) to naked short the gold and silver index. In other words, the paper price for metals does not reflect the physical market and historic demand. **Hathaway** is correct that all financial markets have been distorted and manipulated and at some point there will be a capitulation from all the excessive money creation since **2008**:

*"We believe that when clarity returns, the financial markets of recent years will be unmasked to have been a **comprehensive manipulation made possible by the alchemy of transforming real assets into hyperactively traded derivatives, exchange-traded products, and financial benchmarks**. The process was funded by excessive money creation of radical central banking. The unprecedented growth of systemic liquidity has outpaced the availability of real assets such as bonds, equities, and commodities to invest in. The financial industry has responded to the need by creating 'products' that were several steps removed from the underlying assets and the industry earned substantial fees in so doing. **Being disconnected from reality, these 'products' have been more easily subjected to price manipulation than the underlying assets, and therefore have served as effective policy levers for central bankers to distort reality to achieve their objectives.**"*

**Hathaway** concludes, "We believe that the stage has been set for a *significant repricing* of gold in all currencies, including the US dollar. Ownership of physical gold outside of the financial system

seems to make more sense than ever. Gold-mining equities, which have been severely depressed by the four-year decline in the gold price, should also participate. We believe that a trend reversal could prove explosive for the entire precious metals complex (gold and silver)."

**Will gold and silver prices be explosive in the future?** You had better believe it, and China is moving into position to challenge the fraudulent price mechanism in NY and London. I have written about this many times in the past and now we are near the launch of a yuan-denominated benchmark set to open in April of this year. Have you heard about this? I didn't think so and this comes from the folks at the **Gold Anti-Trust Action Committee** (GATA). China has been buying most of the gold from the West and they have a vested interest in forcing genuine price discovery for the yellow metal. I will be reporting on this throughout the year and it is something to be watching.

## Foreign Banks in China Could Face Curbs if they Snub *New Gold Benchmark*

*gata.org / By A. Ananthalakshmi / Tuesday, January 5, 2015*



**China has warned foreign banks it could curb their operations in the world's biggest bullion market if they refuse to participate in the planned launch of a yuan-denominated benchmark price for the metal, sources said.** The world's top producer and consumer of gold has been pushing to be a **price-setter** for bullion as part of a broader drive to boost its influence on global markets. Derived from a contract to be traded on the state-run **Shanghai Gold Exchange, the Chinese benchmark is set to launch in April, potentially denting the relevance of the current global standard, the U.S. dollar-denominated London price.** China needs the support of foreign banks, especially those that import gold into the mainland, but they could be wary given the global scrutiny on benchmarks following the manipulation of Libor rates in the foreign exchange market. Banks with import licenses will face "some action" if they do not participate in the benchmark, said a source who did not want to be named as he was not authorized to speak to media. ....[READ MORE](#)

It is very important to note that the **SGE** is a *physical exchange* and they do not allow *paper futures* markets like the rigged casinos in the West. For all of China's malinvestment and bubbles they are smartly hedging against their own internal party policies that are causing risk in their capital markets. They are not alone as several central banks have been repatriating their gold holdings from **NY and London**, and this should tell you quite a bit if the banksters themselves are hedging against their own debt bubbles and worthless fiat currency. A classic case of **Gresham's Law**.

It is a good time to get some genuine wealth insurance with gold and silver. **Pater Tenebrarum** is a veteran analyst and astute economist posting at [www.acting-man.com](http://www.acting-man.com) and in a [RECENT](#) article on the **Fed** funds rate he provided this rather pertinent observation:

*Our assessment is that one simply cannot afford to ignore the fact that gold provides insurance against a potential blow-up of the global fiat money and debt bubble – regardless of its near to medium term price performance. Its performance is in any case only negative in USD terms – in no other currency can gold be deemed to be in a significant bear market. In fact, as we have recently pointed out, it is already making [new all time highs in some fiat currencies](#). Gold's characteristic as a hedge/insurance against the consequences of policymaker machinations has recently gained additional importance in light of the fact that the echo bubble is clearly [fraying at the edges](#) already. **Sooner or later there will be another full-blown crisis, at which point gold ownership will definitely be of great advantage.** It is often said that the only certainties in life are death and taxes, but that is not quite true. There is another apodictic certainty: **all booms driven by credit expansion will eventually blow up.***

The **McKinsey Institute** estimates that the world has added another **\$60** trillion in global debt since 2008, and this credit expansion is getting ready to blow up. In this unfolding scenario commodity expert **Doug Casey** was asked how high the price of gold could go. “[A guess? I'll say the equivalent of about \\$5,000 an ounce of today's dollars.](#) And I feel pretty good about that number, considering how shaky the world financial situation is, and that we are – I believe – about to enter another gold bull market. **Classic bull markets have three stages.** We're still in the “Stealth” stage – when few people even remember gold exists, and those who do mock the idea of owning it. Next, we'll enter the “Wall of Worry” stage, when people notice it and the bulls and bears battle back and forth. At some point, we'll enter the “Mania” stage – when everybody, including governments, is buying gold, out of greed and fear. But also out of prudence.”

We are currently in the **second stage** of this bull market, and according to the US Mint it has been another record year for gold and silver demand. Last year the US Mint sold 801,500 oz. of American Gold Eagles for a **53%** increase year over year. Will gold hit **\$5,000** an ounce? I think it is likely to be higher. The current ratio of silver to gold oz. is **77:1** and an historical norm of **15:1** would suggest \$77 silver today. At **\$5,000** it would be over **\$300** an ounce. Here is a recent headline:

## ***Silver to Lead Gold in 2016***

*Stewart Thomson, Tuesday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, <http://www.silverseek.com/print/15168>*

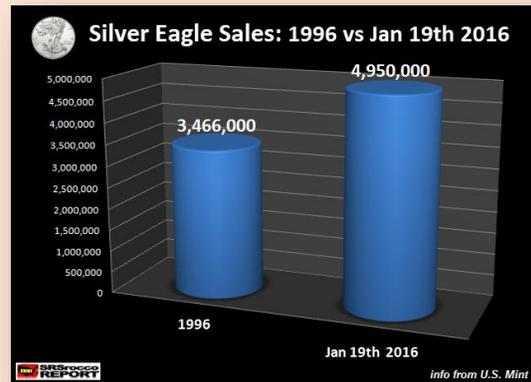
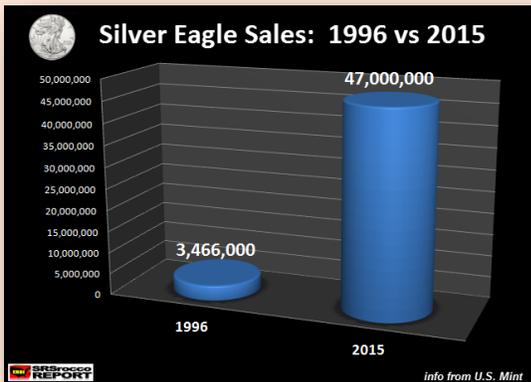
At the link above, the writer provides **24 reasons** why silver will lead gold in **2016**. Another headline below states a few reasons why silver could break **\$50** this year, that would be a current **30:1** ratio.

## ***Three Reasons Why Silver Can Hit \$50 in 2016***

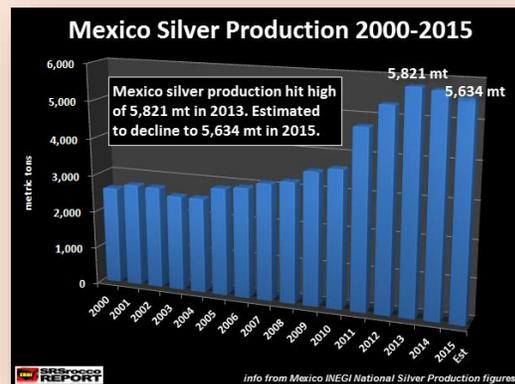
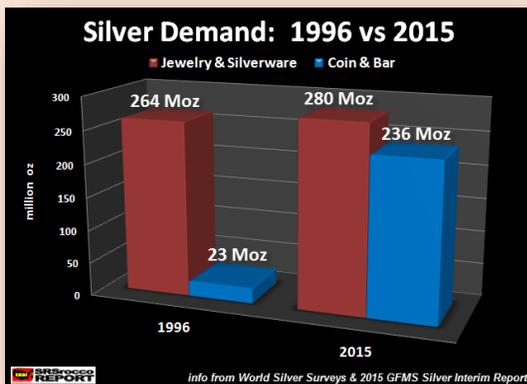
*<http://www.brotherjohnf.com/3-reasons-silver-can-hit-50-in-2016/>, January 5, 2016*

Among the reasons cited are record demand, lower supply and the failure for price suppression at the **Crimex** as market volatility due to these fundamentals. No other commodity or asset class has been so routinely rigged as the silver price. Why is this? Whereas the central banksters have gold hoards (since The Gold Act of 1900), they typically have *no silver*. It is for this reason they must intervene in the paper futures market and recklessly (obviously) suppress the price index. **Don't be fooled.**

**The following charts are all you need to know about silver investing.** Last year smart investors grabbed up a record 47,000,000 ounces of American Silver Eagles at the US Mint. Worldwide the demand exceeded 250,000,000 ounces of silver bars and coins, and this pace continues. Compare this figure to 87,000,000 sold in 2009. Now consider these two charts below. The US Mint sold 3,466,000 ounces of Silver Eagles *in all of 1996 compared to 47 million in 2015!* This is **13.5** times more Silver Eagles sold last year than 1996, and we are on pace for another record year.



As impressive as these figures are, consider the fact that the US Mint has now sold more Silver Eagles in the *first few weeks* of **2016** than all of **1996**, as seen on **the right**. That is correct. This chart does not tell the whole story. Sales for 2016 actually began on January 11<sup>th</sup> and this chart is from the 19<sup>th</sup>, so in just *six (6) working days* the US Mint sold **43%** more Silver Eagles than all of 1996!



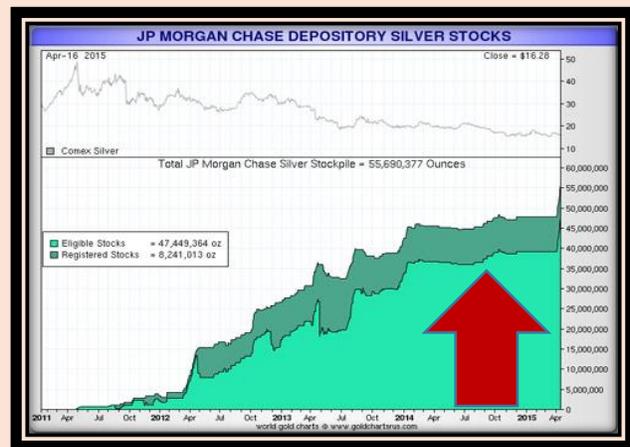
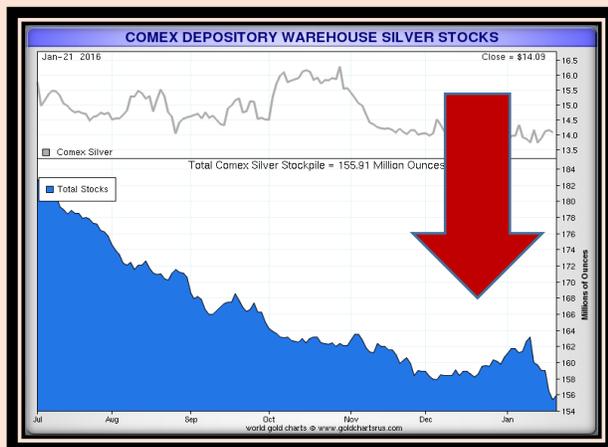
In the **above chart** you can see silver demand in 1996 (including scrap) compared to 2015, and the jump is substantial. The US Mint has announced their first weekly allocation of Silver Eagles for 2016, and the number is *quadruple* the amount for the last five (5) months of 2015! With prices so artificially low (like oil) investors are *stealthily* acquiring the white metal, but these distorted prices are *hurting* the silver mining sector as seen on **the right**. **Mexico** is the largest silver producer and they are showing decline, and it should be noted that **70%** of silver extraction is a by-product of copper mining and copper mining is in a major decline with futures trading around **\$2** a pound (down from **\$8**). **Dr. Copper** is sick and this is *extremely bullish* for silver with less available at the margin. So whether it is inflation or deflation, silver has much more upside potential than gold.

So this does beg the question, why is there so much demand for silver? Put simply, people are scared. Warren Buffett says there are only two emotions in the market – fear and greed. Right now people are getting fearful (cautious) as the central planners are losing control and people see a crisis coming, **a reckoning day** if you will. Silver is called the “poor man’s gold” so this is also contributing to the demand. But even the banksters see another crisis coming. Last year **Jamie Dimon**, CEO of **JP Morgan Chase** warned his shareholders that another crisis is coming. Does he know something we don’t know? I noted in my December [newsletter](#) that legendary silver analyst **Ted Butler** has exposed that **JP Morgan Chase** now has the largest silver hoard in the world with **400 million ounces**. This is almost *six months* of annual production! **Here is the link to hear all about it:**

## [JP Morgan Chase has 400 Million oz. Silver Hoard!](#)

As **Ted Butler** has documented, **JP Morgan Chase** is at the epicenter of naked shorting silver futures to criminally suppress the price, while they are also accumulating silver! As seen in these **two charts**, silver stocks at Crimex in NY are in sharp decline and **JP Morgan Chase** is adding to their vaults.

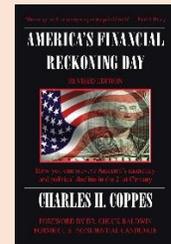
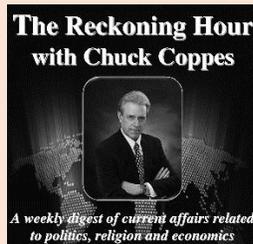
## Comex Depletion/JP Morgan Acquisition



**This looks more like a crime scene.** JP Morgan had a mere five million ounces in in **2011** and this chart indicates **69 million** in their Crimex vault alone. At [THIS LINK](#) Butler makes a compelling case that JP Morgan is illegally rigging the silver price and he cites the fact that he has not been sued for libel or slander by JP Morgan after leveling several charges to the board of JP Morgan, the CFTC and even the GAO. Their silence is *damning*. Their complicity is *obvious*. Their *clear intention* is to benefit to the upside and make **billions**. But you can’t blame them...they’re **banksters**.

**Summary and Conclusion.** The global monetary system and financial markets are vulnerable to major calamity. The entire bankster casino and collectivist politburo is a **confidence game**. Capital markets have lost trillions in “wealth effect” and paper assets are overvalued by as much as **80%**. As **Lord Keynes** said, “The markets can stay irrational longer than you can stay solvent.” The political class in America is a feckless bunch and their only skill is getting and holding office. They are not economist. They are not historians. They live in the moment and serve as auctioneers for the ignorant masses (proles). The majority of our population and counties are broke, and we have reached the **tipping point** in the social order where more than **50%** of our electorate receives government largess. This is the classic **Cloward-Piven-Lottery** mentality in the US and this trend will continue *in spades*.

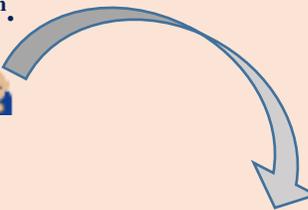
**John Adams** said “There are two ways to conquer and enslave a country. One is by the sword. The other is by debt.” The **progressive Left** in the US is working hard to destroy America and the **neoconservative Right** is doing very little about it. This is why I am a *political atheist* and hate *both* parties. We are a nation divided, and Jesus said a nation divided cannot stand (Mt. 12:25). Our political system has become a *confidence game* for those who put faith in the two-party paradigm. I have become as cynical as **H. L. Mencken**, and we invite you to listen to our weekly program *The Reckoning Hour* that can that can be heard every week at **4PM EST** at the following links.



Our weekly program covers current events as they relate to politics, religion and economics, as I also cover in my book. In a letter, **John Adams** once said, “Let us dare to read, think, speak and write.” Why did he say *dare*? Our **Founding Fathers** well understood tyranny, and we are descending into a new era of tyranny; but we must dare to speak out. The central banksters are proposing the ultimate form of tyranny with a cashless monetary system. Their end game is to exploit a monetary reset (of their making), yet they are prepping and hedging themselves with **precious metals**. How about you?

If my firm can assist you with delivery, storage or transfers into a Precious Metals IRA account you can contact us below for a no-obligation consultation. The Chinese smartly see a “repricing” of the metals (to quote Hathaway), and the end of this credit expansion will be “explosive” for metals. We invite you to check out our newly redesigned IDP website for 2016 that provides a comprehensive overview of our company, services and products. This ambitious project has delayed this January newsletter, and we appreciate your patience and feedback. Thanks for your business, encouragement and support and look for our next newsletter by **February 28<sup>th</sup>**.

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