## Weekly Update by Mark Armstrong - November 15, 2024

Greetings from Tyler,

I don't think we can even envision what lies just ahead in our immediate American future. Having listened to most of the Trump rallies, it's going to be a joyride. How long have we been quiet about this woke nonsense? (We haven't been quiet.) They've been introducing stuff we don't even want to know about, and making like we think it's fine. We are a long-suffering people. And we've been suffering forever, at least since the 80's. For young people, their entire lives. But our long journey to sanity might be just about over.

It's a similar feeling to when Ronald Reagan won the White House after four years of Jimmy Carter. Jimmy Cater humiliated the United States, and couldn't seem to make a right decision. Many years ago, I watched a documentary on the rescue mission for the hostages in Iran. It didn't turn out well, largely due to incompetence.

These protesters speak up and don't mind making fools of themselves in front of cameras. We just change the channel. But the way things have been going, they were going to bankrupt us and make our lives miserable with all their global-warming mandates. We have to bear the brunt of saving the planet while the most vile of polluters will get on board someday? We finally had enough.

The networks are nearly broke, ratings having collapsed since the Trump win. There were apparently some attempts to rig the election in various jurisdictions, and they all fell short. I guess some places they're still counting. "Too big to rig" may have been more than a rallying cry. There is evidence in some elections, where the loser suddenly catapulted. But it wasn't enough. Trump won anyway.

Elon Musk is being called "the guest who wouldn't leave." Apparently he's been staying at Mar-a-Lago and it's undoubtedly at Trump's request. Trump thinks he can use the guy's ideas and influence. After all, Musk cut Twitter's employee rolls by 70 percent when he bought it, and it still runs just fine, maybe better. Can you imagine if he makes recommendations for government departments along the same lines?

Have you seen the video of the booster rocket coming back to earth? I'm guessing the foremost rocket scientists around the world watched in awe. I have a feeling that they're watching the entire spectacle, wondering what comes next.

Ever heard of Matt Gatez? There's talk of making him Attorney General. Then there's Kash Patel, and his new prospective job is head of the F.B.I. Can you imagine the panic inside these departments? They better make sure their passports are in order. Who's Trump going to put in charge of abolishing the TSA, or am I getting ahead?

Suddenly the media is chasing scandal on most of Trump's picks for high office. Get used to it for as long as they're in business.

I don't know about everybody else, but we're walking on air around here. The media will undoubtedly try to dampen our moods with unfolding "scandals" on everyone who's been mentioned for high office. It's already started. But the media has been filling our heads with nonsense for years now. They think we're about to start believing them without homework? Dream on.

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