1st Quarter Wrap Up - News Trends & Stories - April 13th

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“Just when I thought I was out...they pull me back in.” ~ Michael Corleone, Godfather III

By Catherine Austin Fitts

The question we ask in our 1st Quarter Wrap Up is “Can a new administration preserve a prosperous

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economy without more debt, crime and war?” The question is steadily being answered with a resounding “No!”

The budget blueprint published by the President in March suggested that everyone would be pleased with more money – both the factions that want to keep the global empire going and the factions that want instead to rebuild American infrastructure and the core US Army – by simply throwing more money at the Department of Defense. The blueprint has no mention of the $11.5 trillion missing from the Department of Defense, including $6.5 trillion missing in fiscal 2015. Apparently, the new administration wants to continue the practice of spending money outside of Constitutional requirements and in violation of the laws related to financial management.

However, this imperial budget leaves no money for health care or, for that matter, for anything else. Expect the actual May budget submission to make for fascinating reading. Please read our 1st Quarter Wrap Up presentation on the Trump administration to understand the important issues – all of which the corporate media ignore.

This week Secretary of State Rex Tillerson reversed his position that Assad could stay, and the President ordered air strikes on Syria, claiming that Assad is responsible for alleged chemical weapons used in an attack on the rebel-held town of Khan Sheikhoun in Idlib Province of Syria on Tuesday.

[I’m with Ron Paul: There is zero chance that Assad would have used chemical weapons deliberately.]

Steve Bannon was removed from the National Security Council this week. Steve is the guy who
helped craft the inaugural message: “We will seek friendship and goodwill with the nations of the world – but we do so with the understanding that it is the right of all nations to put their own interests first. We do not seek to impose our way of life on anyone, but rather to let it shine as an example for everyone to follow.”

Moving onto the National Security Council as Bannon was exiting was Goldman Sachs partner Dina Powell, who had used her Arab heritage and language skills in the Bush administration to help Condoleeza Rice engineer Middle Eastern wars that have killed over 1,000,000 Arabs. Powell’s appointment followed the President’s meeting on Friday with Rice, now a partner in RiceHadleyGates, LLC.

At the same time, the President’s son-in-law Jared Kushner joined Marine General Joseph Dunford, the chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff in meetings with US military advisors in Iraq.

While ordering air strikes against Syria, President Trump described the inhumanity of using chemical weapons on one’s own people. He did not mention how the use of chemical weapons in US-sponsored global spraying, vaccines, and narcotics trafficking likely killed more Americans this week than numbered in any of the various alleged Syrian death counts. Although the use of chemical weapons in Syria, and Assad’s responsibility has not yet been documented or proved, the chemical assault of the American government on its own people has been documented and proven repeatedly. Millions of people voted for Trump in the hope that he would stop US government chemical assaults on the
American people.

Events in Syria likely have more to do with the EU approval last week of the Nordstrom pipeline with Russia than with our concern for the rights of the Syrian people. America is still using its post-9/11 strategy to make war on 7 countries as described by General Wesley Clark. With the approval of the Nordstrom pipeline, the feasibility of the Qatar-Turkey pipeline with transit through Syria becomes urgent. This is not just pipeline politics, however. The primacy of the US dollar as reserve currency depends on energy dominance.

However, President Trump would be wise to remember the words of General Colin Powell, “You break it, you own it.”

I will discuss these and other current events this week on Money & Markets. Dr. Joseph Farrell joins me for a discussion of News Trends & Stories for the 1st Quarter Wrap Up. Because we focused on the new administration last week, our focus this week is global markets and geopolitics as well as Science & Technology. We also discuss what inspired us the most these last three months.

Make sure to access the News Trends & Stories section of the 1st Quarter Wrap Up web presentation linked from your subscriber links in this commentary. Post and e-mail your questions for Ask Catherine.

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The Solari Team

Highlights from Last Week - 1st Quarter Wrap Up - The Clash of Civilizations
Our theme for the 2017 1st Quarter Wrap Up is “The Clash of Civilizations – Can a new administration preserve a prosperous economy without more debt, crime & war?”

Dr. Farrell joins me this week to discuss our theme. We assess the first 70 days of the Trump administration and the contradictions at the heart of the American economy,

Our web presentation comes complete with —

- Overview of the Washington DC financial ecosystem;
- People and profiles of the new administration;
- A presidential report card for the first 70 days;
- Top accomplishments;
- Top material omissions and stumbles;
- Recommendations; and,
- Links for Solari Report coverage of the Trump administration.

We will discuss the clash of civilizations happening in the Western world- and whether we will permit the destruction of the principles, values and laws that created the Western democracies and are the foundation of our prosperity.

Our goal is to help you see past the “shriek-o-meter” that is distracting the public and to provide you with critical insight regarding the real power and money issues driving events behind the scenes.

The following week, Dr. Farrell joins me again for an in-depth review of News Trends and Stories. Check out the web presentation for a listing of the top trends and links for the top stories of the first three months of 2017.

In the third week, I will present the 1st Quarter Equity Overview combined with our quarterly Rambus Chartology. Check out the web presentation for the fixed income, equity and commodities charts as of the end of the 1st Quarter.

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