

The Russians are a Threat to our Democracy!

Or are they?

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- 1917-1991

The Soviet Communist threat is prevalent, and culminates in the Cold War after 1945. For 46 years the world is at a real constant risk of nuclear annihilation.

A few severe crises:

1949: the Communists seize power in China

1950-1953: Korean War

1956: Hungary Crisis

1960: U-2 incident

1961: Berlin wall Crisis

1962: Cuban missiles Crisis

1968: Czechoslovakia Crisis

1945-1975: Vietnam War

1983: shooting down of Korean Air flight 007

1979-1989: Afghanistan War

I'm certainly forgetting a few.

- 2016 and after

The Cold War is over since the early 90s. It was undeniably won by the West.

Since 2001 terrorism kills 5 victims per year in the U.S. on average (while 15,000 are murdered on the street and 1,000,000 in the womb, if you want to believe some). Tobacco kills half a million.

U.S. presidential elections have by now lost much of their democratic value, since elections are a commercial great circus organized by the media, which receive the biggest chunk of campaign contributions. The principal pretext for the circus is the

President, who, over the decades, has progressively usurped most of his powers from Congress. In effect, Americans are electing for themselves a President in whom they vest increasingly dictatorial powers (although in a realm that is in fact limited to federal authority). The circus now involves the least intellectual of all means of communication, the so-called social media, which are basically publicity outlets.

But, wait a minute! O, my God! The Russians are now interfering in the circus (as a matter of fact, anybody else could)!

Who wouldn't prefer the risks of the pre-1991 Cold War? O, how we long for the Cuban Missile Crisis, the War in Vietnam, or being shot down over Siberia!

It seems the Russians succeeded in having the candidate they despised most elected with 46% of the popular vote, against 48% for his opponent. Notwithstanding that if you try to factor in the Libertarian, Independent, and Green votes the computation becomes quite blurred, the U.S. electoral system is rather different from others, because the United States (plural) is not the same thing as would be the United State (singular). Neither candidate obtained at least half the votes, which in itself could be somewhat undemocratic if the President was elected by the people directly, but in fact he is elected by the States, and that's that. At any rate since when did the Constitution warrant that one half of the voters plus one could dictate their will over the rest of the nation, especially since in fact one half of the voters are about one fifth of the population? The Constitution was in fact devised precisely to prevent the dictatorship of the majority over the minority (which you may want to compare to Marxism's avowed promotion of the Dictatorship of the Proletariat).

In the end,

- It seems the world is rather a peaceful place and real crises are a thing of the past.
- Electoral processes need to be protected anyhow from electoral fraud, which is not a novel concept, since fraud is as old as mankind. It's just that the technology of fraud has evolved and is a step ahead (and always will be).
- Incidentally, there have been other examples of Russian interference in history. Refer to the Russian lobbying efforts that led to the purchase of Russian America in 1867, for example (after the House of Lichtenstein had declined a prior offer to acquire it).
- If the world was really at risk we would pull out of retirement some real soldier-statesman, such as Churchill or Eisenhower, if any is left, which is not a sure thing, since the West became naturally overfed, complacent, and fickle. The ransom of comfort. We're, all of us, not much better than spoilt brats fighting for baubles.