

# Weekly Update by Mark Armstrong - January 12, 2024

Greetings from Tyler,

They tell us protest is what the United States is built upon. We've seen "protests" go wrong, ending up in mass looting events, with no effort to put a stop to it. Protesters have free reign, because they've got arguments! Police have to suppress any feelings and put up with their antics.

Well now there are protests from the other side. Nothing is being stolen, but...traffic is backed up. Apparently the **farmers in Europe have had just about enough** of the government's high and mighty rules and regulations. This is **happening in Germany and all over Europe**. There are details in the demands, but you get the picture. They say it's all about government subsidies. I think it's about global warming mandates.

The concept of protest is the darling of the left. They can be so self righteous in their insistence that something is unfair. What happens when the tables are turned? Have you seen the pictures of the tractors at the Brandenburg Gate? All this lecturing, contrary to common sense, has gotten old.

There are big meetings going on and about to go on in Europe. They talk about the "transition to green energy" as if it's an article of faith. But there's a huge wild card, unspoken. You know who. If he should defy all the odds, win the legal cases, all their pie in the sky speeches may mean nothing.

Finally America has struck back against the Houthis. We've bombed them high and low, and hope they've gotten the message. They've been menacing world shipping in the Red Sea for a while now, and that's a big deal. Much was made of the fact that nothing had been done to make them stop, but finally the U.S. hit them with dozens of airstrikes. Mind you, **they are "coalition" air strikes**, that way they have to take revenge on lots of us. Many nations have stayed out of the fray, hoping they won't become a target.

As much as I've enjoyed the scandals of Fani Willis, dare not go into it here. You'll have to **look on your own** if interested. I don't think they're banking on

losing to Trump's lawyers, but it may turn out that way, assuming the judges aren't swayed by the common logic. But they may be. They've tried to ban Trump from the ballot, on the pretext that he caused "an insurrection." Colorado ruled against allowing him to participate based on their own conclusions, borne of kindergarten talk. **Other states have gone down this road, to no avail.**

Meanwhile everybody's worried about our "democracy." They think democracy is fine, as long as the authoritarians get to tell us what's up.

Texas Governor Gregg Abbott has apparently decided that the flood of illegal immigrants has gone far enough. He sent the **Texas National Guard to replace federal border agents**, taking control of significant acreage comprising a state park in Eagle Pass. (Why didn't this happen about 10 million ago?) He sent in the state's national guard to dislodge the federal agents who are choreographing the invasion. And wouldn't you know it. The Biden regime is suing! You're going to love their statement. "Texas' new actions demonstrate an escalation of the State's measures to block Border Patrol's ability to patrol or even to surveil the border and be in a position to respond to emergencies." It seems that we already have an emergency, that the feds are facilitating. Just a personal observation.

If they over-run Texas, and end up being able to vote, we're done. Texas has been a bulwark for conservatism. If this state gets over-run, it may well be a harbinger of things to come.

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