

RUSSIA NEEDS ANOTHER WORLD ORDER

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The Washington Consensus had already taken shape by the time of the collapse of the USSR, **when the USSR had not begun to decay physically but had already disappeared as an alternative: it wanted to be like everyone else.** Back then, a certain system of values emerged that stood as a kind of 'ideal structure,' that only a 'madman' would venture to argue against. This is still the basis of the entirety of American politics, which thinks that the values it protects are so ideal that those who resist them are just outcasts. Hence the term 'rogue states,' with which you can do anything you want.

All the institutions of the present-day world are merely the tools of the Washington Consensus, such as the IMF, World Bank, WTO, and NATO as a global security system.

China, declared to be a sort of alternative to the neo-liberal system, is itself largely a product of this consensus. The very essence of the consensus is that *there is no escape from it.*

What is liberalism, liberal democracy? It is the most advanced way for the bourgeois elite to rule. In principle, America has provided itself with the all-consumer function in the global distribution of work. There is a beautiful pattern: Americans buy goods produced in China with money earned in China, since China itself is unable to consume them. It is a rather simplified model but on the whole is one that clearly explains reality.

What is the meaning of the liberal model? It is the belief that the market is self-regulating. But nobody can believe this nowadays. The reason that real capitalism was so good is because it was always an extremely rational system and a very pragmatic one too. Its key figures – industrialists, merchants, tradesmen – were absolutely rational people.

But the present-day drivers of the financial market are absolutely irrational individuals, remarkably similar to the Somali pirates in the degree to which they penetrate into the heart of the economic model: **if we dressed a Somali pirate in a Brioni suit he could easily go to the stock market.**

In the process of global trade and the current system of global degradation, some macro-systems are going to form, such as currency, financial, social and political ones, which will all be largely different from each other. And the transactions between them are going to drop sharply compared to current levels.

These systems are going to communicate with one another both

politically and culturally, maybe even financially, but to a much lesser degree. They are going to be quite self-sufficient and have such strong domestic markets to provide sufficient turnover within themselves. They will have some relationships, but from the standpoint of culture and values, they are going to be completely different civilizations.

And if the concept of consensus is possible in this system, it will only be in the sense of a power balance consensus. Maybe it is not about two powers, but four or five ones - a kind of multipolarity achieved not by negotiations but by recognizing each others' respective authority.

There can be no center in such a system. **Now there is one center in the world, and it is located in Washington.** We know how this center works and what it is capable of. **At the present moment, it is capable of nothing.**

And what happens if it all moved to Beijing? China is secondary to the United States. Indeed they have a different civilization and their own ambitions, but they have nevertheless grown up on American capital.

It is understandable why China likes the American system. By leeching off of the American system, China has built a second largest world economy, and, if we are speaking about the real sector of economy then perhaps it is the largest one. China is a clear beneficiary of the American system. But what does Russia have to show for it? **After leeching off of the American system, we have not only lost the country, but sixty five percent of an economy that is still degrading.**

It is clear why the Americans want to save their system. It is easily understandable why the Chinese do as well. But why does Russia need it? ■

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