

**The United States Of America
As The Microcosm Of The World**

A Laboratory For The Human Kind

Yes, in a way one could use every nation, but it would be stupid to use a bygone nation like the Roman Empire for example. Only to mention that the Roman Empire was not confronted with climate change or globalization. So, we need a nation of today, and I think without any doubts, the United States of America are best to use for many reasons.

A nation built on a genocide - yes, Germany not only committed a holocaust, Germany committed the Holocaust. But the German nation today is not based on the Holocaust, on the contrary! A nation driven by greed - yes, also Germany is a capitalistic country, but with a social component, this changes a lot! A nation with a deep racism - yes, also in Germany we have racism, but a president (in Germany a chancellor) making such statements would have ended his or her career within a second! This examples shall be enough for the moment, the United States are without any doubts very good qualified to serve as a lavatory for pondering about the human kind - and then there's a special reason!

November the third, this will be a crucial day, not only for the United States - the weeks thereafter, the years thereafter! Should the president gets a second term then it would be the final disaster, but even when Joe Biden will win, it will be very interesting to see what will happen then - maybe even more interesting, as if the president gets a second term! Racism not disappeared with President Barack Obama, in a way it became even stronger! This is only one possible development, after a win from Joe Biden – in which way the GOP would react after losing the election, maybe after losing many governors and senators? Not to talk about that "his base" would freak out and start a kind of new civil war, terrorist acts?

In this part I will not write a story, this part should deal with the reality without a "fictional idealization". I'm not sure in which way this will affect the videos, we will see. Let us begin!

A Nation Based On And Drive By Violence - Only A Movie Chimera Or Reality?

Do movies tell the truth about a nation? Well, let's see, and of course I will do it with movies about Germany, because I can assess them best. And I think movies about the Third Reich are a good example, and why not including some foreign movies. I will not start a long analysis now, I not wanna talk about any movie in detail, I wanna try to make a conclusion.

An iconic movie from my youth, "Holocaust"? A German iconic movie from my youth "Die Brücke" ("The Bridge")? Movies like "Schindler's List" or "Stalingrad", do they reflect the horror of the war, the concentration camps or the Holocaust in total? Is it, like you would have been there, would have been a part of the real events? This is no question, because we all know the answer: Of course not!

But these movies and others more, don't they describe horrible and hardly to bear events, and yet, reality was even more horrible and even harder to bear? Even the most horrible and most hard to bear movie will never be able, to describe and to imaging the real horror, I think this should be common sense!

And what about movies like "Haven's Gate" (for me an iconic movie!) or "Soldier Blue" (as well an iconic movie for me!)? I have to mention Sam Peckinpah, Martin Scorsese.....are these movies exaggerated or is it the same as with the movies above, that reality was even more horrible and harder to bear? I think that the question needs no answering!

Only to ask the question, whether the United States is based on and driven by violence is totally redundant, you only have to stay one day in the States and watch the news and read the newspapers - and not only in cities like Boston, Chicago or Los Angeles. Las Vegas or El Paso, in every European city, if even thinkable, such an event would have been like an earthquake, it would have shocked a whole nation, a whole continent and it would have had severe consequences. Look what

has happened in Norway after a comparable event, or in New Zealand, but in the States? Nothing! Again nothing, like after Sandy Hook, like after all the other events! The American nation is not capable and willing to face the problem of violence, it's a part of the United States, not only from the beginning on, the founding of the United States, from the beginning on, as the first White settlers started to "conquer" the "new" continent.

Violence one can find in every nation, Germany has a very violent past, but it's the nation's past! It's difficult to understand why the Americans are unable to step back and look at their doing, why they not accept any other opinion, why they cannot look at other nations, why they are not able and willing to reflect in a critical way on their doing, it's like you would face a defiant child - the president is a wonderful example!

Violence as a vital part of the American culture? No United States without violence? No Germany without Nazis? Portugal was once a dictatorship as well? *Change is a powerful thing*, Ms. Grant sings? But to change you have to be ready to change, otherwise it will not function. Sometimes you can read in comments, written by Americans, that the problem is, that the Americans are brainwashed. Maybe it would help to start therewith, not always to think that America is always the best, that America is perfect, that the world envies America - the world laughs about America, is shocked by America, fears that the downfall of America could trigger a global downfall. Wake up Americans, hubris is a bad guidance, I say this as German!

As long as the United States stick with the idea, that they still live in a kind of "Wild West", not accept that everything has changed, fundamentally! The former slaves are no longer slaves, a "Red Skins" is no longer less than a buffalo..... - why I see a White man in my mind now, waiting till he gets a good chance to kill one of this "niggers", maybe because he stepped on his lawn? This nation has a very severe problem with violence, but I fear there's much more!

The United States Of America And Racism

Do we have to discuss this now - really? Ask the slave what she or he he thinks about slavery. Ask the man with seven bullets in the back, what he thinks of police brutality and whether black people become differently treated compared to white people. Ask the child in the cage what she or he thinks of, to be treated like that. Do not ask the SS officer in the concentration camp what he thinks of, to kill millions in gas chambers, ask the Jew, the Sinte and Roma, when they have to undress to "get a shower". We have to discuss this question? Not really – or?

It would be a fucking disgrace would we have to discuss this question! The only thing we have to do is, to listen to the slave, the man with seven bullets in the back, the child in the cage. Is this such difficult?

The United States As An Oligarchy

I think we have also not to make too many words about this matter. I wanna come to the next, more important, point. In every nation you can find this, some families own the most, many families not much or even nothing. Two aspects are important. In some nations this becomes more dominant than in others, and I would say in countries like Russia, China and the USA it's extreme (I omit Africa and South America at the moment). We can name such countries an oligarchy, and the United States is one without any doubts - fairly in the sense of Plato!

A second aspect is, to what degree the oligarchy is underlain with social components. In Germany the unequal distribution of wealth is not so far from those in the US, but Germany has many social components which are lesser developed in the States or are missing completely. Thus, the final

situation in Germany differs very much from the situation in the States, even if the matter as such is not so different.

In the United States we have two interacting components: An expanded oligarchy with very low social standards, that's a very bad situation. But why this could develop, why this system can continue - the next point!

The Basic Failure Of The United States – The Political System Of The United States

Do you see the pictures with George Washington on and the Founding Fathers? You recognize something? Yes, they are very boring, only White men are on it, and they are not looking very young. They made the American Constitution, they made their constitution, a constitution from and for (old) White men. But not only the constitution as such, but they also founded and structured the state and political institutions. Maybe this was adequate at this time, but today? Slaves are no longer slaves, women have rights today.....the world has changed dramatically, and the constitution and institutions? It's a problem to have a constitution and institutions from and for (rich) White men, a constitution and institutions only geared to safeguard the power and privileges of this rich White (old) men, at least today.

Today a person with dark skin not wanna longer be the nigger or negro, no slave or maybe a somewhat better slave, he wants to be an accepted American. A woman no longer wanna see her destiny in giving birth and cooking meals, even when living in a suburban area, she wants to be an emancipated American. But they, and many others, have a fundamental problem - the constitution and fundamental institutions like the electoral college or the Supreme Court.

The majority voting system, the two party system, the electoral college, prevents the United States to develop into a modern society with popular vote, a multi party system, where one vote is equal to all other votes. And of course, every real democracy makes it as easy as possible for the people to vote, everything else is anti-democratic!

A Supreme Court that's in such a way political as in the USA - openly, everybody talks about it! - is an attack on democracy. Other nations, European nations like Germany, have much better models. But in the end still the two party system is the basic problem (electoral college).

To change a constitution is an extremely difficult matter. To overcome institutions like the electoral college is extremely difficult. To renew an institution like the Supreme Court is extremely difficult. Others could be added - this is the basic problem of the United States! It's simply not thinkable in which way any of these areas, not to talk about all these areas that would need improvement (gun laws!), should become modernized, what would sometimes mean, to get rid of it! And to be honest, neither the Democrats, nor the Republicans, are really interested in, to make severe changes, especially not to overcome the two party system, their insurance not to become unimportant, what could happen in a multi party system, a struggle that the SPD fights after the rise of the Green Party in Germany.

Well, now it would be the time for some wise words, how all these problems could be fixed - only, I have none. In Germany this problem got fixed with a Nazi dictatorship and the total state collapse after the lost WWII - but this is no good cure, to kill the patient and hope for something better. It functioned with Germany - but only because of very certain circumstances and a lot of luck. Therefore, this would be definitively no solution. The only idea one could have would be, a very long process with many, many steps - but this would need a lot of time, and time is definitively not, what the United States have a lot left - all seems like a vicious circle. I think the problem should be clearly visible, the illness, but the cure?

An American Failure vs. An American Success Story

The United States are like a Hollywood movie, nice but untrue. The United States are like a car with a breathtaking styling, but with a (many) constructing error(s). Many pictures and metaphors could be found. But does this help?

The chimera of the American Dream is build on the suffering and dying of large parts of the nation. It was always a joke!

"Columbo" was maybe the first time I saw something about Los Angeles in TV - Los Angeles? Fifty percent of the inhabitants Latinos? The large Koreatown? It is like one of this porn movies made in the hills with Downtown in the background, this tells you nothing about Los Angeles - or maybe a fucking lot, seen from a different angle!

The United States like a horror movie, entering a house or a town. At the beginning everything seems to be normal, maybe even wonderful, but then, more and more it becomes obvious, something is wrong, and in the end only the naked horror is left.

The United States on its way to destroy itself, do not fear the Chinese or the Iranians, fear your own people, the greedy white mobsters, living like vampires, sucking out the blood from the American people, now becoming so greedy like a parasite, killing the own host.

From the beginning on the United States was a place of violence and suppression, a place of extreme contrasts - but would this be a problem? Germany was once an empire, the German Empire 1871-1918. Not much later a Nazi dictatorship 1933-1945. Since 1945 a well-founded democracy (I omit the German division here because I'm raised in the FRG and not in the GDR). What I want to express is, that change is possible - well, the German Empire ended with the defeat in WWI, the Third Reich with the defeat in WWII, that's a problem! France, Italy - not much different, that's a problem!

The United States would need a general evaluation of their fundamental groundings - the United States would need fundamental changes, and this is a problem! But this is not the topic of this part.

So, a success story - come on, we have not to discuss this, not really, or? The United States a failure? The problem I see is, the incapability to reflect about the own doing. To question the given structures, to react to changes, of course, the dinosaurs have to come you to mind. The world has changed dramatically in the last two hundred years, the United States is not able to react to these changes. Europe had the "advantage" of endless wars and two world wars during the last two hundred years, and all this wars happened in Europe, the people suffered directly, a lot of time to question the given.

If the human beings were real rational beings (of course with feelings), one could have hope. But looking at the USA today (or Germany in the 20s and 30s)? Not much hope is left – or? No, the United States is definitively no success story, but a failure? In some areas like racism, violence or certain (political) structures without any doubts, but in total? Ask me in a few months again.....

Could Fundamental Changes In The United States Be Possible, Without Becoming A Nazi Dictatorship And Losing A World War?

Apart from, that the question could be more if the USA is able to prevent to become a dictatorship with all the consequences that this would have. Apart from, that becoming a dictatorship - starting a

world war - not necessarily would mean, that this would lead necessarily to necessary reforms and changes. Apart from such questions, assumed that Joe Biden would win the election and the transformation of power would happen without problems, would the United States be able to find a way to reform itself? A problem that I see is, that I see so many severe problems in so many fields, that it's even difficult to decide with what to begin!

Of course, it's difficult for you as a European, to define the political structures in the USA as - really - democratic. Of course the electoral college, that a vote in a more populous state is not equal to a vote in a less populated state, that popular vote not counts..... - not to talk about gerrymandering and such attempts to make voting difficult or even impossible.

Of course that it's accepted, that a judge - on every level till the Supreme Court! - acts politically. That to nominate a judge is a party political act of the highest order.

All such problems lead to the two party system and the majority voting system. But in what a way you could overcome this - I have no idea, no idea without a kind of revolution or radical change. Especially because the (established) Democrats have no real interest in, to change anything of this - the Republicans anyway!

Problems like racism, changing the health care system, reforming the educational system, gun laws and much more. I see no basis for all such changes without a change of the above mentioned points! I have the feeling that the United States is trapped, trapped in a system created by old rich White men - the Founding Fathers - to ensure their power and wealth, the power and wealth of the old rich White men. And of course such old rich White men are not only Republicans, names like "Clinton" and "Kennedy" are among them. And maybe this is the underlying tragedy of the United States. Is the question allowed, if a name like "Obama" in the end not also belongs to the group of old rich White men?

So, I do not see a way for the United States for real, fundamental, severe changes. But the United States would need them, as long as you define Latinos, Asian Americans, African Americans..... as Americans. The "White America" will in the future no longer be the majority, I think already today this is in a way questionable. Texas is interesting for example. It would be very pointing if Joe Biden would win Texas. Because of the Panhandle - no, or? Because of the Dallas area - I don't think so. Because of the cities along the Mexican boarder from Huston to El Paso? The population of the United States has changed dramatically since 1776, and dramatic changes have happened, the from Africa deported slaves are no longer slaves for example. And of course, the world around the United States has also changed dramatically. But the United States has not changed in an adequate way, in no respect! And after around two hundred and fifty years the pile of necessary changes is that huge, that it's not seeable, how this huge pile should get cleared up.

Well, I would wish Joe Biden the best, and of course I hope that he gets elected, but I see not in what way the USA should overcome all these problems in a non-violent way. I have the fear, that there's a huge danger, that the first dead on the right and the left will be not the last ones, that one day the ammunition will no longer be paintballs. I hope that I'm only a too pessimistic German, trapped in his "German Angst", but for me all points thereto, that the USA will run deeper and deeper into problems, that it will have a bad end. The question is only: In a month? In two or three months? In a year? In two or three years? In.....

Sometimes I wish me, to be a naive American - allow my this cynicism - knowing, that always everything will come to a good end, like Joe Biden knows that climate change will create a lot of good paid jobs in the USA, that the majority of the cops are good people, that he would be of course a president for all Americans - also for the Nazis, climate change deniers, QANON sympathizers.....Mr. Biden? Could it be, that it would be sometimes good to speak out also a bad and bitter truth, Mr. Biden? Let's watch a Walt Disney movie, "Bambi" maybe, or "The Last

Unicorn" maybe? Why not an episode of "Columbo", L.A. is such a nice town.....

The Microcosm - The USA A Model For The Rest Of The World?

I've written that, could the United States get on the right track back again, this would be a good sign for the whole world. Whereby, by writing this, I ask myself, were the United States ever on the right track? But yes, in a way yes, seen from the another side one can have doubts. The United States were not able to overcome some systemic problems regarding politics and society, and this is difficult. Nevertheless, Congress for instance is not the same as even some decades ago, not to talk about centuries. But this fundamental and systemic problems are the crucial point, and that there is not only one or maybe two such points, there are many - one could say: Too many!

I think the USA is not necessarily a model for the world in that way, that you would have to say, if the USA fails, the whole world has to fail. But, and this is the point, would the USA be able to develop into a real modern society, a modern democracy, could overcome at least the most severe systemic problems, this would be a fantastic sign for the world. So, a failure of the United States would not mean, that there would be no hope anymore, that the world as such could develop in a positive direction, but a positive development in the States would be a fantastic sign for the rest of the world.

And while writing this, I have to think of climate change. What if a virus would appear, both, very infective and very deadly? A collapse of world trade? Today there are so many threats that are global, countries are connected to each other very close today, maybe it started with WWI, as a first real global crisis. There was a time, a whole kingdom, an empire could collapse, but it effected not the whole world. The plague in Europe effected not Asia and the downfall of the Mayas not Europe. Today the situation is very different, in both respects. The failure of one nation (can) effect the whole world, talking about a nation like the US without any doubts. But then we have crises not effecting only a nation or a continent, but the whole world - a dangerous combination. The world would have to react! Working worldwide together, to face these dangers, would be the logic consequent.

Back to the States. The States are deeply divided today, even nations in war are not necessarily more separated as parts of the USA. Would it be possible to overcome this separation.....we have all the conflicts we see in the world concentrated in one nation. Religious fundamentalism, racism and fascism fighting an open society for instance. Violence as a solution on every level, in families, between different groups and political opinions, between nations. But what is the situation at the moment? In no month an election that will decide more or less about the future of the United States, all such writing seems to be very academic at the moment - wait roughly four weeks and see! I wish the United States all the best, my thoughts are with you.

The American People

The stupid and uneducated, stuck in fundamentalist religious beliefs, no idea about the world, maybe not even about America as a whole, Americans, you see them a lot in TV nowadays. They are there, no doubt about this, but to what an extent they are there? Looking at the polls at the moment, more or less half of the American people?

Looking at other nations, could you find such people also there, in Germany for instance? Hell yes! Demonstrations in Berlin against wearing a mask, they even tried to storm the Bundestag, the Reichstag building, in Berlin (of course without guns and so!)! But are this people relevant regarding the next election of a new chancellor? Not really, they will not decide this election, in no case! It's not to downplay them, but who will become the next chancellor will not be decided by them. Different to the situation in the USA.

I think you have to speak it out, that the USA has a major problem with education, some very good

universities, but education for everyone? The relation between politics and religion is far from to be considered as modern. The unanswered question about "the former slaves" and their status in the USA. The suppressed question about the genocide on the people who lived there before the European settlers came, the consequences of this genocide, and their status in the USA today. What should "immigration" means for the USA in the future - Europeans are no longer very interested in, to immigrate to the USA. Why they should?

This text could be continued, but why? Apart from, that not many will read it, but this discussion should have to happen in the USA, but I cannot see it. And of course, a White rich upper class is not interested in, to have such discussions. But why this should hinder the American people to put such discussions on the streets? Where are the demonstrations against the nomination of Judge Barrett? I don't think, if there were demonstrations I would overlook them? I have the feeling, that the (left) American society is very sluggish. I have the feeling that the people in Europe are more dynamic, is this an illusion because of my insider view?

Should America have a chance to modernize, then the impulse have to come from the streets - forget the Dems in House and Senate! Am I unfair? I have the feeling that hundreds of thousands, millions should be on the streets. But what I see is, that still over forty percent of the Americans support the sitting president. And sorry America, this is hardly to understand. Yes, we can find explanations therefor, but they are all stupid chatter, as long as no consequences follow.

Okay, at the moment Joe Biden has to win the election. Then the transition of power. No, I see no basis for real and consequent change in the USA as long as forty plus percent of the Americans stick to a president like this one, as long as the GOP is not capable to break with such a president. Maybe I should stop here.

Postscript

I will stop "The United States Of America As The Microcosm Of The World" today, because I will add such thinking and writing to the new story (storyline: "Old Man"; "I"). So, this writing will find its continuation in one of the storylines of the new story.

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