

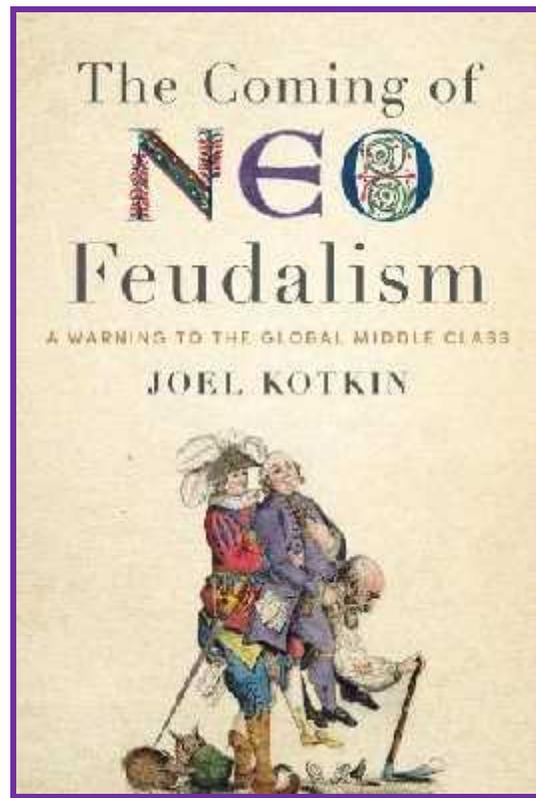
**Random comments on NEO Feudalism in the U.S.**

(but we have to get through the first week of January 2021)

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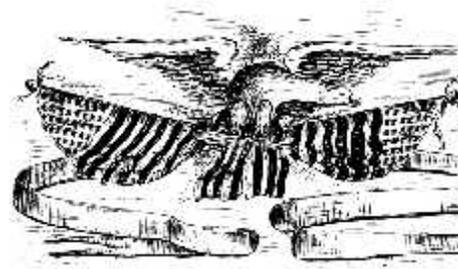
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# The United States of America

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Made in China

## Pallbearers<sup>1</sup>

Jeff Bezos	Mark Zuckerberg
Xi Jinping	Bill Gates
Tim Cook	Sundar Pichai
Apple	Microsoft
Facebook	Amazon
Walmart	Doug McMillon
George Soros	Google
Tesla	COVID-19
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<sup>1</sup> **This tombstone is just to get our attention** – this week. We all know this week maybe the biggest week in about 2,000 years. Course, the US (that means us...) has been here before, or pretty close to it. Pretty close to losing it. How close to midnight are we? How close to a bomb going off? Ten seconds? Ten years? *A big week, for sure...*

## Introduction

A first (*prima facie*) look at where this paper is going is to say it won't be 30 pages long (that is good and bad, by the way) as a long paper might not get written before Wednesday when the stuff is supposed to hit the fan. Therefore, this truncated version will have to do – you are welcome...

Let me ask you a question:

“Why is our divided country at the verge of civil and social war?”

Actually, this might be better worded:

“Who is responsible for our country to be in the seemingly grip of outright socialism and a Chinese take over?”

The answer(s) at a *prima facie* (first view) is of course the Democratic party. They are the WHY and the WHO for the pickle we are in today. As my left coast attorney and friend would say “Yeah, but...”

So does Joel Kotkin. It is not the democrats.

## The punch line

Pause. I had stopped at this point trying to pick the best punch line in my saddle bags so I was reviewing to see which one would say it the best – I do have some punch lines, by the way...

My Outlook dinged. I hesitated to go see who was making the noise.

*The ‘ding’ was the punch line.* Don't know how this happens...Bob does. And he sent this URL so we will pause and look at this video. A propitious and fortuitous video – a sign of the times!

Then we'll get back to my little ole example of answering the WHO and the WHAT. Thanks Bob!

**POTUS Tweeted This Video THREE Times** – So Pay Attention to the Message Therein - Brighteon  
<https://www.brighteon.com/e1a94e40-689d-4237-98c1-dee9c79f902b> (8:06)



“The” Punch Line

## Punchline II

If it is not the democrats who is it?

Actually, the democrats are the patsies. They are being played to think and do. Actually, they are paid to think and do. We know where most of the monies come from to 'pay for services' and to fulfill the contracts, or just bought to do the bidding of the sellers or money folks.

Therefore, the people with the money control the democrats. "These people" are the dark side of our government, in part the "Deep State" or maybe just the bureaucracy. I would add the control – the group at the top are called the **cabal** (in German the word is Kabale or 'KA `BALA'). Better, defined from the lexicon: "a small group of secret plotters, as against a government or person in authority."

An example of a cabal was shown in the video "JFK to 911" where about 20 people (secret plotters) met in Fort Worth the night before the President was murdered and finalized the details of the execution.

Some say the presidents either were members, or after being elected, were brought into the 'group' so they would know what the plans were for the real cabal that was running the country. This "Skull and Bones" called "The Order" has "become a cultural institution known for its powerful alumni and various conspiracy theories."<sup>2</sup>



Rare 1890 *Skull and Bones* Yale Fraternity Secret Society (ebay.com)

My 'guess' is there is another group above these guys. The presidents come from this higher group and who they are, if they exist, are pulling the strings to make the world go around.

## Back to NEO Feudalism

*"History never repeats itself. Man always does."* - Voltaire

Bannon had Joel Kotkin on his War Room show and Kotkin talked about how NEO Feudalism or NEW Feudalism is taking place today. He calls it a making a comeback. Defined as:

"The phenomenon of corporations taking control of cultures and individuals through money, policies, practices, and gatekeeping in general to the point that they control many aspects of everyday private life" (Urban Dictionary).

This is a "hierarchical ordering of society obligations tying subordinates to superiors persistence of closed doors or 'CASTES' and then permanent serf like status for the vast majority of the population" (Kotkin, p. 1).

"The concentration of wealth is in fewer hands...the benefits of economic growth...are going mainly to the wealthiest segment of the population...by 2030, the top 1 percent is expected to

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.britannica.com/topic/Skull-and-Bones-Yale>

control two-thirds of the world's wealth...its wealth can buy influence with government and over the culture...Thus we see an oligarchy emerging in supposedly democratic countries, with a neo-feudal aristocracy grafted onto a powerful state" (p. 2).

So, we had kings, kingdoms, castles, and riches - with serfs, serfdom, shanty towns, and slums.

"Much of the world today is now divided between 'urban glamour zones and urban slums'" (p. 141). For example:

Apple – Tim Cook

Amazon – Jeff Bezos [see biography for links to each one of these 'empires.']

Google – Sundar Pichai

Facebook – Mark Zuckerberg

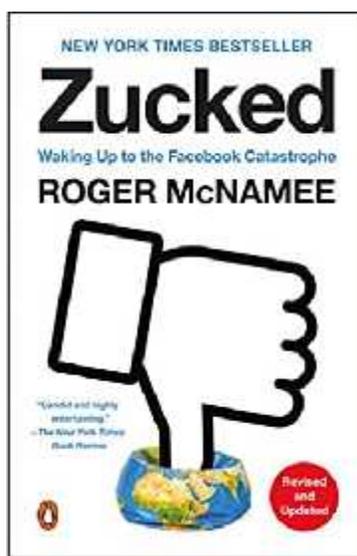
"Nine of the thirteen richest people under age 40 are in the tech industry, and all live in California. Only China, home to nine of the world's twenty largest tech firms, presents any kind of challenge to California's tech aristocracy" (p. 29).

## Conclusion I

Kotkin said on the War Room that the problem for us in the US was not the democratic party but the **oligarchs** - the guys at the top of the money pile – and he added it was also a problem for the world.

Kotkin expands in his book with the question "What Do Today's Oligarchs Want?"

"Mark Zuckerberg, Elon Musk, Travis Kalanick (former head of Uber), and Sam Altman (founder of Y Combinator) all favor a guaranteed annual income, in part to allay fears of insurrection by a vulnerable and struggling workforce. Yet unlike the "Penthouse Bolsheviks" of the 1930s, they have no intention of allowing their own fortunes to be squeezed...This model could best be described as **oligarchical socialism**" (p. 35). Note: emphasis mine.



Roger McNamee (2019). *Zucked: Waking up the Facebook catastrophe*. New York, NY: Penguin.

Mark Zuckerberg<sup>3</sup> is leading my list on being a 'bad actor' and McNamee points this out in his prologue to his book...funny, how quaint his title is!

"This book is the story of why I became convinced, in spite of myself, that even though Facebook provided a compelling experience for most of its users, it was terrible for America and needed to change or be changed, and what I have tried to do about it. My hope is that the narrative of my own conversion experience will help others understand the threat. Along the way I will share what I know about the technology that enables internet platforms like Facebook to manipulate attention. I will explain how bad actors exploit the design of Facebook and other platforms to harm and even kill innocent people. How democracy has been undermined because of design choices and business decisions by internet platforms that deny responsibility for the consequences of their actions. How the culture of these companies causes employees to be indifferent to the negative side effects of their success. At this writing, there is nothing to prevent more of the same" (p. 2).

## Conclusion II

This will be short. There are two parts: China and AI.

A. China is THE problem and they are and will be using Artificial Intelligence to take over the whole world. Xi Jinping in a recent decree made himself Leader and President of the People's Republic of China and the China Communist Party (CCP) – for life...what does that tell you?

Kotkin discusses "The China Syndrome" on page 30 of his book showing how important it is to be paying attention to what China is doing "China, with its lack of legal restraints, may prove to be the cutting edge of a new technocratic despotism...Sophisticated algorithms are employed to control everything from legal proceedings to permission for marriage. The Communist Party is putting artificial intelligence to work monitoring businesses, in part to make sure their activities are congruent with Party priorities. The regime also used facial recognition technology and 'social credit' scoring, which includes everything from credit worthiness and work performance to political reliability" (pp. 30-31).

B. I again, point to the research URL "In the Age of AI (full film)" as it is a perfect couple of hours on artificial intelligence AND China – a splendid way to enjoy sipping an adult beverage and learning about both these areas. They are telling us what they are going to do – and when!

Kotkin ends his poignant and timely book as he gives us the thought keenly set on just where we are this week in our world...Can we really muster the resolve?

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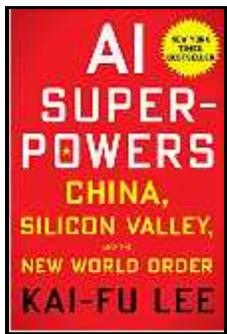
<sup>3</sup> There are two Frontlines in the BIO on Zuckerberg showing his socialist and oligarchic tendencies. He is NOT for helping the country or his company to do anything except keep the money coming in 'on behalf of the betterment of the global success. Can you determine who is pulling his strings?

To slow or reverse neo-feudalism, with its constraints on upward mobility and creation of more dependency, requires awakening the political will of the Third Estate to resist it. **“Happy the nation whose people have not forgotten how to rebel,”** wrote the British historian R. H. Tawney. Whether we can muster the resolve to assert our place as engaged citizens will determine the kind of world our children inherit. (p. 172).

### Laconic compendium

I was wondering in one of my first computer classes back in 1990 where my professor was going with his graph that showed how the learning and technology curve with computers went from a slight upward angle until about this decade when it turned and went asymptotically straight up. He said since recorded time, about 5,000 years BCE (about as old as China, by the way) plus the 2000 since year one is about 7,000 years. Given where computers are in 1990 he asked where we thought computers would be in 7,000 years. He said “I would like to be there to turn it off.” The same line was drawn in the AI video at 33:44 and is called the “industrial revolution.”

I was wondering about the board game of “Go” showing up in the AI video at 1:38 when in 2016 in Seoul, South Korea the world champion took on a Google “Alpha Go” computer designed to play GO – it had taught itself to play...did you get that? The Deep Go Team called it “Deep Learning” – it mimics the human brain. The whole world watched. Game two, move 37. After two thousand years of playing GO, no one had seen this move before that the computer did on its own. The champion resigned (admitted defeat is the term). Score 4 – 1, Alpha Go the winner.



Kai-Fu Lee. (2018). *AI Superpowers: China, Silicon Valley, and the New World Order*. New York, NY: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company.

Lee’s final note in his book are also fitting for us in these times and in these days – again, in this week for us all:

***“Never has the potential for human flourishing been higher, or the stakes of failure greater.”***

I was wondering about Kai-Fu Lee's comments in the AI video as he narrates about the problem of China and where they will be in the next 10 years. This has to do with what Kotkin also talks about with the facial recognition I mentioned earlier. The idea is not only control the people crossing the street and paying for everything with a cell phone but pushing the level of control to where they control the minds of the subjects/slaves/people. Lee says they are almost there. They have set a time to meet and pass the US in the AI skills.

Note that the video and Lee discuss just how spread out China is in the world with their programs, control, and joint adventures by placing "Made in China" on everything – including tombstones.

I was wondering about "Alexa." My oldest Dell daughter and I were talking a few weeks ago about just how much Alexa hears. The Internet is full of articles and discussions on just how much she listens to, records, or stores the data. I guess we could ask her?

I try to be nice when dealing with her when I say "Alexa, will you turn on my TV, please?" to which of course she does and says "Ok."

Have gone through the voice recognition drill with her both with and without the hand held mote. Sometimes when I quit for the night I will turn off my TV and say "Alexa, good night" and usually get one of the three or so answers like "Sweet dreams" or "See you in the morning" or "Get a good night's rest."

Then, more lately than not when I tell her "Goodnight" she says "Ok, I will get that for you on YouTube."

I was wondering about just how bad this technology really is. I never know what my PC is doing. Never know when it is giving itself a bath, checking in with the Cloud, MS, or Google. Have I told you how much I hate "Word"? It is not unusual to be typing away just like I am now and have the screen text stop. Few seconds later it picks up the two or three missed strokes and waits for me to catch up. Now, who is doing this? Is anybody doing anything? Who knows? My computer Guru does not know either.

I have a recurring screen prompt wanting me to synchronize my computer with my other devices like my cell "to appreciate all that the Cloud, 365, and going Green can do for me."

What is more understood but known is the challenge notes, reminders, 'fishing' postings, and comments like "What all 2012 Yukon drivers should know about their cars in Denton, Texas" or just today ordering me a new book from Amazon and get the suggestion "Books you may like" or "Frequently bought together." Even "Inspired by your browsing history" – they even had a list of six pistols I had looked last week...

I was wondering how far they will go with hooking the kids on their electric pacifiers, the "LIKE" "Join", "Don't Forget!" and on it goes controlling 'and reading my memory...

What I am worried about, really worried, is a couple of "Made in China" items I have bought recently like a small compact freezer, a second OMRON, and a Pulse Oximeter...Do you reckon all the data is going back to Menlo Park or Beijing?

I am wondering "One of these days I am going to turn my computer off."

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