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Dr Linda Dr Linda Aug 25

Liked by Dr. Robert W. Malone

I am so sick of being robbed. I am equally sick of being treated like a moron.

The government is wasting the money, not me.

LIKED (119) REPLY (1)

Patricia Patricia Aug 25

Absolutely!

LIKE (11) REPLY

DSB DSB Aug 25

Liked by Dr. Robert W. Malone

Not only did Social Security recipients pay into the fund, but so did their employers. The e
share should be seen as wages deferred.

LIKED (94) REPLY (2)

Joel Underwood, MD Joel Underwood, MD Aug 25

Extracting $3 for every $1 put into the system is not sustainable!

LIKED (16) REPLY (2)

B Mitchell Aug 25

If I had got to keep the money withheld, I would have made a lot more than $3 fo
dollar that was withheld.

LIKED (11) REPLY

DSB DSB Aug 25

I don't know anyone who said it was sustainable. In 1994, Senators Kerrey and D
as co-chairmen, set forth their proposals how to deal with entitlements. "Chart I
PRESENT TREND IS NOT SUSTAINABLE"
https://www.ssa.gov/history/reports/KerreyDanforth/KerreyDanforthProposal.pdf

Maybe if Bill Clinton was actually serious about the commission he established,
not be in the situation we are in today. Pointing the finger at today's beneficiarie
absolutely zero to address the problem. A problem decades in the making and y
facilitated by an electorate unwilling to sacrifice.

And by the way, I see lots of headlines about the great wealth transfer. To heirs,
charitable organizations, universities and a public high school in a little town in S
Yes, let's have the WaPo editorial board dictate where that transfer goes as well

LIKED (10) REPLY

James Goodrich J Goodrich News Letter Aug 26

Being an employer I see it more as a cost to the employer. Not only do I have to get t
I have to pay to have someone pay what's due, keep track of it, and send a form of th
payed at the end of the year. Just like unemployment tax, federal withholding tax, an
It's not free to do all of this paperwork. Also many businesses collect sales tax to the
which has there own costs.

LIKE (11) REPLY

James Goodrich J Goodrich News Letter Aug 25 *Edited*

When we make decisions in life they are all “motivated” by what we want the outcome to “Motives” can make people or systems do horrendous acts at times. This I believe goes t government and its medical establishments motives to not actually cure illness in people. things like cancer could be put on hold indefinitely so people are unable to live a long life. obvious the medical establishment pushed their COVID vaccine knowing the harms it wou The whole covid response changed my mind to not trust what the government was doing Medicare will be another big step to reducing population.

Vaccines that harm reproductive abilities in women can stunt population growth, aside fro people and children. Isn’t it amazing that people like Bill Gates that would love to see the of the world drastically reduced, takes a huge role in spreading his money making vaccin the world.

It’s time that people must begin advocating for themselves and their loved ones. What m this government and the one world order may not be in you or your families best interest

LIKED (66) REPLY (5)

Lisa B Lisa B Aug 25

Well said! I also do not trust the medical establishment any longer. No more “vaccine Now everyone I know is injecting themselves with GLP 1’s. Sure, it’s great to drop tho unwanted 45, 60, 85 lbs but what are they actually doing to peoples health in the lor Another Covid shot scenario in my book. Trust big Pharma? Nope, never again.

My financial guy wants me to wait to take SS. Get the max benefit. Well in 3 years wh remain of those benefits?! It’s anyone’s guess….. I need coffee!

LIKED (48) REPLY

weedom1 weedom Aug 25

We should not place trust in those who regard us as livestock.

At best the bargain is to gain today's food by leaving our tomorrows under their man

The tech titans have proven themselves not to be humane herd keepers.

LIKED (38) REPLY

LOUMCKENZIE LOUMCKENZIE Aug 25

It's called Eugenics James. Its always been there. Even Planned Parenthood is that; a
been from the start.

LIKE (15) REPLY

Debra Nolasco Debra Nolasco Aug 26

As I was saying about the mRNA vaccines that are harming everyone, we can now ac
Parton to that list, for it is likely what contributed to her
death....https://petermcculloughmd.substack.com/p/she-believed-in-it-with-her-wh
r=9er3b&utm_campaign=post-expanded-share&utm_medium=web

LIKED (4) REPLY

Diana Woodward Diana Woodward Aug 26

This is anecdotal, but in the early nineties, my husband and I had a computer busine
Seattle area; we built PC's. We built high end, custom computers for our clients, mar
programmers for Microsoft, small business' and really smart people. One of our cust
a married couple with Phd's, they taught us what those letters meant, piled high and
They were cancer researchers. I will never forget what they told us, "We don't know
times we have to find the cure to cancer before they tell the rest of you." They had q
work, by then.

LIKE (2) REPLY

Rick Aug 25

Liked by Dr. Robert W. Malone

In 1977 I attended the noon meeting of the Ripon Rotary Club at which William Steiger wa
guest speaker. He was a well-known and popular Republican Congressman. Ripon WI is t
birthplace of the Republican Party. During the Q&A I asked the good congressman about
system and its viability for my generation (I was 28 at the time and starting a new busines
the government just let us invest the money in a private program? After a quick survey of
to be sure no press was attending, Steiger replied in so many words that I was not to wor
pretty little head, Social Security was going to be around for-e-VER. I'm now 77 and colle
For me, he was right. I paid the SS tax for my entire working career. But I also saved and i
like nobody's business and am now a member of the group the WP thinks shouldn't get tl
Screw them. Friggin' democrats.

LIKED (59) REPLY (4)

Micheal Nash, Ph. D. Micheal Nash, Ph. D. Aug 25

A business. Another thing not mentioned here is that the small business man pays do
himself as owner and for himself as employee.

LIKE (45) REPLY (4)

Joy Metcalf Musings and Thoughts Aug 25

My son is an independent contractor. He pays SS taxes up the wazoo. My father
his own business. He got paid less than his employees. SS has always been a sc
wonder if it was designed to give government more money to spend. What bette
disguise a tax than to say "you have your own private account"?

LIKED (24) REPLY

Randall Stoehr randall's Substack Aug 25

We maybe do not mind sharing wealth once in a while....

We get very upset when it becomes "WASTED" needlessly.

LIKED (14) REPLY

cabystander Aug 25

Actually, the employee pays it all. The employee trades his time for pay; he gets paycheck, the rest goes to the government.

LIKED (13) REPLY

oldguy52 Aug 25

Indeed! Been there done this too!

LIKE (4) REPLY

Joy Metcalf Musings and Thoughts Aug 25

You think Republicans haven't been complicit? Wake up and smell the toast burning!

LIKED (10) REPLY (1)

Rick Aug 25

Wondering—How many Republicans work at the Washington Post?

LIKED (14) REPLY (1)

KundaliniAndCellTowers KundaliniAndCellTowers Aug 27

I read a piece that of the 87 editors at NPR, there were NO republicans. Prc similar makeup at WaPo.

LIKE (1) REPLY

Meemanator Meemanator's Substack Aug 25

Us too.

LIKE (5) REPLY

oldguy52 Aug 25

Yep, Been there done that as well.

Sucks to be us!

But let's be honest... With the gov't we have now, should any of us be surprised?

LIKE (2) REPLY

**Micheal Nash, Ph. D.** Micheal Nash, Ph. D. Aug 25

Not mentioned here is Medicaid which I assume the fed portion comes in part or all from particularly after passage of the ACA, and it is rife with fraud. So yes if fraud was eliminat headline I read today suggests it would double its life expectancy

LIKED (57) REPLY (1)

**MrsMc** MrsMc Aug 25

That is what Dr. Oz has been saying.

LIKED (21) REPLY

**Meemanator** Meemanator's Substack Aug 25

This is a hot topic for me because I'm in the middle. Let me give you a bit of insider persp

Twenty nine years ago I read an article that predicted that SS would go bankrupt by 2015 based on two conditions - one - the Boomers would be in retirement age and - two - the government saw that SS money sitting in surplus and voted to be able to dip into it.

In 2017 I turned 70 and filed for SS. Every year since then my monthly allotment has dimi because the first scoop off the top is to pay Medicare. Okay so I did the right thing and b supplemental insurance. I have the whole alphabet. But I've been healthy and didn't need Medicare benefit until May of 2022 when I had to have a tribeculectomy in my left eye to from glaucoma.

The doctor told me the cost would be $2500. But when I got the summary from Medicare for him to get the $2500 he would normally bill he charged $85,000. That is not a mispri thought it was.

Then, in January 2025 I fell and broke my left femur and had to take my first ambulance r hospital and surgery the next day. When I got my summary bill from Medicare the hospita including all the other services rendered was $111,000. Medicare paid $14,000. I don't ev what the supplemental insurance paid.

The conclusion is what I call action/reaction. Medicare pays what it wants to so the medic over charge to get close to what they want.

It is a mess and probably why then gov Cuomo sent covid infected patients to nursing ho help thin the medicaid rolls.

LIKED (42) REPLY (5)

Nicholas Edward Bednarski, MD A Jaundiced Eye Aug 25

You have unveiled a dirty little secret of Medicare charges. Physicians fees are basec relative value system established in a 1970s and updated since that time with each h of Care being a multiplier of the basic physicians RVS. Medicare plays 85% of what t established as the reasonable fee with minimal updates from time to time if the phys lowers his nominal fee to match Medicare's established rate, Medicare then lowers tl even more Medicare effectively requires physicians to accept their designated fee w balance billing possible. Many private insurers follow the Medicare schedule. Hospit on the basis of DRG's or diagnosis related groups. The various diagnosis causing a p enter the hospital in any complicating other diagnoses establish a global fee, regardl long the person is in the hospital or how many resources the Hospital uses. Obviousl system can be "gamed" just like Medicare advantage is being gamed. The excess in providers is almost entirely based in Capital costs and personnel for administration a There was Costs of drugs, supplies, and equipment are not market controlled.

LIKED (18) REPLY (1)

glissmeister glissmeister Aug 25 *Edited*

The beast to be tamed resides in the reinsurance stop-loss markets in the medi hospitalization insurance sector. Why not use the United States Treasury to bec insuror of last resort and internalize the profits made from stop-loss reinsuranc paid by the servicing medical and hospitalization insurers?

That creates an opportunity to lock primary insurers into a subordinate role whe restore the primacy of the physician/patient relationship; i.e., where the patient attending physician of their choosing are the sole arbiters of what is medically n in the clinical moment. This will freeze out the tortious interference of interlopin administrators, and non-attending medical professionals. Insurors will be forced penalty of law to reimburse all medically necessary services as so determined b primacy of the attending physician concurrence in the clinical moment. No more interference, usurpations or denials by non-attending interlopers.

The same reinsurance stabilization and reform can be extended to professional malpractice coverage and we can move the nation to a no-fault capture and trar study of medical error and adverse outcomes.

American citizens have an unalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of hap The pursuit of health and the medical arts are implicit and unalienable from the

realize the three unalienable rights of every American. By what cruel distortion c
we allow the suspension and usurpation of unalienable rights by fiat of contract
commerce?

By using the US Treasury as the reinsurance provider we are mutually insuring c
while preserving the primary insurance structure, but correcting it and imposinc
protection that prevents non-attending medical interlopers unlawfully practicinc
on a patient they have not attended and have no permission to lawfully attend. T
gaping structural flaws in the current regulatory scheme and legislative rubric; c
killing patients and magnifying stresses that lead to increased physician error ar
life lost for all involved.

The monopolies that have formed around the current legislation and regulation a
growing increasingly pernicious, malignant and malthusian.

The beast taking shape is coming for us all. We are the harvest.

The primacy of the attending physician/patient relationship is foundation of ever
good and meaningful. We must insure this prevails.

LIKED (9) REPLY (1)

**Nicholas Edward Bednarski, MD** A Jaundiced Eye Aug 25

Very interesting ideas well worth considering. However I will note that the "
commerce and contract are in fact, the liable rights of engaging in free ente
They do carry the personal responsibility for practicing those rights on an i
basis. Much of that has been "delegated" to our government and now we fa
foreseeable consequences. Is the only answer more delegations of our pers
agency to the social whole?

LIKED (4) REPLY (1)

glissmeister glissmeister Aug 25 *Edited*

Unalienable means unalienable, contracts be damned. As to the rest, I

We must use government to do the unilateral big things it does well. Tl paid to administrate. No one there has authority to manage variance. I size-fits all system. They are great and powerful Butchers. God help us they get tasked with conducting surgery.

When unalienable ceases to mean unalienable and becomes provision great experiment in human self-governance will be forever dead.

LIKED (3) REPLY (1)

Joy Metcalf Musings and Thoughts Aug 25

Unfortunately, I think we are nearing that provisional state.

LIKED (4) REPLY

Joy Metcalf Musings and Thoughts Aug 25

My sister used to work in billing at a major Maine hospital. She would confirm all you what was charged in order to get paid.

LIKED (11) REPLY

William Bell William Bell Aug 25

I live in upstate NY. I believe during covid, Cuomo thought the elites where going to g and die if the hospitals were not able to take them in.

I think that was his plan in clearing out the hospitals for emergency, only no elective procedures. That included sending the elderly to nursing homes so that was a doubl sword.

He misused state police to rush drugs or tests or maybe it was both across the state brother Chris when he got covid.

LIKED (7) REPLY (1)

**Meemanator** Meemanator's Substack Aug 25

Possible. We'll never know for sure what the thinking was. But we do know that the Navy hospital ship that was docked in the harbor and charitable organizatioı tent hospital in Central Park - both of which went unused.

LIKED (10) REPLY

**B Mitchell** Aug 25

I cannot get a doctor to give me even a ballpark number as to what a specific surger They just tell me it differs with each insurance company. This situation goes back at couple of decades and probably longer.

LIKED (6) REPLY (1)

**Nicholas Edward Bednarski, MD** A Jaundiced Eye Aug 26

Surgeons DO know what they will get paid for surgery- under Medicare and maı insurers they are paid best global fee that covers their pre-operative visit, the sı post operative care in hospital, and follow up care related to that surgical event offices. That is why so many use PA's or NP's in their offices especially for postc visits— actually being in the operative room is a more productive use of their tin Proceduralists, not surgeons, have a known fee for that service but may be able for ongoing care afterwards as the procedure is part of their diagnostic and/or tl work.

LIKED (3) REPLY (1)

**B Mitchell** Aug 26

I would truly appreciate meeting a doctor who I could get a reasonable estiı Regarding PA's, the last time I went for medical care I saw a PA and I felt he professional job. Maybe the best part was that he listened to me. I knew tha when I read the report in my medical file.

LIKED (1) REPLY

**LB (Little Birdie)** Aug 25

Just curious, if you don't mind my asking. What did you end up paying out of pocket'

LIKE (3) REPLY (1)

**Meemanator** Meemanator's Substack Aug 25

My out of pocket was taken before I had my surgeries - 1/3 of my SS off the top month for five years and 2k per year for supplemental insurance.

LIKED (4) REPLY

**Paul Halczenko** Paul Halczenko Aug 25

Sure Washington Post, let's start with the nearly 1 in 5 members of Congress aged 70 or a wonder what Nancy and Bernie would say when the editorial board comes to them and w into their pockets. Actually, I don't wonder at all.

LIKED (42) REPLY (1)

**Diana Woodward** Diana Woodward Aug 26

Senator Markey D MA is running for re-election at age 80.

LIKED (2) REPLY

**ron** ron Aug 25

Ironically, if we had at least partially privatized SS back when Bush proposed it, we would any of these problems, and SS would probably be MAKING money, somehow!

But, then, the bezos post and all other liberal pubs and demoncrat politicians were screa "Bush wants to put us at the mercy of evil corporate America!! He wants to make us victi rapacious Wall Street!!"

LIKED (40) REPLY (1)

**mhj** mhj Aug 25 *Edited*

To be fair, Bezos had nothing to do with WaPo during the Bush-43 administration. He in 2013.

LIKED (7) REPLY (1)

**ron** ron Aug 25

Of course. But its political bent was at least as left.

bezos acts like he's trying to make it more centrist, but he's failing.

LIKED (9) REPLY

weedom1 weedom Aug 25

Yaaaaaaa, and add to that the fraud, and that social security bennies were handed to illeg imported people who never paid into the system, because they were slated as voter repla

And

We need to face the reality that the COVID management was also to relieve pressure on t spent social security and medicare programs, as well as pensions elsewhere in the world. wiped out a lot of beneficiary years. And it will be done again and again, because the plar never achieve the conditions that they want.

I pulled out my calculator back when they started loading those COVID infected patients nursing homes.

Any elderly person waiting until 70 to get "full" bennies needs to redo their math.

LIKED (34) REPLY

Peggy Bojduj Peggy Bojduj Aug 25

I'm pretty sure the real reason is fraud and illegals

LIKED (29) REPLY (1)

MrsMc MrsMc Aug 25

Dr. Oz indicates this too.

LIKED (10) REPLY

Charles weaver Charles weaver Aug 25

Fraud, and ridiculous pricing schemes. In this modern age of electronic inovation, why sh machines cost hundreds of dollars? And hearing aids many thousand dollars? The list is e Get government out of the way and prices will drop like a rock. Just fund essential care ar the vast network of grifters making a fortune on government largesse

LIKE (26) REPLY

William Bell William Bell Aug 25 *Edited*

Add to this equation the fact I worked hard to put the maximum into a 401k.

At 73 I am required to do a yearly minimum withdrawal. That drives up my taxable income or another so the government gets more money already.

I took my SS starting at 62 at a reduced amount because of a comp injury.

I didn't get SS disability. I worked in a different field and was paying more taxes because I earning too much by their tables to collect my SS fully as un taxable.

It is similar to what they did to unemployment insurance years ago. I collected that during as the housing industry was at a stand still about 1974. My check was half of my hourly ra 40 up to a limit. I was single with a 3 yo son living on $65 a week.

Then they changed the law after that and made unemployment taxable.

I remember when NY started the sales tax and it was referred to as the hot dog tax for me a dollar. That has grown to where it it is on almost everything including utilities and of cou gasoline to get to work and still they want more taxes.

That is why no politician really wants to fight inflation because it just means more sales, ir SS taxes coming in.

I bought my homestead property in 1995 1700 sq ft single story shell. for $20,000 cash b out a hardship withdrawal from my 401k. I paid sales tax on every 2x4, sheet of drywall, w plumbing, etc building it with cash never having a mortgage.

They have increased my assessment every year over these 31 years until it is over $225k me now at a rate of about $400 per month on something I own?

Town and county taxes went up 10% last year.

I also remember when you could write off interest paid on any account and your real esta sales taxes off on your income tax filing but that went the way of the dinosaurs too.

There is no fiscal responsibility at any level of government!

Bill

LIKED (25) REPLY (1)

**Joy Metcalf** Musings and Thoughts Aug 25

You don't own your property, Bill. That is one of the greatest misconceptions of our c
have the right to live there and maintain it as long as you pay local government for th
If you truly owned it, they couldn't take it away.

LIKED (12) REPLY

**Joseph Kaplan** Joseph's Substack Aug 25

Do away with Medicare totally. Go back to a systems of private insurance companies writi
insurance just as we do with homes cars life etc. everyone chooses the level they are willi
for. Make it actual insurance ( look up the definition of insurance. Medicare ain't it) break
companies that have bought out every doctor's practice in America. Make all health care
transparent. All doctors hospitals etc must post the cost of every service. Medicare is not
in any sense of the word. It is a welfare program with a single payor. It is socialized medic
cost of health care is the highest in the world because govt pays for it with no competitio
running a nursing home when Medicare was established. I predicted at the time that was
possible solution. That it would bankrupt us.

LIKED (25) REPLY (3)

**Nicholas Edward Bednarski, MD** A Jaundiced Eye Aug 25

Part of the excessive costs of even private insurance are the time value of money an
personnel. When I was in practice, it took an average of 45 to 120 days to collect fee
insurer. Every new insurance contract cost us 1/4 full-time equivalent person.

LIKED (8) REPLY (1)

**glissmeister** glissmeister Aug 25 *Edited*

It's unconscionable; arguably a criminally insane monopolistic scheme to sabota
process in a manner that attenuates the ability of medical professionals to save
preserve timeliness, reduce years of life lost, and to accelerate the actuary fate
manner that lowers overall costs at scale to benefit competing interests.

It's not become this way by accident, but instead by deliberate actions serving c
interests. Otherwise it would not be what we see today.

LIKED (4) REPLY

Micheal Nash, Ph. D. Micheal Nash, Ph. D. Aug 25

As I posted earlier,we did not need health insjrance until Medicare was passed. Until a union based perk most did not require

LIKED (7) REPLY (1)

Joseph Kaplan Joseph's Substack Aug 25

I was running a small business. We bought private insurance. The expense was

LIKED (5) REPLY

Dr Linda Dr Linda Aug 25

💯

LIKED (4) REPLY

Rob B. Rob B. Aug 25

Maybe(?), if US Representatives and Senators (as well as their staff) were required to live same benefits as us deplorables, we'd have a more realistic and workable retirement syst too late to ask for my contribution back (with reasonable interest included of course) and manage my own affairs?

LIKED (21) REPLY

Jackelyn S Myers Jackelyn's Substack Aug 25

It will not be fixed until all federal employees are treated like plain 'ol ordinary citizens. Th never been any mention of the retirement fund for government employees running out of

LIKED (18) REPLY

glissmeister glissmeister Aug 25 Edited

Money is fungible. Perhaps, in a very real sense, so is American Citizenship. The benefits Americans. If there are inequities, they are rooted in misapprehension, or, the individual d in the biology of the citizen and the income tax code designed to discriminate against the person unevenly, punitively, and capriciously by fiat of the greed and envy driving legislat

This, I suspect, is why the founders saw the excise tax as the only just and rational means taxation to fund the government of a republic and preserve individual liberty from the pre the stereotypical personalities that crave power over others.

I did a deep dive with GROK in re the state of Colorado, asking the total value of interstate international commerce outbound (in USD) from the state for FY2024: >$20 Trillion. Ther for the total tax revenue generated for FY2024 assessed retail sales, property tax and sta tax: >$33 Billion. If a 10% excise tax were to be used instead on outbound commerce, tha differential increase of ~$1.67 Trillion in revenue with a massive liberation of productivity productivity quality for the residents of Colorado, who get major swathes of their private and a general decriminalization of their relationship to their state government.

I think the dynamic in play illuminates why Trump contemplates a similar thing on the nati federal level. The numbers stated are too fluid and complex to hold true in reality, but the is immutably on display. How we fund our nation's governments today is brutish, schizoid sadistically unproductive.

A Big Rethink is happening in the streets. If we can't break the grip of the corrupt politica that has institutionalized the spectacular normalization of fraud on display in Minnesota, and other Machine Democrat (and crony RINO) strongholds, the DSA kids will bury us wit distemper and rampage while they dance in the flames of mendacity and mutual self-imm

Our founder's Constitution is just fine. It's the conceits and stupidities of the Victorian, Ec and Elizabethan Eras that need flushing down the commode of history.

Engineering still lights the way. The engineering culture of America influences all aspects economy to better inform and liberate our best professional practices.

Liberating our best professional practices has a way of liberating our best personal practi the latter is an area of societal gain desperately needed for the benefit of all.

Gates, Fauci and Collins are but three of many pernicious examples of the archetypical m that infests our era and threatens our mutual future.

LIKED (17) REPLY

sparky Aug 25

I practiced primary care as a solo family doc for 37+ years with full hospital privileges. I la
the progressive excess costs and inefficiencies of the health care delivery system at the f
government over those years. One issue, however, needs honest addressing. Each passir
medicare recipient costs more per annum on average. That makes sense. I have never me
who accurately predicted at what age our society starts spending less as our aging proce
inevitable passing is embraced. I have read (and believe) the average American spends h
lifetime healthcare dollars in the last six months of life. That reflects using our excessively
expensive, intensive resources to prolong dying rather than extending life. I call it 'the Am
of dying'. Medicare's own published data shows the age our medical system spends less
is 97. I used to tell my patients be careful as my profession tends to do more TO you than
as you age. I could write a full essay on the myriad of reasons this is so. Suffice it to say, ı
politician will ever address this. A core useful tool would be for our society to start talking
focusing on measuring 'healthspan' rather than 'lifespan'. That would at least make healtl
primary goal.

LIKED (13) REPLY

Millie Thornton Millie Thornton Aug 25

Liked by Dr. Robert W. Malone

We have similar in the UK. It is my own fault that I went to work, payed taxes, saved for my
retirement, live in a good area and have a holiday property. I am the subect/object of the p
envy. Because of that I must be taxed until I have nothing left. Medical treatment on the N
'regulated' by age.

I unknowingly, and unwillingly, support people who don't, and never have, worked and pai
have no say over my taxes are spent. I feel aggrieved. I came from a very humble backgro
seem to be returning to it.

LIKED (8) REPLY

**mhj** mhj Aug 25

Very good piece.

Regarding the age cohort 65-74 being the wealthiest--well, d'uh. They spent 20 years af
kids were done with college accumulating assets for retirement, but have not been retirec
enough to have spent it down very far. That does not remotely imply that they have been
beneficiaries of undeserved largesse, and now must be punished.

LIKED (11) REPLY

**David TenEyck** Aug 25

Ronald Reagan, in the early 1980's, pointed out that there was a problem with SS and Me
when the Boomer generation would retire. He asked congress to work on solutions that w
rather painless if done 40 years before the demographic problem arrived. The democrats
him and screamed about how Ronald and the republican party would starve and kill Granc
the gutless republicans folded (which is still happening today) and nothing was done.

I was in my early 20's then and I told myself I would need to save my own retirement fund
assumed SS would be broke when I retired. Now, I'm retired and receiving SS and I receiv
living increase each year, but my check, after Medicare deduction, goes down every year
same time inflation destroys the value of that smaller check.

Now, I'm the solution because I saved for retirement.

LIKED (10) REPLY

**Rick Ratliff** Rick Ratliff Aug 25

Why do they strive to be so disingenuous?

LIKED (10) REPLY (1)

**Meemanator** Meemanator's Substack Aug 25

As always - follow the money

LIKED (12) REPLY

earl earl Aug 25

Liked by Dr. Robert W. Malone

-Please, no one tell WaPo about Soylent Green.

-I've been watching this slow motion train wreck for over 30 years. Socialist Security and were doomed to fail. I'd call them Ponzi schemes, but they're voluntary.

LIKED (5) REPLY

JUDY MORGAN JUDY MORGAN Aug 25

I fall into that senior category and will start collecting next year. It angers me that they sq my investment when I would have been personally responsible with those funds.

LIKED (8) REPLY

Marie Flatley Aug 25

You got this right. It seems grossly unfair that my Medicare premium cost is indexed to pa the exact same care. And use of the system seems abusive at times, too.

LIKED (7) REPLY

Mitchell Fleisher MD DHT Mitchell's Substack Aug 25

Ideally, we should all have the choice of contributing a portion of our income into the Soc and Medicare systems, or eschewing socialism entirely, and investing our hard-earned m our own for our retirement. As a family physician for nigh 50 years, I've observed how cor unfair the Medicare system is to the elderly, e.g., payment for lab testing, medicines, proc denied with little or no good reason. We all deserve far better as diligent, responsible, Am citizens.

LIKED (6) REPLY

Jim Bianchi Jim Bianchi Aug 25

The fundamental problem is that when you give a job to the government, any governmen screw it up. Doesn't make any difference what system you're operating under. There are encourage people of all income levels to take care of their own retirement needs. Whatev choose to set aside is theirs, controlled by them, and the government should not be allow their money grubbing hands on any of it.

LIKED (6) REPLY

cabystander Aug 25

I am an Engineer. Took Econ 101 back when the POTUS was a Texas Democrat. Don't rem
much, but over the years I have learned:

1) There is no such thing as a free lunch

2) Quality, Availability and Price. Pick two. It is possible to have none, but you can't have a

Our current health care system in the US delivers Quality and Availability--although Availa
getting strained. Price? Unreasonable.

When Government controls, it always keeps the price down. Hence--it cannot deliver Qua
availability. The free market delivers Quality and Availability at the expense of Price.

In the US Health Care world, we have the worst of all worlds. About half the market is dire
controlled by the Government. Through regulations and approvals--essentially all.

LIKED (6) REPLY

ComeQuicklyLord ComeQuicklyLord Aug 25

The government created a ponzie system, by law, that took billions of dollars from an acc
hard working citizens paid into, "borrowed" from that lucrative account and directed the r
pet projects that has nothing to do with Social Security, and once spent can never be retr

JD Vance is over the Fraud, Waste, and Abuse, investigation, and should look no further t
own government—in particular Congress who created this ponzie scheme—legalized thie

LIKED (6) REPLY

T. Paine T. Paine Aug 25

The real crime is political cowardice and their refusal to be honest about anything in orde
themselves at everyone else's expense. Think 2008 bailouts of the big banks who the gov
allowed to lend money to people without proof of ability to repay/legalized fraud. "The Ro
Serfdom" has been well documented and appears to be their road map.

LIKED (6) REPLY

Debra Nolasco Debra Nolasco Aug 25

There is so much to unpack here, that one hardly knows where to begin. First, the govern needs to stop promoting harmful products, such as the endless stream of mRNA product putting their seal of approval on others such as glyphosate. That would go a long way in k many Americans healthier. Secondly, the government should stop supporting Big Pharma stream of other harmful products & pharmaceuticals & stop pushing them through televis advertising. They should emphasize all of the things that would promote good health & th alternatives for treating many maladies, including Chiropractic & Naturopathic medicine, a Homeopathy. The Unbekoming substack highlights many of these previously widely utiliz modalities & has recently published several books on them. There seems to be enough m the budget for frivolous & inane things, but they could not even emphasize the supreme i of Vitamin-D during covid, while also suppressing & denigrating medications that actually would have kept people out of the hospitals that seemed hell-bent on further sickening y Remdesivir & ventilators. Most were lucky to get out alive. So, while the government withl important information & promotes dangerous information, the elder population is suppos badly about their accumulated savings & acquired wealth? I have an idea: why don't we s millions of our tax dollars to Third World countries with those dollars earmarked for line-d instruction for the gender-confused & novel hair-braiding techniques.

LIKED (6) REPLY

Gary Driscoll Gary Driscoll Aug 25

What we are seeing is the inevitable result of socialism. You eventually run out of other pe
money. Social Security and Medicare were the first large-scale socialist programs in the U
disguised as "insurance". When I first started full-time work back in 1964, it took me abou
to calculate that my eventual return from my retirement contributions to the company reti
program was going to be a great deal more beneficial than my return from my social secu
payments. The difference was so great that I would have opted out of Social Security if it
optional.

I use a simple assessment of the viability of these programs. I look at the amount the pay
and consider that has to come from the ~2.5 payers (a declining ratio over time) into the
and wonder how long the programs will last when the payers have to pay the full costs un
current conditions. Thus, if I get 25,000 a year from the programs, the payers need to pa
each. And, each of the payees have to consider that their chances of ever collecting go d
time because some generation will say "no more" or simply "can't do". The "can't do" gro
of work and thus reduce the critical ratio even more.

LIKED (6) REPLY

Joy Metcalf Musings and Thoughts Aug 25

Social Security has always been sleight of hand. Nobody has an actual "account"; it's me
number assigned to a person. FICA has always been a tax, and any tax can be diverted ar
government want.

What we really need is a government that stops passing out money like it's candy, and es
stops creating money out of thin air, constantly reducing the value of the dollar. How abo
government out of things not authorized by the Constitution? How about authorizing Mec
pay for alternative (and far cheaper) treatments, such as homeopathy? How about not all
Commander-in-Chief to send troops without a declaration of war? How about dismantling
and requiring the Department of the Treasury to actually have control? Of course, JFK trie
we saw the results...

For many of us, if we'd had the option of investing the money ourselves, we'd be a lot bet
One of the few things that I ever agreed with Bush on, and boy, was that shot down in a h

It's not surprising that the Post suggests taking money from those who "have too much".
American public has been taught for decades that those who have more should pay more
the fact that, say, 15% of 100,000 is already 10 times more than 15% of 10,000. The impli
distributing the wealth; "fairness" means "you have more than me so you're responsible f
Marxist philosophy indeed.

Our nation was built on self-determination and that underpinning has been slowly chippe
the past 100+ years. We were told that we would be conquered from within, and that's ex
has occurred.

One last thought. This is reminiscent of the Janet Woodcock email that was recently relea
where she stated "But my experience is, that if you let a problem fester, that it will come b
bite you later and you are not prepared." Not just true of Covid, mightily true of governme

LIKED (5) REPLY

Handsome Pristine Patriot Handsome Pristine Patriot Aug 25

I'm shocked!

Shocked, I tells ya........that anyone would even bother to read past the first paragraph of the Washington Poop prints.

LIKED (5) REPLY

D D D D Aug 25

After reading this to my husband, I have nothing to add. This system is and has been, (Me
SS) structured by people who have not been schooled the same as you. Please save us fr
ignorant.

LIKED (5) REPLY

Maggie Reedy Aug 25

The government has raided the SS piggy bank for years! If I remember correctly, LBJ four
stuck into the bank!

LIKED (5) REPLY

Larry Cox Larry's View Aug 25

Well, unfortunately for the doctors in the room, it appears doctors have been ripping us o

And while we could blame just them for what is happening today, that would be far from a

It WAS our generation (wasn't it?) that pushed in higher insurance payment schemes (Me
started 61 years ago, on 30 July, 1965) instead of digging down to the root problem.

Most of us didn't want to admit that doctors didn't know what they were doing and so be
devising clever schemes for making money by killing people very gradually.

Better options were being offered as early as 1950, and the author of that material was w
about the problem with doctors back then, too. But only a few of us (or our parents) heec
wasn't born yet). And - at the insistence of our friends the doctors - we continued to ignc
warnings as well as the work of many others pointing in a similar direction.

So now we have a problem, and the tough guys over at the Post want to blame us for it. N
they have their arguments a bit confused. After all, they haven't climbed on the anti-doct
bandwagon, either.

But the fact is, we are to blame. We were warned and we failed to heed the warnings. We
offered better answers and we failed to learn about them.

So now I'll probably only live to 75 rather than to 85 like my dad. But I probably won't die
multiple heart surgeries under my belt, plus a prostate removal, taking a bunch of drugs,
getting my appendix removed, resulting in sepsis which would kill me slowly in a hospital.
untreated cancer or something. And maybe that will serve me right.

LIKED (5) REPLY (3)

Micheal Nash, Ph. D. Micheal Nash, Ph. D. Aug 25

Actually back in 1965 most docs opposed the concept,as did the AMA until the gov
with a big enough incentive to change,their mind and that was overpricing what they
for elderly care. That ultimately raised the cost of all medical care,including lab and
the point medical insurance became a necessity.

LIKED (10) REPLY

Nicholas Edward Bednarski, MD A Jaundiced Eye Aug 25

Hopefully you get care from a naturopath or a homeopath, and not an allopath or an

LIKED (6) REPLY (1)

Micheal Nash, Ph. D. Micheal Nash, Ph. D. Aug 25

Have had the best care since childhood g.p. from an osteopath.

LIKED (8) REPLY (2)

MrsMc MrsMc Aug 25

My husband preferred osteopaths - the ones who are trained in spine mani
have a new friend whose young brother just became a DO, haven't met him

LIKED (2) REPLY (1)

Micheal Nash, Ph. D. Micheal Nash, Ph. D. Aug 25

Are too here in Texas, a better part from my experience. Was in ICU wi
blood clot in my leg and they brought in an osteopath to remove it. As
above, my primary care provider also an osteopath

LIKED (1) REPLY

Nicholas Edward Bednarski, MD A Jaundiced Eye Aug 25

I'm surprised. In California osteopaths have Long been part of the medical establishment

LIKE (1) REPLY (1)

**Joy Metcalf** Musings and Thoughts Aug 25

It's pretty hard to find an osteopath that practices osteopathy.

LIKED (1) REPLY

**T. Paine** T. Paine Aug 25 *Edited*

I'm not taking the blame for other people's apathy and denial, but I am a victim of igr
voters who keep "choosing between two cheeks of the same ass", as George Gallowa
says.

LIKE (3) REPLY (1)

**T. Paine** T. Paine Aug 25

I should have referenced GW earlier

LIKE (1) REPLY

**David Lang Wardle** David Lang Wardle Aug 25

Sorry Dr. Malone; you're not learning the appropriate message. Stop reading the Washing
editorials.

LIKED (5) REPLY (1)

**D D** D D Aug 25

David, without checking all that is being spewed as truth I would need to be a lot mo
and brighter than I am. I am grateful for the information.

LIKE (7) REPLY (1)

**David Lang Wardle** David Lang Wardle Aug 25

Life is too short to check everything. I read the Wall Street Journal Opinion Page
York Times Articles, and the Washington Post Articles. No one should have time
stellar example in the Post, Karen Attiah, unless you're seriously into colonoscop

LIKED (1) REPLY

John Reynolds Aug 25

Unfortunately, Social Security was never actuarially sound. If the funds that were acquire
government had been invested in our economy and capitalist system the fund wound hav
accommodate inflation and would not be going broke. The funds were not only spent, the
generation of additional funds.

LIKED (4) REPLY

MrsMc MrsMc Aug 25 *Edited*

I was hoping (and still do hope) that when Trump's tariff plan becomes fruitful, the whole
will change and SS benefits to Seniors will be increased and protected. Maybe this is a ro
glasses sort of thing, but President Trump is a very "senior friendly" president. I'm pretty
Marco is Senior friendly too...(my current fave for next President)

LIKE (4) REPLY

D A KESTER Aug 25

Thanks to Malones for a great article, and thanks to fellow readers for great insights. The
out.

Who is fooling whom?

We have a saying where I live: fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me.

LIKE (4) REPLY

Gerry Ganong Gerry Ganong Aug 25

Thank you for this analysis and the clarity. Surely to God, no one in the room responsible
cleaning this up takes the Post's positions seriously! This is a never-ending debate I try n
engage with, but the current, fast-moving US-Marxist creep is scary. I'm a 77 y/o grandm
for all my adult life, invested, saved, and now relying on my monthly Social Security retire
getting much too old for this sh*t! ("people's republic of Canada"... clever! Made me LOL

LIKE (4) REPLY

Jean Jean Aug 25

Thank you for this discussion. Certainly a more than timely issue.

A few years ago, the Social Security retirement provisions were described as a Ponzi sch our legislators anticipate those contributing would eventually be substantially fewer as tir on?

Participation is mandatory. Does expectation of payout reduce the incentives to save tow retirement? Does our educational system adequately prepare students for effective/realis financial management of their affairs over a lifetime?

The Social Security Retirement issues are many. We likely should include its Disability pro the mix. Ed Dowd has noted this population is rapidly increasing. It covers payments for c of the disabled as well. Many of the disabled are younger and they and their families will r extended periods of coverage.

Then on to Medicare. Eliminating fraud and up coding appear quite beneficial at this poin MAHA contribtion promoting a healthier population has promise. A reduction in chronic d would be helpful on many levels. Current reaching beyond standard medical care with su exercise and healthful living should help. More careful attention to "insurance" strategies with affordability. A focus on reducing administrative costs could help.

For one, I choose to focus my medical oversight and care on Must Do causes. Nice to pur generally eliminated. Fighting blindness is unfortunately expensive. When one lives alone prefers it (not to mention its likely less expensive than assisted living) seeing is vital. I oth focus on being frugal with Medicare opportunities.

You are entirely on the money. Even if Trump is successful in transitioning us back to our economic system of innovation, production and sales of goods addressing senior costs w

Thanks for kicking off consideration!

LIKED (4) REPLY (1)

Jean Jean Aug 25

Failed to mention the disabled qualify for Medicare as well (not sure about their depe Read 6 (?) Advantage providers were planning to exit.

LIKED (4) REPLY

Tim Aug 25

Fall of 2018 my wife had both knees replaced six weeks apart. The final bill to Medicare fr hospital was $105,000 Medicare allowed 14,000 paid 12,800 and her part was $1200

Hospital Billing is a scam

LIKED (4) REPLY

Nicholas Edward Bednarski, MD A Jaundiced Eye Aug 25

Controls over availability of new expensive treatments/methods? I'm old enough to remer Certificate of Need wars over CT scanners and MRIs. Prediction: if either "traditional" par power, the solution will be more borrowing—after all, we'll owe the money to ourselves. If variants take over, which is highly possible( the educational elite who lose

their jobs due to declining college demographics, and their unemployable indebted stude sway the votes in our new City-States), we'll see overt redistribution and rationing of all " programs based on " very rational" cost-benefit analyses.

LIKED (4) REPLY

Melanie Reynolds Melanie Reynolds Aug 25

Punish the elderly. That makes sense. 😜Not!

LIKED (4) REPLY

Expat Aug 25

It's the same story over here in France. I agree that all these social programs need to be r But I would say the first place to look is the STATE. No one can tell me that the French go is spending our money wisely. They just reduced dental reimbursements to 40% (of a pri the government) from 70% (an ongoing trend) but they would NEVER stop paying French over 5000 euros/month for expenses (on top of their salaries). And that is just one tiny ex what the State thinks about their citizens. Plus ça change, plus c'est pareil.

LIKED (3) REPLY

mike mike's Newsletter Aug 25

What chaps my hind quarters is the blathering in some media that Social Security is going
Prepare me for cuts while trillions are being pocketed by thieves. Let's really discuss the
financial ripoff. Our wonderful employees, government representatives, have distributed t
Security funds to every special interest they could dilute the reality of grift. If someone ha
contributed to Social Security, they should be on public assistance. Oh my Mike, Public A
budgets would skyrocket. The squeaking wheel gets the grease and our employees, gove
representatives, need to hear it.

LIKED (3) REPLY

mike mike's Newsletter Aug 25

This is the way I see it. Many people paid into the Social Security system. That's good. Th
bunch of people were made eligible to Social Security benefits. Not good. The powers tha
benefits to people that never contributed to the system, like medicare. Put all those peop
never paid into the system on Public assistance, Welfare, and Medicaid, simple. Now the
diatribe floated in inklings some media is "Oh, gee whillickers, Social Security is bankrupt
your trillions and stuff your pockets and screw me and say that Social Security is going ba
you. The special election that took place in Pennsylvania Congressional District 12 shows
happens when Allegheny County tax escapees vote. Run from communist promises of eq
high taxes and you come and infect freedom. Go live with Mamadami and your Rangerove
Shmoozy communist fece.

LIKED (3) REPLY

Kristin Maguire Kristin Maguire Aug 25

Thank you for calling out the propaganda shifting blame to the "old" people. It is a classic
Communist scapegoating. It is reprehensible.

I didn't see any mention of how expensive end of life care is. It doesn't take long to burn t
one's whole estate in the last 24 months of one's life. Visiting elderly relatives and friends
nursing facilities is sobering. How many of us want better for ourselves and our children?

LIKED (3) REPLY

**Bruce Miller** Bruce Miller Aug 25 *Edited*

But wait - I distinctly remember that fat fraud Am Gore, saying all the money was safe ins bix.

LIKED (3) REPLY

**gail** gail Aug 25

I remember hearing Chelsea Clinton saying something about world dominion through hea Another way they rob us through healthcare/causing chronic diseases/collecting the mon stealing the money and making us pay for it all! and of course dividing us as in this article

I am learning so much these days. I am reading the book Chaos about Charles Manson, tl the secret history of the 60s. And the podcast episode S340 by sober Christian gentlema cancel culture/consequence culture was fascinating and so informative. He is a great exp teacher also.

LIKED (3) REPLY

**Benedetta Reiser- Gilardini** Aug 25

Grandma here! I have a small survivors pension thanks to years my husband paid into the I live abroad, I do not benefit from Medicare, so I am basically minimally financing the nex Medicare and this is good enough for me

LIKED (3) REPLY

**Michael Williams** Michael Williams Aug 25

Want to secure soc sec and medicare, for which working taxpayers were forced to pay int whole working lives, get rid of the welfare system portion funded by the federal Gov! If a s a welfare system for their citizens, let them and I guarantee blue states would go bankrup their sugar daddy will no longer be paying using the rest of America's tax $$$ for the mo laundering scheme they've developed 🤬

LIKED (3) REPLY

**Peter Taylor** Peter's Substack Aug 25

Drs Malone,

A wonderful expose a story I'm sure will likely result in a record number of responses bec touches and impacts all of your readers. The fact remains that all Western economies cor dilemma, here in New Zealand we have had been grappling with the very same issue for s years, I suggest an opt in scheme is put into effect.

Simply put government can legislate to provide an opt in scheme enabling anyone eligible that upon achieving the age of entitlement that they can opt out choosing to voluntarily fo benefit entitlement with the caveat that if they change their mind they can within a perioc in... such a caveat enables citizens the ability to determine what's best for them.

Many there are who financially feel they do not need to receive such a benefit and decide a true altruistic outcome, there have been instances where some who have opted out, res change in circumstances have opted back in doing so out of necessity... as an interim me ideal catering to all needs and doing so without force.

The biggest issue I feel for the U.S is given how hard we have seen those in power, those wealth behave toward those who do not share such, that Americans need be truly mindfu fact that your government might well decide to rid themselves of the problem by eliminat considered a drain, a fiscal drag on the government's finances, in other words those who government assistance for their survival...such a mind set is not out of the bounds of pos becoming reality for we had a portent and taste of the same with Covid when the agenda of treatment seemingly was slanted toward seniors and those with Co morbidities... the si most vulnerable amongst us... most of whom, would be considered a fiscal drag, I believe explained the easy sell and subsequent buy in to such a terrible agenda as mandating ma vaccination with a such a patently in my opinion, substandard and unproven in terms of tr efficacy,.... treatment for the condition we were being asked to be vaccinated.

Certainly the latest evidence and findings would endorse that my above opinion is relative correct.. whilst the subsequent instructions mandated and policed local and States medi we are witnessing being rescinded by courts with many judgments being both scathing a their critique of the actions and especially overreach that we have witnessed many of the and their members adopt... the cases of Pierre Kory, Dr Mary Ness of Maryland just two th to mind, indeed SCOTUS has also ruled in a landmark case that impacts Pierre Kory's tha government cannot restrict medical practitioners speech and advice of treatment recomr to patients... in short such is verboten... as it should be.

Be careful America the downward slide to true fascism seems to have begun, this WAPO latest example... my advice organise, prepare, and let your collective voices be heard, ren and do nothing and watch what has always been promised as part of the social contract t from you... just saying

Kia Kaha (stay strong) from New Zealand

LIKED (3) REPLY

Richard Whitney Richard Whitney Aug 25

Another outstanding article and critique by the Malones. Thank you! Here is a more sensi approach to saving Social Security: https://independenceparty.substack.com/p/the-save-security-act-time

LIKED (3) REPLY

Mark Mark Aug 25

Sunset the program. Anyone that was born on or after a certain date gets the lump sum ( paid in refunded to them and their employer gets a 2-1 tax credit if that employer is still a you could sell the tax credits somehow. Maybe throw in 3% compounded interest. If you a collecting Soc Sec you can lump sum opt out based on mortality rates, most likely year o collect until you die. There is enough waste, fraud and abuse that can be cut to limp the c beneficiaries to the finish line. I would be happy to take a lump sum and be done with it if I made after Soc. Sec age (62 1/2) was COMPLETELY TAX FREE.

I am not an actuary but I'll bet this is less expensive than the metal gymnastics, increasec other stupid financial games and empty campaign promises that will assuredly ensue if th Gov't tries to fund Soc Sec, Medicare, etc.

Rip the band aid off and suck it up. It is going to hurt no matter what.

Let the people decide what to do with their own money. The less gov't interference and n the better.

LIKED (3) REPLY

Garry Blankenship Garry's Substack Aug 25

Interesting how Government establishes these health care and retirement plans to provid constituency future and then steals from that future, making it magically insolvent. A com the 2008 financial crisis was the collapse of Washington Mutual Bank. Its assets, ( proper branches ), were gifted to Chase Bank for being a loyal little doggie, while the retirement were written off to the insolvency, leaving those retirees with nothing and Chase with the seeing some potential in the Iran sanctions plan to render uncompliant countries U.S. bor valueless, by unilaterally assessing penalties.

LIKED (3) REPLY

Randall Stoehr randall's Substack Aug 25 *Edited*

My now deceased S. Court Justice in Minn repeated these 5 words very often.

And it makes more sense now than it ever did before.

The observation being that "NOTHING" happens in and around DC,

Until the one most important item is authority established in writing.

"THOSE MOST ABLE TO PAY".

It is the forefront process to pass a bill or amend one into law.

Law firms rarely take cases until that is etched in Granite.

"If you choose not to decide you still have made a choice" Styxx

In America it's possible, You will be over ruled!

LIKE (3) REPLY

Patricia Patricia Aug 25

So, evidently the government used social security funds (? allegedly here?), bought bond money on retirement funds us "rich seniors" worked for? Now this article is stating the se to help fund these young snowflakes, so they can possibly purchase a "home", then what these youngster's don't even have jobs! This is insane to read. I have read posts, & a few articles" that SSA funds have been dropping & us "rich seniors" only have a few more yea collect our retirement money that we worked for, with contributions from employers! The government used Medicare funds for programs, or funded NGO's? This is wrong, & the m borrowed, & interest earned, needs to be paid bak into the SSA retirement funds!

LIKED (3) REPLY

Randall Stoehr randall's Substack Aug 25

We were made promises that our contributions to a very specific fund would be protectec

by folks that have a history of not keeping them very well.

Trust in .Gov is reaching the lowest ebb in USA History.

Never mind the fact that the "M" word became the "B" word and is now the "T" word.

Like Buddy Boy Dick Cheney kept repeating in office that "Deficits do not Matter" ....at all

LIKED (3) REPLY

Queen of Raleigh Queenofeagles Aug 25

I thought the solution was for the industry to keep killing old ppl w/ shots.

LIKED (3) REPLY

T. Paine T. Paine Aug 25

The fact that social security withholding caps at was around $125,000 when I was workin now 176,000 is an example of doing nothing when those making $500,000 or more don't when they are the most able. I will bet most Americans who never earn over the limit have as a percentage of wages they are paying more. The average lifespan at SS inception wa: 60's and is now in the high 70's/80, with only minor increases in when benefits start. Oh a could have not pissed away Trillions in unprovoked wars, or raised taxes. So who is to bla the game is rigged? The donors support both candidates we ultimately chose from and tl the outcome never changes. I'm tired of being the scapegoat for their corruption and crin quote the WPost which is not news it's propaganda and criminal deception.

LIKED (3) REPLY

Micheal Nash, Ph. D. Micheal Nash, Ph. D. Aug 25

An interesting question. Teachers in Texas have had a retirement program that predated were exempted from paying into it. Then came along Medicare and I am wondering if that them into SS? If not they are required to go on Medicare by all insurance programs I know Interesting, huh?

LIKED (3) REPLY

MrsMc MrsMc Aug 25

Thank you for this excellent post. The first thing I thought when I saw it started with a Wa Post article, was "ok Democrats and Rhinos are trying to scare the seniors before the mic know it is a problem, but it always beats us over the head right before every November el Nothing changes. Dr. Oz's focus on fraud, and Trump's tariff system are encouraging.

LIKED (3) REPLY

Thomas A Braun RPh N2E+ for Life www.seveninnoce... Aug 25

It is estimated that since the advent of the covid crisis in 2020, we have lost about 1 millic grandmas and granddads early. It certainly reduces the burden for the federal governmer

The real issue is the excessive spending by the DOD and the forever wars and the bloatec system masquerading as a healthcare system. In 2026 the DOD will spent about 1 TRILLI( and Healthcare costs will exceed 6 TRILLION. The gorilla in the room is certainly healthca subject is not generally discussed. It is reported in 6 months of 2026, the Trump adminis tacked on another TRILLION dollars in debt. Going for 2 Trillion in 2026. If the aggressive the DOD and the Medical system was reined in we could easily stop the dollar death spira

I have addressed the gorilla in the following article:
https://thomasabraunrph.substack.com/p/bloated-usa-health

LIKED (3) REPLY (1)

Nicholas Edward Bednarski, MD A Jaundiced Eye Aug 25

Remember, the department of defense is our most massive federal employment proq

LIKED (3) REPLY

Brandy Aug 25

Politicians always talk about 'saving' Social Security, but never say how they are going to need to push our politicians are the plan they talk about.

LIKE (3) REPLY

Danielle J. Duperret, ND/PhD Beacons of Light: Health, Heali... Aug 26

I have been paying for Medicare for 5 years now. I don't use it as I am a naturopath/holisti keep myself healthy. They keep contacting me to get my shots, mammograms (and they get a mammogram), even home visits. They don't pay for anything alternative, and even is restricted. It's obviously not about helping you stay healthy.

LIKED (2) REPLY

mike mike's Newsletter Aug 26

Ok, Pfizer and Moderna got how many billions to inject their experiments? USAID got how billions? How many billions were given to the financial ripoff of 2008? The government fo cash to screw us big time. Where did they find it? They found it where there was no resis their actions. The government had no resistance to giving SSA benefits to every Tom, Dic Sally. All those people who didn't pay in should be on public assistance.

LIKED (2) REPLY

Sybil Aug 26

Perfectly stated article, and yes, the SS fund is low because those who "borrowed" never back. We should demand repayment before we are thrown out to pasture altogether. We old, but we are far from ignorant on how to manage a spreadsheet that will enable us not altogether! Those from past generations were actually taught such things.

LIKED (2) REPLY

Alison Cipriani Alison Cipriani Aug 25

While I'm sure your calculations are valid I would point out two small items; there is a con cap so my sister who made $600,000/year may have paid out the same as I at $65,000 (I don't know where the cap is) enabling her to save and invest at a much higher rate than I.

Also, I am 75 and rarely need medical care but all of my friends have multiple doctor appo at all times. I wonder if that's their way if keeping busy but seems to tax te medical syster than is realistic.

LIKED (2) REPLY

lynn Aug 25

Elders fortunate enough to not fall into the morass of hospitals, rehab centers and nursin during their last couple years, pass their accumulated wealth onto the younger generatio helps them out far more than the government stealing it and redistributing it. So really, ta from the "retirement state" also harms the people the Post claims it will help.

LIKED (2) REPLY

especialsov especialsov Aug 25

Well, well, well. One of many problems is the Empire is coming slowly to its end and with i
immoral and evil actions it has foisted on the American public and the world. Feckless an
irresponsible, greedy political hacks at all levels. Our Founders would be grabbing their w
and revolt and arrest all these greedy bought and paid for politicians as well as all the wa
agencies. The America that was founded is no more and its demise is unfortunate result
overall malfeasance and greed and expansion. Political hacks doing the bidding of the eli
mere Sheckels or peanuts and sold out the people for it. Is it not what has befallen all oth
empires and civilizations? Dissension and divisions that are squandering our money on w
end and wasting our resources. We could have been the continuum of a nation that could
outlasted past civilizations into ushering more of a better lot for mankind. The formation
country by those men that respected that document called THE CONSTITUTION and Bill
to maintain the nation in a path of Liberty, prosperity and peace will be no more. Since th
oncoming generations do away with what our founders set down for our posterity is now
shredded and eviscerated daily that one day you will wake up in a dystopian or Orwellian
as well as not having nothing left. We all have a part in all of this, but most do not want to
reality that the nation you have evolved into will be of despair and a loss. Sometimes mor
or advancement in life is not better in the long run if you are to lose everything and anythi
irresponsibility of running the country to the ground. If one can say is that evil and destru
forces never sleep. Political hacks always look to blame the people when in reality is WE
PEOPLE that is to be looked out for and the country in progression with responsible fisca
and the like. But greed and avarice abound when money is the object that they only want
good use for money when you have no country left to use it in your life. When is man eve
learn and when will it be that we can it together.

LIKED (2) REPLY (1)

D D D D Aug 25

Hear yea, there is more truth in these words than can be ascertained by a quick read
deep...

LIKED (2) REPLY

B Mitchell Aug 25

For the biggest part of my life I skrimped and saved to stay out of debt and build a saving retirement. Now that I am in my retirement years, I have enough to not have to be so frug was withheld from my salary to go into Social Security and Medicare, not to mention my e matching funds, were earned. Your article points that out very well.

LIKED (2) REPLY (1)

B Mitchell Aug 25

Scrimped--a word I heard and used a lot in my youth. Misspelled because I never sa down,

LIKED (1) REPLY

Jim Randall Jim Randall Aug 25

"From each according to his ability, to each according to his need." Exactly what the Post board wants to do.

LIKED (2) REPLY

Eileen Atherton Aug 25

I have a lovely young relative who has won a Pulitzer at, and who still works for, the WaPo thinks they offer a balanced viewpoint. 🙄

Funny how you can be proud of someone and feel sad at the same time.

LIKED (2) REPLY

Dave Coleman Dave Coleman Aug 25

We Canadians, when needing health care that is not offered by the government system a government outlaws private provision thereof, we travel to the US to obtain it. If you guys down the path to socialized health care, where will we (and you) go? India, I guess.

LIKED (2) REPLY

Miqra Aug 25

Excellent summary of many of the various factors playing into this scenario. One thing I d notice as I was giving the article a fairly speedy read-through: INFLATION. At least part o reason why those of us who have saved & invested over decades SEEM to have a lot of w accumulated is because today's USD is worth so much less than the dollars we saved an over the past half century. When I began college nearly 60 years ago, a luxury automobile about $6K and the full tuition, room & board at my Ivy league school was half that much. bought a very nice home in a nice neighborhood. Try to accomplish any of that with toda "dollars"!

LIKED (2) REPLY

Mary mallory Mary's Substack Aug 25

Thanks for standing up for us.

LIKED (2) REPLY

Tom Wigand American Discerner by Thomas Wi... Aug 25

a) Thank you for reading the (com)Post so I don't have to.

b) "The first bit of editorial sleight of hand comes almost immediately. The Post explains many years Social Security collected more in payroll taxes than it paid in benefits. Then it readers that "the government didn't save that extra money."

WHAT? Al Gore assured us that there's a "lock box."

c) Flemming v. Nestor (even though touching Social Security was long considered the "th is technically not a retirement program, nor does one "vest" in "benefits" (or "contributio financialization of the economy that have genuinely harmed the prospects of younger pe replacement migration means that the "third rail" is teetering.
https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/363/603/

d) Bill Gates and his Globalist posse want depopulation. This (com)Post messaging is, I b programming for death-hastening restrictions in medical care and assisted suicide. From standpoint, the worst of the the "useless eaters" are those no longer working and "consu retirement benefits (never mind that they were earned).

e) I'm surprised that the (com)Post didn't invoke the term "privilege." "Retirees' privilege, "Boomers' privilege" and so on. Perhaps it'll appear in the next round of pre-programmin

LIKED (2) REPLY

Bill Dawson Aug 25

And this is why we see governments looking at assisted suicide now as a medical benefit seniors. The government stole the money, really, they stole it. I remember back in the 198 the Democrats talked about building a door in the firewall between SS and the general fu using other linguistic tricks as they argued with Republicans about stealing from the SS fu let's be honest about where the money was going. DOGE revealed a LOT of fraud and the Minnesota's daycare fraud and California's hospice fraud, done with full knowledge of the governments, is a drop in the bucket. September 10, 2001, Donald Rumsfeld told the pres DOD accounting department couldn't track something like $2.3 Trillion, and the next day accounting department at the Pentagon was destroyed. We have been robbed, and now t wants the money back their answer is to kill us off. Covid and the guidance Fauci gave to and hospital systems was designed to kill people, especially the weakest and oldest of us to track the money, where it went, and expropriate it all back.

LIKED (2) REPLY (1)

Mark Mark Aug 25

Funny how incriminating evidence goes missing in the nick of time.

LIKED (3) REPLY

Henry Lahore Science-based Vitamin D Aug 25

A couple will pay $370,00- out of pocket for medical care after retirement, even with curr Medicare.

https://vitamindwiki.com/pages/371000-total-predicted-cost-of-medical-care-for-a-us-c retiring-in-2026-long-term-care-not-included/

Currently in the US, 2.6 people contribute for each person receiving benefits.

Projected to decrease to 2.3 to 1 by 2040 https://chatgpt.com/share/6a8dc9d3-70d8-83 39602ef0137e (fewer babies, fewer legal immigrants)

LIKED (2) REPLY