

6 Food for ALL Americans – What a Concept!

“AKA, Bringing the Commodity Market Under Control”

Before I get into the previously written part of this piece, some relevant comments.

I will start this piece about the silly idea of feeding all of our people, with a few comments about the Wall Street and the Commodities Market. Now I am not in the Stock Market. However, in recent years I have become a regular watcher of CNBC, the financial new network. A very informative news source.

In particular, I will share a few comments made by people on various CNBC shows. No need to names because these are commonly held views in that world. These were stated in the last financially turbulent year.

1. They too often remark that even though equities (or stocks), bonds, and other instruments are not doing the best, “everyone’s balance sheets are still doing well”. Everyone they care about that is.
2. One day, one of the regulars sat back and waved his hand across the room of man and women investors said, “In reality the cost of living doesn’t bother any of us”. He was not being rude. He was just stating the facts. Food and gasoline price jumps don’t bother them because they have enough resources.
3. Earlier this year, when the Market was floundering, again, one of them asked another what they were going to do with their investments. How would they lean in such a soft Market? The response was that with equities down, Bonds not doing well, and a few other options looking weak, they just shrugged and said, “I guess we will just have to go back into Commodities”. To me it serves as their backdoor ATM into our pockets.

It is informative to learn that since 1775, there have been no less than 84 “financial crises” of various sorts mainly driven by the actions of Wall Street, the Banks, the Wealthy, and Big Business. And in most cases, We the People, the masses suffer in some way.

The Covid19 pandemic has allowed the Commodity Market to be totally abused to jack up prices and keep them up. And of course, “the people’s protectors” the US Congress has not done a dam thing about it! Nothing to address the intentional over-pricing. There has been no mention of windfall profits taxes on corporations.

Our Radically Prudent Solution

This will be as easy as the English American colonies gaining independence from the British Empire! However, we must start the push toward globally controlled Commodities Market. With food and oil prices in particular, stability in prices must be Demanded. I believe the way we get there is to place hard caps on all commodity prices going forward and allow them to be changed for example, every 2 or 3 months, only.

Times have changed. It is one thing for oranges to be damaged by frost and have orange prices go up everywhere for a while. Not a big deal. The market mentally has always been if there is shortage of any kind jack up the prices.

Now, when King Valdimir bombs seaports in the Ukraine wheat prices go up all over the world. This needs to stop.

Now, when a dozen camels burp in the Middle East, gasoline prices at the pump go up hours later and are slow to come back down. Or when Saudi Arabia cuts production (like they are doing now) in order to keep prices up and refineries cut back on refining (which they too often do) – gasoline prices at the pump go up hours later and are slow to come back down.

Consider that some future day, the oil producers could go to the well and it would be dry. On that day, they will turn to us and say sorry all gone, but you had plenty of time to replace it with something else didn't you?

Certain computer chips became scarce due to Covid19. That shortage was first used to jack-up car and truck prices. And then used to jack-up used car and truck prices. I intend to find out how the Blue Book prices were adjusted up in that scenario. And the banks made loans on all of it.

The same domino effect happened with homes prices. Due to Covid19 impact on building materials availability the cost of new homes jumped up. Housing prices went up 40% over the period. This also increased the value of existing homes. And the banks were busy offering homeowners home equity loans, second mortgage loans, etc.

You are getting the point.

Conceptually, there is another way to approach product distribution when shortages in Supply happen. Certainly, some will say I am out of my mind to suggest it. You know that I am anti-capitalist, a socialist or even a communist – the normal BS reaction from corporate America.

However, if nothing else it is a simple and doable, logical alternative in this out-of-control economic environment. And I personally do not give a good dam what you call it. The world of consumers needs to bring Big Industry under rational control. We are the customers the last time I checked, but we count far less than stockholder dividends and executive compensation. So, the tail is wagging the dog.

Simply put, a controlled Commodity Market pricing facility will end price spikes! And will give businesses of all types predicible costs to work with.

Thus, when there is a shortage that effects some part of the world like wheat from Ukraine not getting to some countries, the price to the rest of the world will remain constant. Nations will work to help those impacted by a given shortage, if possible. Or, in some cases, all parties will simply receive less than their usual supply of a given product, when shortages occur.

Not insane, just logical. Business decisions are often not logical. They are driven by men and women interested in their plan for the fiscal year, their potential bonuses, pay increases, and just keeping their jobs! Industries must be held accountable to the public good.

Over the next few months my campaign study and will report to the public on how the Commodity Market works and doesn't work for the Common Good.

I hope you found that rant informative.

Now for what I wrote a few years ago on this topic, to be followed the Info box on the Food Industry.

Taking the Commodity Market Away From Investors

Guaranteeing Food for all Americans starts with realistic pricing controls in the Age of Covid19 and the Ukraine war. And the economic disaster of the Global Supply Chain.

The details of the traditional manipulation of the Commodity Markets for things like Food and Energy products must be confronted and ended. Going forward, in some instances commodity prices must become globally stabilized and controlled. That means little things like Wheat and Oil.

NOTE: The current price of WTI crude oil as of September 02, 2022 is **\$86.87** per barrel. The 2022 starting price per barrel was \$76.08. In March, it hit \$103.29 due to the Ukraine conflict. That global price increase was unjustified! It was greed and the last straw.

The typical scenario we all know all too well, is when a camel burps in the Middle East or a bored Russian dictator attacks a neighbor for no good reason. The barrel price of Oil jumps and practically overnight, gasoline is “a few dollars more” at the pump. Under the regular Supply and Demand scenario Oil pricing in this case, goes up everywhere even though the product flow is far from interrupted everywhere. In the case of Ukraine, their Wheat harvest is also threatened and that price trends upward.

This is the old Supply and Demand game in the Commodity Market.

To go back a bit. Since Covid19 hit the abuse of Supply and Demand pricing is all unchecked by government. The Congress a year later started hearings on that, but I have not heard anything from it. Have you? They do not want to

The ridiculous fragility of the Global Supply Chain is now completely exposed. The simplest example, is the shortage of chips for cars, trucks and many other things. The Automobile industry jacked up prices on new cars to be ordered some ten to twenty thousand dollars. That in turn gave them the excuse to also jack-up used car prices. A commercial I watched recently for car maintenance coverage stated that new car prices were up an average of \$10,000 and used cars \$7,000. The old Supply and Demand game on steroids. And the Congress and Industry don't say a word. They just keep sucking money out of the Masses for fun and profit.

The radically practical thing to do is to freeze prices until the Supply is moving again. We will constantly be at risk of “energy bottlenecks and manufacturing shutdowns in China” until we

ever escape the Covid19 pricing chaos. Ukraine is being used to damage the world economy and the Russian dictator is laughing about it.

Most America states have Utility Control Commissions of some sort in place to control pricing abuses by Energy Industries or we would not be able to turn our lights on. You know, like in Texas! The Energy Industry and Oil in particular must be brought under such global control. They have had no less than 50 years to get their global act together, but then fair pricing to consumers is not their job. Only stockholder dividends and Executive compensation.

I will suggest that Oil for one (1) Energy Industry should be considered to be a “declining industry”. For the sake of the Planet, being able to breathe, and before we ever run out of it – We must be using less oil each year. And that means globally, folks. We are all in this together and the Energy Industry must start pulling its weight in the process.

The barrel price of Oil in January 2022, was \$76.08 and was as high as \$123.70 due to the Ukraine conflict. It is currently about \$89.55 per barrel. The starting barrel price in January of 2021 was only \$47.62. Who knew?

I propose that we end this global abuse and cap the price Oil and other energy products to stabilize pricing and help bring down inflation. What a concept! We would then allow prices to be reviewed periodically – possibly quarterly and not be increased any more than 5%! We need to start those negotiations somewhere.

The industry’s constant games of not drilling enough, not refining enough, etc., to meet regular market demands are an economic crime. And if the person next to you screams about the free market – just slap them...

I bet you would vote for that pricing methodology. And this year you could!

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Food for All Citizens – Cap and Reduce Grocery Prices	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This means that, Grocery store prices will be capped and/or frozen ASAP. And in many cases, practically reduced. All that just so more citizens can <i>afford to eat!!!</i> Such wage and Price controls were temporarily implemented by President Nixon with mixed results. It would be prudent in this time of Covid19 Supply and Demand pricing abuses – to simply allow consumer costs to stabilize. ** Such pricing controls could well be applied to Building materials, also.• <u>All</u> American Citizens, with no exceptions will have access to locally available of Food. That means 3-meals-a-day.
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- This is TIPA Platform’s first proposed Industry Reformation. The Food Industry is being categorized as a basic “***National Infrastructure System***” within our economy.
- NO, we will not be Federalizing such Industries.
- Now before somebody starts it, this is not socialism or communism, or violating the free market. So, please just shut up, grow up, and expand your mind. If you can think of a better and fairer way to actually get this done – then please let us know, now! Or just sit there quietly, while We the People take care of such basic human needs! Food security will not be a luxury in America.
- “Infrastructure” implies a living necessity that people and many businesses cannot survive well without.
We already have a similar program and good attitude toward the prudent pricing control management of the Public Utilities used in homes and businesses – gas and electric services primarily.
- **Thus, the entire Food Industry will be converted/reformed into a Public Utility! We will practically Reform all Food related industries from seeds and fertilizer, to fish bait and fisheries – to grocery store shelves.**
- Of course, We will take care farmers. Those that grow the cucumbers and those that make them into pickles!!
- Remember that well over 80% of farming in America is now corporate – not family farm based.
- We will use a new **Economic Peace Tax (EPT)** to buy-out Food related corporate stockholders over a period of years. More on that prudent EPT shortly!
- Further, we will remove certain products from the Commodities Market and place control/caps on certain others. The Commodities Market will no longer serve as an ATM to traders.