

PREPAREDNESS/SURVIVAL CLASS

IT'S GAME ON - TIME TO TOUGHEN UP FOR SHTF & ECONOMIC COLLAPSE

As one survivalist recently said, "Welcome to the U.S.S.S.A. the United Soviet Socialist States of America. We went to sleep in one country and woke up in a totally different one!" And people wonder why we are preppers. It is exactly for times like this. So let's toughen up, or to put it another way, let's "*man up*" or "*woman up*" and get after it! The cornerstone of being a modern survivalist or a prepper is to not be a wuss or a wimp when things get rough. We are about to experience some very serious economic problems and all the chaos that it brings. The inspiration of this report comes from one of the best survival books I've ever read – *The Modern Survival Manual: Surviving the Economic Collapse* by Fernando "Ferfal" Aguirre. It is about his own first-hand experience in dealing with the 2001 economic collapse of Argentina and how it devastated his country.

We are not going into detail about the usual prepping basics and what "things" to stockpile. After dealing with Covid-19 lockdowns and restrictions for a whole year you should have figured that out by now. This is a risk assessment of what you will have to deal with in a collapsed society and how to be more prepared for that possibility.

Know this, you are only kidding yourself if you think that "*this kind of thing could never happen here, after all this is the United States and we are the strongest nation on the planet.*" That is your normalcy bias speaking. You have a built-in bias of the way things are supposed to be and how normal everything should remain around you. Just because you have never seen it or experienced anything that bad does not mean it cannot happen. Just ask the people of Argentina in 2001 and more recently the people of Venezuela in 2017 who have gone through an economic collapse and hyperinflation. As you know the prices on everything are increasing all over this nation; that includes food, utilities, gasoline, medicine, lumber and hardware just to mention a few. Dave Hodges, from the Common Sense Show, on his YouTube channel two days ago had a subject entitled "**8, 9, 10 Here We Go Again.**" He was referring to the **8 million people** that will slip into poverty just from the start of this year to the end of this month (February), the **9 million small business failures** that will happen by the end of the first quarter this year (small business being the backbone of our economy NOT the credit on top of credit on top of credit that we are living on which will collapse like a house of cards) and the **10 million people** who will not be able to pay their rent or house payment when the rental evictions and house foreclosure restrictions are lifted and they find themselves and their families out in the street with no place to live. On top of all of that we are over \$30 trillion in debt and the stock market is way over valued and overdue for a drastic correction. The globalists want a RESET and are trying to remove the U.S. dollar as the world reserve currency, by which business is conducted around the globe, and replace it with something else. If that happens what will back our dollar? I'll tell you – absolutely nothing! It is about to get very ugly and you can't stop what's coming but you can be prepared to ride it out the best you can. Pay off as much debt as you can and store what items you need to now while you still can afford them. Spread everything out in different locations (not all your eggs in one basket). Surround yourself with a community of people you can trust and depend on. Figure out what is the worse threat(s) that you could face and how it (they) would affect you. What would you do if you had no power for a period of time? What would you do if something happen to your shelter or you lost your home? What would you do if your salary was reduced by 25-40% at work or worse yet you were laid off? If you have a small business what would you do if you had a 40-50% reduction in sales? How would you deal with 100% inflation? In Argentina, the prices of goods and services doubled in just a few days after the economic crisis. Many people in this country have already had to deal with some of these situations in the past year of COVID-19 lockdowns. The system is broken – the sooner we realize that and break away from it, the better off we will all be.

Now let us talk about the 1200 pound grizzly bear in the room. The new **Bravo India Delta Echo November** administration hates us and everything we hold dear. I wish this was not true, but we are being targeted and hunted because we are Trump supporters. Maybe not so much physically hunted (yet), but definitely digitally through social media. If you are a freedom loving American patriot, a bible-believing Christian, a conservative or libertarian, a Constitutionalist, a pro-lifer, pro-1st Amendment free speech person, a pro-2nd Amendment right to keep & bear arms person and you fly a flag outside your home you are probably on a list. Well I guess that checks all my boxes! And as one patriot says, "If you're not on a list somewhere you're not doing it right." The leftists and media types are trying to completely dethrone American exceptionalism, patriotism and your love of God and country, while tagging you as a Christian Nationalist (racist Nazi) which is a stepping-stone to being a religious extremist, a domestic terrorist and an insurrectionist. In light of what is happening in our country maybe you should revisit the Hunger Games movie series - Hunger Games, Catching Fire, Mockingjay and Mockingjay Part 2. It is worth noting that the series takes place in Panem which is basically the United States, the western portion of Canada and the coastal parts of Mexico. The Capitol of Panem is in the area of Colorado populated by wealthy citizens living a very extravagant, luxurious lifestyle and using technology to control the masses. The rest of the country is mostly populated with the working poor with little or no middle class to speak of - sound familiar? It is interesting to me how Hollywood always seems to warn us what is coming or show us the future years and sometimes decades in advance.

Your situational awareness should be on high alert from this point on – you know "head on a swivel." Ferfal says in his book that you can't show yourself as being weak. The way you dress, the colors you use, what you say and how you carry yourself should project an image of self-assurance and strength. Anything at all could be used as an excuse to unleash violence against you, no matter how unfair it might seem. Society will reach new levels of violence in a SHTF world. Just look how crazy the violence and chaos was in just the last year. You must be ready to expect the unexpected so you don't get caught off guard with what is coming. Forget the indoctrinated social behavior that has been drilled into us since we were small children. That only works in a polite, civil society – in a collapsed society it is every person for themselves. You will have to *ramp up your verbal response* to minor confrontations. To a simple push or bump in a crowded area in a polite society we were taught to say "excuse me" or "pardon me" or even "sorry man." That might have to go to "watch out where you're going" or "stay the hell out of my way" and then to "touch me again and you're dead." Just realize if you have to say something like that you better mean it and be ready to back it up. Don't hesitate - react first, you can always say you're sorry later. Get used to saying NO. Saying yes is a natural tendency we have to please others and be agreeable. A firm NO catches people off guard and gives you the advantage. Also don't allow people into your personal space or comfort zone. You should have a specific distance that you maintain - mine is 36" (the length of my arm). Don't let anyone get *up in your face*. You are your own first responder now (when seconds count the police are only minutes away), so imagine what it will be like in a SHTF scenario.

And one last point – we might have only one last shot at some government stimulus money, so make it count. Pay off debt or pay your rent or house payment ahead. If you are going buy preps with the stimulus money you could buy 2 or 3 of the following key items:

A **Berkey Water Filter** (\$300), **water storage barrels** (55gal @ \$80-100 ea), a **Goal Zero, Jackery or Inergy solar generator with panels** (\$500-1200 depending on the unit wattage), a **Food Saver Vacuum Sealer** with canning jar hose and extra vacuum bags (\$200-250) or a **quality Liberty or Knox Safe** for storing your cash and other valuables. So go forth preppers and spend that \$1400 wisely.