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Insane Governments Ruining Agriculture: 1930s Suffered Lysenkoism and in 2022 Nitrogen is Suddenly a Threat

As an historian of governments going from authoritarian to the even more regrettable totalitarianism, one wonders “Why?” harm agriculture. Sadly, that governments get into the mode of declaring war on countries as well as upon their own citizens can be criticized, but no amount of research can explain why.

After assaulting oil and gas, for political imperatives, Ottawa is suddenly compelled to attack agriculture. At a time when crops around the world are unusually threatened.

Beginning in the 1930s, the Soviet Union became convinced that biologist Lysenko’s theories would improve agriculture. These were brutally imposed upon farming that had been decimated by previous experiments in collectivization. Indeed, more than 7 million farmers died of famine. Despite making a desperate condition worse, his crank theories prevailed. In retrospect the key function was not food, but control. Understandably, as it turned out, enough was confiscated to feed the urban governing classes. But not the farmers, who merely wanted to work the land as they knew best.

For typically authoritarian reasons, Trudeau has been in an unusually destructive mode. Unofficially declaring war upon oil and gas production as well as transportation through pipelines. Not even environmentalists can protect the pristine waters of the Saint Lawrence Seaway. When Ottawa and Quebec don’t want safe pipelines to extend into the Eastern Seaboard it won’t happen, where existing refineries continue to use oil from risky tankers.

Unfortunately, political history has been in a destructive mode since around 1900 when the East went for Communism and the West fell for Progressivism. Resulting in every country going authoritarian in its own way. The regrettable transition from authoritarian to totalitarian has been marked by the governing classes granting themselves the privilege of state murder. Which provides one answer for “Why?”. To impose and maintain rules and regulations that are unpopular. Hitherto, political parties would campaign with popular policies, but that places power in the hands of “we the people”.

Which is now verboten.

Lysenko’s theories about plant genetics were unscientific, but the Bolsheviks used them to impose even more control over farmers. Indeed, the term has since been used to describe any deliberate distortion of well-founded scientific facts or theories in order to impose concepts driven by religious or political compulsions.

Around 3,000 biologists were dismissed or imprisoned, with some executed in the name of “State Science”. While destroying the country’s honest inquiry into genetics and many harvests so long as the political powers in the cities were living well the nonsense prevailed.

Articles by an obedient press touted: “Soviet people change nature” and accomplished geneticists were condemned as “fascists”.

Stalin liked it and the madness continued until he died.

And now just as regrettably, control freaks are on another march to madness, with any banner that is convenient for massive intrusion. “Global Warming” caused by mankind’s emissions of CO₂ has been a remarkable promotion, as has the hysteria about COVID, and now they have “discovered” another problem. Nitrogen, atomic number 7 on the periodic table, that as a gas makes up 78 percent of our atmosphere. Also, it is the most abundant non-combined element on our hospitable planet but for political ambition must now be condemned.

It is used in thousands of compounds essential for today’s standard of living. Moreover, the symbol of a wheat sheaf has been long used to signify its importance to agriculture.

With CO₂ now losing the mojo to promote hysteria, something “new” is needed, and the “Gnomes of Davos” – the scheming World Economic Forum – have turned to nitrogen. A contrived nemesis that is fronting yet another promotion by control freaks. Whose literature includes “You’ll own nothing and will be happy”. Fronted by “The Great Reset”, it is yet another banner to impose control. Authoritarian – yes – but will the movement become totalitarian?

No. Costs of today’s intrusions have required massive inflation. This sets off equally massive financial speculation that in becoming unstable, crashes bringing down the whole house of cards.

Stock exchanges have suffered the worst six months in generations.

Similar inflation and speculative failure occurred in the equally reckless early 1600s and with the demise of Rome at the end of the tyrannical Third Century.

The folly of “Nitrogen Nemesis” when introduced in Sri Lanka inspired headlines around the world. “Government Moves on Fertilizer Help Spark Disaster in Sri Lanka”. Dated July, it reviewed yet another mad assault by urban power into practical farming.

Despite the failure of Sri Lanka’s government, control freaks in Holland had to impose their personal compulsions, prompting massive uprisings. This is not too startling, but the intrusion is – because the region has had traditions of freedom “forever”. Julius Caesar wrote that the people had a high regard for freedom, which prevailed until now. Indeed,

through the 1500s freedom made Holland the commercial and financial center of the world.

And attacked by a rare contingent of control freaks the most efficient agriculture, ever, is being severely threatened. Urban power brokers are doing it again to practical farmers, joining the long-running attack upon freedom and prosperity intending to replace it with servitude and hardship. As noted above, “Why?” cannot be explained, but the potential destruction prompted headlines: “Dutch Farmer Protests Reap Populist Support”.

Despite the protests, the Trudeau minority government continues its impractical intrusion in imposing the “Anti-Nitrogen” movement to Canadian farmers, as well as consumers. A headline: “Trudeau Pushes Ahead on Fertilizer Reduction as Provinces and Farmers Cry Foul”. The intrusion is another canard about climate that seriously threatens food production.

Regrettably, M. Trudeau has embraced M. Lysenko.

If one takes the time to read farming websites, planting and application of fertilizers is carefully monitored. Seeds must be planted at inches apart with the same precision on depth. And nitrogen natural to the land that has been depleted is replaced, with an exact amount. Although knowing nothing about nitrogen, Medieval farmers discovered rotation including “nitrogen fixing” crops such as clover.

Agriculture has had thousands of years of farmers improving yields. Regrettably, it has suffered massive destructions by urban control freaks.

The immediate task is to end the nonsense of reducing farmland efficiencies by the tiresome Trudeau. Earlier in the year, his intrusions inspired the impressive “Freedom Convoy” that attempted to introduce the concept of freedom to Ottawa and was widely admired around the world. Then there was the veteran soldier who walked from Vancouver to Ottawa – arriving on “Canada Day” his message of freedom, as with the truckers’, it was condemned as “unacceptable”.

And now Trudeau’s foolhardy attempt at agricultural control during a time when other crazed governments are doing the same, could prompt the developing commonsense movement to act. Which could be successful as the growing numbers of practical ordinary folk will join the farmers in first resisting and then condemning the years of authoritarian blunders coming out of Ottawa’s control freaks.