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AMERICA IS SUCCESSFULLY BATTLING THE CORONAVIRUS - BUT THE "CORRUPTION PANDEMIC" CONTINUES WITH NO END IN SIGHT

When we all heard about the Coronavirus outbreak in China, few of us believed this deadly infection would ravage so many people in so many areas as fast as it did. Notwithstanding the "blame-game" being orchestrated by the politically-inspired media outlets, the Coronavirus attack was met head-on by the courageous and exemplary efforts of a determined medical community. Despite being blind-sided, through no fault of their own, these folks stepped up to the plate to address an extraordinary sequence of events that had never been experienced in American history; all knowing they were exposing themselves to, and risking, their own well-being. In fact, many of them risked, and lost, their own lives.

Meanwhile, the many local, state, and federal officials (a vast majority of whom don't have to worry about when their own stimulus, unemployment, or other emergency Coronavirus-related funding will arrive) were arguing about if, how, where, and when enough money should be passed out to keep our country afloat. As if the death toll from the Coronavirus isn't devastating enough, many businesses are going bust and dying on the vine because they simply can't survive without money.

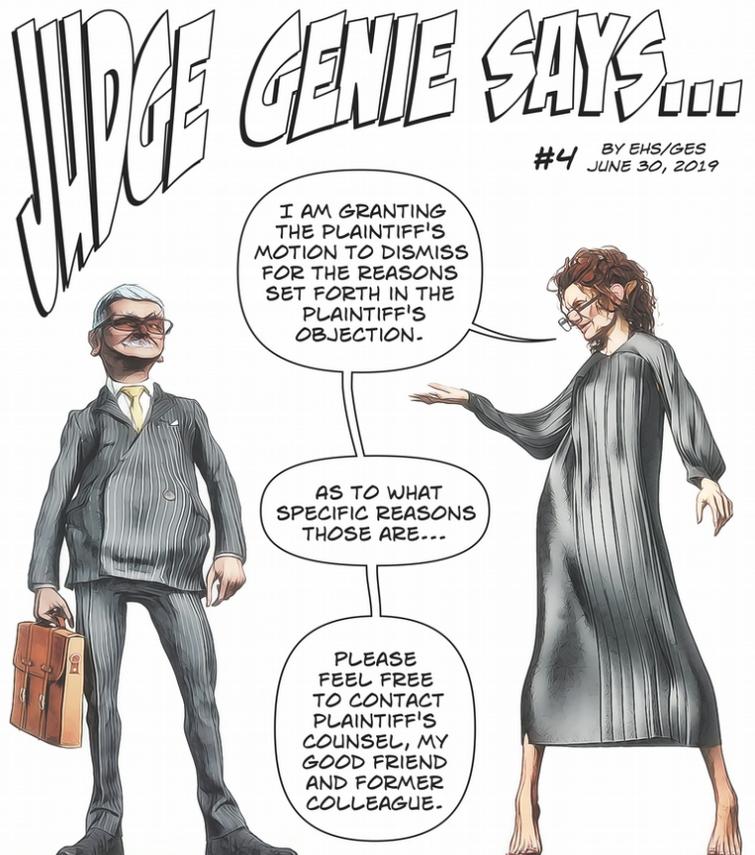
Perhaps the Coronavirus will serve as a "wake-up call" for Congress to start acting like adults and "drain the swamp" before it's just too late.

On that note, kudos to Senator Martha McSally (R-Arizona) who understands what "too little, too late" means to people and businesses who are faced with immanent danger. On March 24, 2020, she told her fellow legislators, "If Americans aren't getting paid, then neither should the Senators failing to support the workers and families who need help making ends meet."

Perhaps Senator McSally's admonition might serve as a small hint to her congressional colleagues that they had better clean up their act, stop fighting with one another, start paying attention to what's really going on, and then DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!

The fact of the matter is that, since the beginning of time, there has not been one single empire that that has not collapsed under the weight of it's own "power and corruption." History says America is headed toward the same fate if we don't smarten up really quick. Here's the real problem:

Whenever there a huge amount of money to be appropriated, allocated, or distributed by the U.S. Government, that money attracts every greedy politician that's hanging around the Washington swamp. As a result, very large sums of money often get diverted - or disappear altogether.



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The average American citizen would be shocked to know just how much money is unaccounted for in America. Here's an example that was reported By Dave Lindorff, The Nation, on November 27, 2018 (Note: This is an excerpt from his exclusive report entitled, "The Pentagon's Massive Accounting Fraud Exposed How US military spending keeps rising even as the Pentagon flunks its audit."):

"A good example of this was Donald Rumsfeld, the notorious micromanaging secretary of defense during the Bush/Cheney administration. On September 10, 2001 Rumsfeld called a dramatic press conference at the Pentagon to make a startling announcement. Referring to the huge military budget that was his official responsibility, he said, "According to some estimates we cannot track \$2.3 trillion in transactions." This shocking news that an amount more than five times as large as the Pentagon's FY 2001 budget of an estimated \$313 billion was lost or even just "untrackable" was—at least for one 24-hour news cycle—a big national story, as was Secretary Rumsfeld's comment that America's adversary was not China or Russia, but rather was "closer to home: It's the Pentagon bureaucracy." Equally stunning was Rumsfeld's warning that the tracking down of those missing transactions "could be...a matter of life and death." No Pentagon leader had ever before said such a thing, nor has anyone done so since then. But Rumsfeld's exposé died quickly as, the following morning on September 11, four hijacked commercial jet planes plowed full speed into the two World Trade Center towers, the Pentagon, and a field in Pennsylvania. Since that time, there has been no follow-up and no effort made to find the missing money, either."

Anyone who thinks this might be the result of accounting errors or innocent mistakes and unintentional mismanagement of funds is not playing with a full deck! This has CORRUPTION written all over it. Additional reliable reports indicate that, from 1998 to 2018, some 20 trillion dollars could not be accounted for or documented by the Departments of Defense (DOD) and Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

To put \$20 trillion in perspective, that amount equals (based on a U.S. total population of 330 million people) a whopping amount of over \$60,000 for every man, woman and child in the United States.

Our federal government has three parts: the Executive Branch comprised of the President and approximately 5 million employees, the Legislative Branch comprised of the Senate and House of Representatives, and the Judicial Branch comprised of the Supreme Court and all of the lower Courts throughout the country. Theoretically, this structure would provide the checks and balances for a government, as Abraham Lincoln declared, "of the people, by the people, and for the people."

Unfortunately, our system of checks and balances is no longer working as the "powers to be" in all three branches have chosen to "look the other way" when corruption is not at odds with the prevailing political agenda.

Ironically enough, Lincoln actually predicted our current state of corruption:

"I see in the near future a crisis approaching that unnerves me and causes me to tremble for the safety of my country....corporations have been enthroned and an era of corruption in high places will follow, and the money of the country will endeavor to prolong its reign by working upon the prejudices of the people until all wealth is aggregated in a few hands and the Republic is destroyed. I feel at this moment more anxiety for the safety of my country than ever before, even in the midst of war." (from www.doonething.org)

As devastating as the Coronavirus has proven to be, institutional corruption may be the most dangerous "pandemic" that is threatening America.

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