HALF-FULL REPORT 02/14/25

Welcome to the 2025 Valentine's Day HFR!

This is the day that gives us the opportunity to express our appreciation and gratitude to those people in our lives whom we love and value, and by whom we are so fortunate to be loved and value in return.

If we are lucky enough to be blessed with someone who has chosen to share their one life with us, today we devote in particular a special thankfulness to them.

Yet this year's Valentine's Day has another blessing, for it enables us love and be grateful for our country once more, in a way we only dared dream of for the last four years of unfathomable degradation.

A beautiful expression of this blessing was provided by Maureen Callahan on TTP yesterday: Resistance to Trumps Is Dead in Less Than Three Weeks. So moving it made me cry, and after reading and watching those three Super Bowl ads, you may do the same.

It prompted 20-year TTPer (since January 2005) Brant to respond on the Forum:

> *"The impotence of evil.*
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> *Ayn Rand's basic idea that unities her fiction and philosophy is the impotence of evil.*
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> *Evil destroys. It does not create.*
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> *So what makes evil powerfully destructive? Isn't that potency? No. It's the sanction of the victim. This too is Rand's formulation. If we sanction evil, evil sucks up its strength right out of us.*
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> *Trump and his voters – us – have given evil the middle finger.*
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> *Trump is going to make significant mistakes. But sanctioning evil is not one of them."*

This got my attention since such sanctioning is exactly what Trump has been accused of this week which *prima facie* seems well justified. What could be going on?

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Ereyesterday (2/12), POTUS posted this:

Donald J. Trump
@realDonaldTrump

I just had a lengthy and highly productive phone call with President Vladimir Putin of Russia. We discussed Ukraine, the Middle East, Energy, Artificial Intelligence, the power of the Dollar, and various other subjects. We both reflected on the Great History of our Nations, and the fact that we fought so successfully together in World War II, remembering, that Russia lost tens of millions of people, and we, likewise, lost so many! We each talked about the strengths of our respective Nations, and the great benefit that we will someday have in working together. But first, as we both agreed, we want to stop the millions of deaths taking place in the War with Russia/Ukraine. President Putin even used my very strong Campaign motto of, "COMMON SENSE." We both believe very strongly in it. We agreed to work together, very closely, including visiting each other's Nations. We have also agreed to have our respective teams start negotiations immediately, and we will begin by calling President Zelenskyy, of Ukraine, to inform him of the conversation, something which I will be doing right now. I have asked Secretary of State Marco Rubio, Director of the CIA John Ratcliffe, National Security Advisor Michael Waltz, and Ambassador and Special Envoy Steve Witkoff, to lead the negotiations which, I feel strongly, will be successful. Millions of people have died in a War that would not have happened if I were President, but it did happen, so it must end. No more lives should be lost! I want to thank President Putin for his time and effort with respect to this call, and for the release, yesterday, of Marc Fogel, a wonderful man that I personally greeted last night at the White House. I believe this effort will lead to a successful conclusion, hopefully soon!

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No more lives should be lost! As if Putin cares a fig for causing all those lost lives, including

hundreds of thousands of his own people, for the sole purpose of his megalomaniacal ego. The condemnation and excoriation of this has been immense. Just two examples of many:

Trump Admits He Caved to Putin in Phone Call on Ukraine

'Trump Has Effectively Surrendered to Putin'

And here is the former British Defense Secretary comparing Trump to Neville Chamberlain's "Peace in our time" infamous capitulation to Hitler – and aptly comparing Putin to Hitler: Ben Wallace: Trump's Ukraine Peace Talks Have Echoes Of Nazi Appeasement.

While our SecDef Pete Hegseth poured gasoline on this firestorm of criticism in announcing at a meeting of Ukraine's military allies at NATO headquarters in Brussels (2/12): Hegseth Says Ukraine Cannot Expect Return To Old Borders, NATO Membership.

Prompting this response of realism: 'Putin Is Flattering And Appeasing Trump… Any So-Called Peace Deal Will NOT Stop The Kremlin's Warmongering': Warnings US Could BETRAY Ukraine And Encourage More Invasions In Future.

No wonder everyone at the Kremlin is laughing: Russia Laughs At Europe's Fury Over Trump: Putin Propagandists Cannot Hide Their Glee On State TV As They Boast That US President's Call To Vladimir Is 'A Good Day For Our Country'.

But all that laughter stopped after Vice-President Vance gave an interview to the Wall Street Journal yesterday (2/13): Vance Wields Threat of Sanctions, Military Action to Push Putin Into Ukraine Deal.

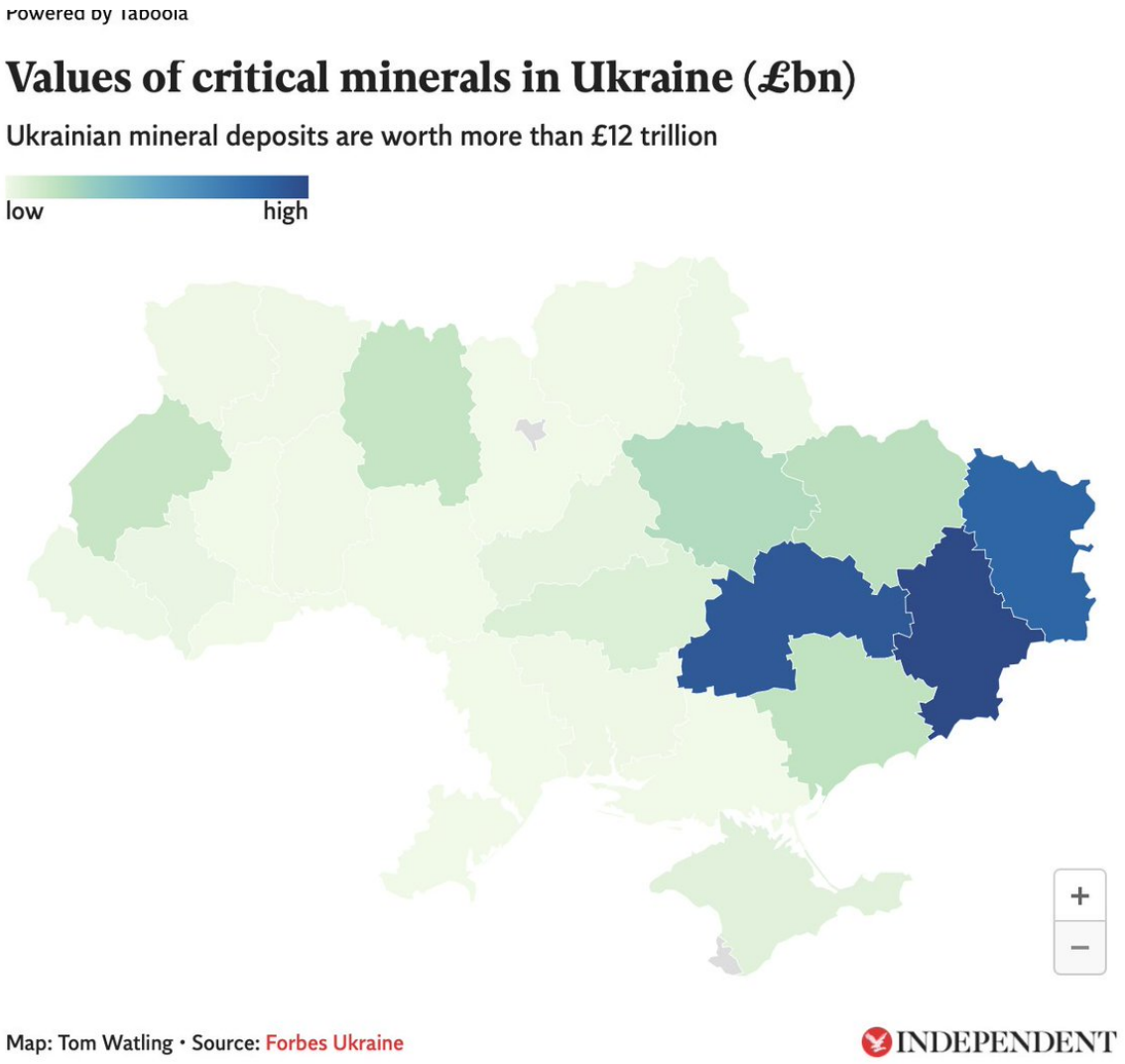
> *"If you look at President Trump's approach to this, the range of options is extremely broad, everything is on the table. There are economic tools of leverage. There are, of course, military tools of leverage. There's a whole host of things that we could do. One thing not on the table, though, is that Ukraine must have a guarantee of their sovereign independence. I think there is a deal that is going to come out of this that's going to shock a lot of people."*

Within hours, the Kremlin angrily responded: Russia Hits Back At VP Vance's Threat Of Military Action In Ukraine If Putin Does Not Agree To Peace Deal.

Ahhhhh…. That brings clarity. The guy running this show wrote *The Art of the Deal*. He's a wizard, masterful at negotiation, stroking Putin till he purrs like a kitten, and then triggers the Good Cop/Bad Cop act:

Trump of course knows full well Putin is a criminally insane mass murdering psychopath. Plus he's already agreed to Zelensky's offer for at least $300 billion worth of Ukraine's rare earth metals in exchange for enough US military aid to militarily remove Russia from Ukraine.

That's just for starters, as according to an analysis by the London *Independent*, Ukraine has over $15 *trillion* worth of rare earths (£12, British pound worth $1.26), with "*Most of Ukraine's critical rare earth mineral resources are in regions illegally annexed by Vladimir Putin and partially occupied by his forces*."



That means, obviously, the only way to make this rare earth metals deal with Kyiv is the removal of Russian control over where they are in Ukraine in any “peace deal.” Looks like that’s part of the “shock” of the deal predicted by Vance.

So it’s far too early to concede Trump is being gamed by Putin.

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Speaking of being criminally insane…

> Democrat Rep. Robert Garcia calls Elon Musk a "d*ck" and then calls for “ACTUAL WEAPONS” to be used against Elon Musk and DOGE.
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> Despicable, disgraceful human. pic.twitter.com/ULkhXZuUZ8
>
> — Charlie Kirk (@charliekirk11) February 13, 2025

Yes. Yesterday (2/13), on CNN News Central, California Democrat Congressman Robert Garcia Says Democrat Party Needs To 'Bring Actual Weapons' In The 'Fight For Democracy' Against Elon Musk.

Calling for real physical gun violence against anyone much less someone in the employment of the President of the United States is an obvious criminal act. To claim “the American people want this” is obvious total estrangement from reality. How soon will this crazy putz get a visit from Bondi DOJ?

This guy belongs in jail or a mental institution. Yet he’s only exemplary of what’s happening to the entire Democrat Party.

Yesterday on MSNBC, House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries went around the bend: Jeffries: New York Is Being Targeted, Won’t Be ‘Intimidated’ by Suit Over Tipping Off Illegals. He’s only one of several House Dems advocating breaking the law to enable illegals to evade the law – AOC and Ilhan Omar to name two.

Better watch out, Dems. Your turn is coming. On Wednesday (2/12): Bondi DOJ Announces Lawsuit Against New York, Gov. Hochul And State AG Letitia James Over ‘Sanctuary’ Status.

Ever hear of the 19th century Whig Party? Along with the Democrat Party, it was one of the two major parties in the US, electing four presidents, Willian Harrison, John Tyler, Zachary Taylor, and Millard Fillmore, and was led by such famous Americans as Henry Clay and Daniel Webster. It dominated American politics from the 1830s to the 1850s.

Lincoln was a Whig until the party ceased to exist, joining the newly emerging anti-slavery Republican Party.

More and more now – meaning over this week – you see comparisons with the Whigs of 170 years

ago and the Democrats of today. The Democrat Party seems to be staring into the abyss of non-existence.

The reason is the sudden explosive exposure of previously unimaginably gargantuan corruption, fraud, and waste of American taxpayer dollars being exposed on a daily basis by Elon and his DOGE team. It's simply too much for the Democrat Party as an institution to withstand.

That's why so many Dems are going literally insane, criminal or just plain strait-jacket meshuga, bonkers, *non compos mentis*. Like…

So you see articles such as: [The Third American Revolution Is The Democrat Party Dying?]

> *"The Democrats are in check. Next stop, checkmate. Hang on. The Democrat Party is on the wrong side of just about every issue. They represent no one except themselves. What we are witnessing today is a true revolution, the third in our history...The Revolution for Independence, The American Civil War, and now the Revolution for Restoration.*
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> *It's an all-out political war on what kind of nation we will be. The Democrats are giving us dangerous rhetoric, talks of impeachment, and even war in the streets. The Democrats have incited violence before. They will do it again. They are in a battle for their very*

> *existence. It's not going to be pretty. We have to be resolute.*

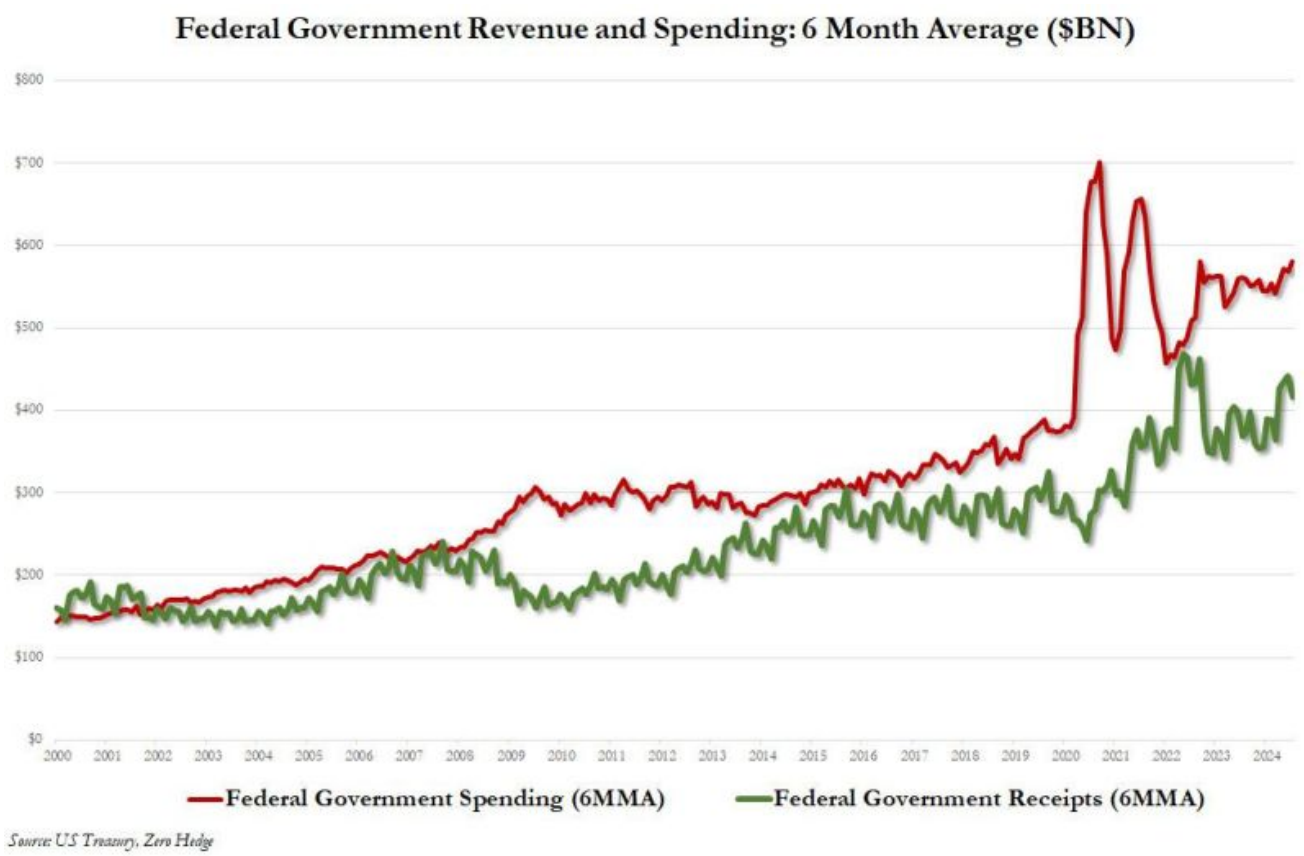
> *The Democrat Party is a badly wounded animal, which makes them dangerous. They haven't been this enraged since President Lincoln freed their slaves."*

For the most frightening fact is: *Either the Democrat Party dies or America dies*.

It's so breathtakingly unbelievable that Trump arrived back in the Oval Office at just about the last second available to save America – and that only because he turned his head at the last possible millisecond for an assassin's bullet to go through his ear rather than his brain.

Of course he believes he was saved by God – wouldn't you? Saved to save America.

And saved from what? Total complete absolute bankruptcy. Good idea to study this ZeroHedge analysis: US Budget Deficit Hits A Record $840 Billion In First 4 Months Of 2025; Interest On Debt Hits Record $1.2 Trillion. Look at the charts – like this:



That's why what Elon and his DOGE team are doing to obliterate the corrupt and useless fat from the budget is mortally life-saving critical. For it's a two-fer.

Massive trillion dollar spending slashes drastically reduce the deficit, while removing the bureaucratic chokehold of so much over-regulation unleashes economic growth. That is what enables the direction of the chart above to reverse: receipts exceed the spending.So now the spending can be reduced even further.

Voilà! America lives while its opponents go extinct.

Elon explains, next to POTUS in the Oval Office:

pic.twitter.com/6m4A7jeT7f

— Elon Musk (@elonmusk) February 14, 2025

And yesterday, speaking at Dubai's annual World Governments Summit via video link to provide an update on his DOGE efforts within the US government, aimed at rooting out corruption and dismantling federal agencies, reducing the federal workforce, and eliminating the shadow government operated in a complex web of NGOs: *"We need to delete entire agencies, many of them."*

?ELON MUSK: "We need to delete entire agencies. We need to remove the roots of the weed. That's not to say there won't be an increase in future bureaucracy from another administration but it will be from a lower baseline. Nothing is forever but we can strengthen the foundation." pic.twitter.com/1vaDLaXYqJ

— Autism Capital ? (@AutismCapital) February 13, 2025

Just in time. Just in time.

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It's time to go, Valentine Dinner awaits! Before, however, I must tell you about our Valentine Special for *Exploring Portugal*.

Just click on Explore Portugal in the left sidebar on the TTP Home Page, or click here: Explore Portugal May 2-11, 2025. Enjoy all the info and photos, then when you go to Register, enter the discount code in all caps: VALENTINE2025.

And what happens: You get $1,000 off! Yes 1K each for couples, 1K for a single with a shared room with a fellow TTPer. This offer is only good through February then expires. Let Rebel and me show you our favorite country in Europe. *Carpe diem! See you in Lisbon!*