

# THE DECLINE OF AMERICA: 100 YEARS OF LEADERSHIP FAILURES

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I: THE BIG PICTURE



# A: Prior 100 Years Overview

- Eight Democrat and Nine Republican Presidents
- America wins WWI and WWII
- America is the sole world power by 1946

## A: Prior 100 Years Overview (cont.)

- America never wins another war or conflict – but over 160,000 dead
- Bungling by both parties leads to Cold War
- Official American debt exceeding **\$20 trillion**
- Real American public sector debt is about **\$100 trillion**

# B: Why Be Number 1?

- American dollar is the world currency
- Oil and other commodities measured in dollars
- Cultural leadership largely follows financial leadership
- Americans enjoy a high standard of living, up to now

## B: Why Be Number 1? (cont.)

- Americans are not enslaved by armies or dictators of other countries
- English is largely the language of business around the world
- Freedom of speech and expression unknown anywhere else in the world

B: Why  
Be  
Number  
1? (cont.)

- Freedom of religion
- Relative freedom from repressive government

## II: FIGHTING THE MYTHS





# A: Great War Presidents

- Wilson
- FDR
- Truman
- Eisenhower

# B: Saved the Economy

- Coolidge
- FDR
- Reagan
- Clinton
- Obama

# C: Blind Luck

- Clinton vs. H.W. Bush
- Coolidge, Hoover, FDR, and Obama
- Reagan?

## D: “Great Presidents”

- JFK
- FDR
- Reagan
- Clinton

# III: PROPOSALS FOR CHANGE



# A: Failure to Control the Deficit is Fatal to America

- America has run out of money – checkbook example
- Cut public sector employment by one-third
- Eliminate all defined benefit pensions parallel to private sector

## A: Failure to Control the Deficit is Fatal to America (cont.)

- Equalize wages and work expectations
- Operate with a surplus budget until deficit eliminated
- Convert tax system to VAT to capture the underground economy

## B: Reform the Electoral System

- One six-year term for President
- FDR in a class by himself
- Truman, LBJ, W. Bush



# C: Tough, Lean, Elite Military is Crucial

- World's best trained force
- World's most technologically advanced weaponry, from missiles to ships

## C: Tough, Lean, Elite Military is Crucial (cont.)

- Model of budget control – no missing billions of dollars
- Unequivocal support for America's citizens and allies
- No partial wars, “all or nothing” must be the standard

QUESTIONS??

