

Universality:

Mechanics of "rigged economic systems" (part 2)

Flowing from part 1 typical "**free markets**" & the "**invisible hand**" of a "**rigged system**" are not rigged in the strict sense of the word, instead inherent bias of economic systems may be observed in subtleties like:

1. High degrees of **trusted networks** of collaborators across industries;
This refer to small groups of powerful agents & agencies (individuals & corporations) that have trusted networks of influence across sectors that exert great influence over outcomes deemed favorable to such networks or recipients enjoying strong links to such networks;
2. Very efficient **manipulation of all media**;
In order to direct & influence the public perception efficiently, mass media is an essential ingredient. This does not imply owning the media, although it used to be preferred, the sophistication of point one above is such that ownership itself is not requirement, instead it may only be necessary to expand on a critical event, and at times, even create the "plausible" conditions to have news reports delivered to the masses that contain the key messages (e.g. Multi-lateral institutional directives from say the United Nations; the older Structural Adjustment Programs via the World Bank; Imminent threats by apparent despots having Weapons of Mass destruction; the Banking collapse; even vile acts like 911, being used to push through the Patriot Act;);
3. **Veiled** operational power & authority;
The power behind corporations are often not the executive, indeed they are often only the face of the agency, whilst the origin of the true power are veiled from the public (a fall-guy if you will);
4. Promote **symbolic capital & cultural capital** as core consumerist strategy;
We are bombarded with the importance of symbolic capital (e.g. serving the military based upon National pride; Pursuing education; and a host of symbols of wealth (cars, homes, private jets); Most of us already strive

toward migrating to countries positioned in our psyche as being “free and full of opportunity” (cultural capital);

5. High levels of **governance & compliance** are **paraded** and promoted;
High levels of governance and compliance are promoted so as to perpetuate the idea of equality and impartiality. Like all systems rules, these too are presented for our collective benefit, however these very rules tend to be too expensive to adhere too for SMME's & entrepreneurs, thereby eliminating competition for corporations;
6. Misdirection & **bending of the truth**;
Misdirection is important for rigged systems to continue without real healthy competition. Creating a roadmap, a strategy or a bearing that seemingly will resolve local and international challenges is another feature, typically idiotic notions like “too big to fail”. This is where the truth is bent out of shape, to seemingly rescue the masses or the poor, but covertly actually enrich the usual suspects;
7. Clandestinely allied to economic capital **accumulation**;
Capital accumulation for the masses is easily defeated by the potency of consumerism. Our greed for branded goods & products, resides under “symbolic capital” (apparent symbols of wealth), undermines the actual accumulation of economic capital, which in turn ensure we remain caught in spirals of debt (e.g. student loans; credit; home loans), reducing our capacities to compete since we rely upon institutions to fund our entrepreneurial or business activities;
8. Public structures to carry the “**burden of proof**”;
The “burden of proof” refer to socio-economic evidence of wrong-doing, which are usually carried by public structures who does not posses the financial and technical capacities to effectively achieve their mandate. This is perhaps one of the most potent and effective physiognomies of the list;
9. Science & technology used to enhance “**lock-in**”;
Our current science and technological breakthrough's are more than capable of resolving our global socio-economic disparities, yet it is used to continue mass subjugation by retaining mechanistic, closed systems as opposed to embracing the emancipative systemic, open system models

available to us; Lock-in of consumerism can be seen in technology; food security; global warming, yet we remain blind to it;

10. Corporatisation of democracy;

Noam Chomsky and many other great scholars, including outspoken Presidents have noted how the power of corporations, are able to install and/or direct our Presidents and leaders. This is most evident today (this week's UK example should drive the point home);

These physiognomies (features & characteristics) are globally pervasive and systemic. Since we all have co-contributed in the manifestation of our current global mess, precludes us from pointing fingers & allocating blame. Instead, the pockets of resistance and calls for change should seek to unite their purpose so as to create the global critical mass that will compel positive change. For example seemingly unconnected efforts from say "Green Peace; Anonymous; Banksters; Wall Street" & the 1% movements, are technically fighting the same systemic battle, this being to need for global economic systems that are viable (implies non-destruction of ecosystems); transparent and egalitarian systems (openly disposed toward uplifting those in poverty).

Recent survey results of “Global leadership capabilities” to resolve income disparities.

