

## **An Evaluation of the West and its State of Decline**

“ Thus the present [period], roughly **the early Winter of Western civilization**, is not unique. Other civilizations have also experienced comparable periods of secularism and aggressively individual art and revolutionary politics, though each in its own form. The final phase of the West opens a fifth and final age of the whole human story. The coming end of the West will be the greatest catastrophe so far. By its end, the physical environment of the earth could be seriously disrupted. Human populations could fall back to the sparse numbers of precivilization. The species could even become extinct. **The end of the West as a High Culture is not purely pessimistic. As the era of its Civilization advances, the West can be expected to produce a final version of science, of mathematics, of politics, of ethics, even a measure of universal peace in the world empire.** Spengler said he was talking about the ‘fulfillment’ of the West. **The goal would not be achieved by nations and individuals cooperating to establish theoretically correct solutions, but through the unprincipled pursuit of national and individual self-interest.** “

Excerpts from **Oswald Spengler’s 'Decline of the West'**

**And here is my timeline of Western decline, illustrated by historical events and trends:**

Now compare this with the real history of Western decay on the fields of economy, politics and society. It began with a century-long dominance over the rest of the world and which ended after World War II with the abolishment of colonialism. During a period of successful reconstruction and increasing prosperity within most Western nations between 1950-1970, revolutionary movements came into being that shook up the East and finally led to the surge of China and India which, both, began to excel on the fields of economy, science and technology after 1990.

Starting at about the same time was the internet, developing from its US military origin into a global forum of communication. Unfortunately, it slowly turned into a pool of sectarianism and which increasingly affected its practical use, especially in Western countries. China’s internet activity began some years later with the same enthusiasm and rapidly developed into a productive tool occupying an army of Chinese teleworkers. From some point of time after 2000, the number of Chinese language websites surpassed that of English language sites. Now, Western internet junkies increasingly use it for fun: Entertainment and the distribution of fake news and videos already poisoned a whole generation, while technical dangers to the integrity of personal accounts by sophisticated hacking tools and AI based content creation are calling for a regulation of the internet. At least “lucky“ China has its state-owned firewall to prevent any foreign intrusion seen as dangerous.

In 2024, it became obvious that politics took to the internet when Donald Trump was reelected. Now everybody can see that his rough political stances, insulting his opponent in the race for the US presidency, incited the fun generation of young internet users and other simple-minded Trump fans and finally resulted in his overwhelming election win. This was accelerated by Elon Musk’s active support of his friend using AI created videos and questionable personal comments, treated as a premium content on the X-platform he owns. Trump therefore won the digital campaign as well. His real abilities to rule a deeply divided country still remain to be proven.

It is therefore an example for two influential and unscrupulous capitalists getting to the peak of their personal career by manipulating a whole country with a state-of-the-art digital campaign based on political lies, thereby just serving their personal interests.

Further examples could be given for the relevance of Spengler's hypothesis, including the decay of a bloated European Union, unable to find an unanimous position to solve some current problems like the continuous stream of illegal immigrants into Europe.

And we didn't speak about the progressing climate change yet; some kind of a 'Chinese invention' as US president elect Donald Trump once put it, adding later that he would say goodbye to the goals of the International Climate Conference and, instead, make America's productive capacities and its global domination Great Again, whatever it costs.

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