

# In the Midst of a Profound Political Realignment— Our Task Is To Consolidate It

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Feb. 13—As of this writing, both the world and the United States are in the process of a profound political realignment, the reality of which is not necessarily obvious, but is, nevertheless, right in front of our noses. An international shift of nations away from the sphere of influence of British empire geopolitics, toward a cooperative relationship with those nations participating with China in the Belt and Road Initiative, is dramatic and irreversible at this point. This new paradigm of cooperative development, spearheaded in recent years by China's President Xi Jinping, is already transforming the world, and it poses the only positive alternative to the increasing danger posed to mankind by the declining influence and stability of the outgoing British model of global empire.

There is also another, related political realignment taking place. It is indicated by the electoral shift that propelled Donald Trump into the Presidency, especially centered in the mid-western states of America, where Trump performed far better than previous "Republican" presidential candidates. It involves formerly productively-employed workers and farmers who once represented a fairly loyal base of Democratic Party voters in such states as Michigan, Iowa, Wisconsin and upstate New York, where counties and precincts that voted once or twice for Obama gave their vote to Donald Trump. In some of these areas, for example in certain Detroit blue collar suburbs, many voters split their vote, choosing Trump at the top of the ticket, but local Democrats in down-ticket races. If one looks at a map of the 2008 Presidential election in Michigan, the areas that voted Democratic versus Republican, we see a patchwork quilt: the northern part of Michigan, the Upper Peninsula, tended to be Democratic up until 2008; many rural areas and small working class towns across the state often leaned Democratic. Fast forward

to 2016, and we see that this phenomenon hardly exists any longer. Virtually all of these counties supported the election of Trump, and a similar story exists across our industrial heartland.

In these recent developments we are seeing shades of 1986, when, in a statewide Illinois election, the La-Rouche political movement shocked the entire political establishment, electing candidates to statewide positions in the Democratic primary. That 1986 vote was a similar phenomenon to what we are seeing today, with disenfranchised, formerly productive workers, rural voters, and a significant portion of the black population of Chicago turning out to vote against the Democratic Party establishment.

The similarity to today? In both 1986 and 2016, people kept turning on the television and hearing endless news reports about the great economic recovery, a supposed recovery which bore no resemblance to the reality of the steadily worsening condition of their own lives. Voters knew they were being lied to, and they wanted someone who was going to stick it to those guys in Washington.

Take the case today of Appalachia, in the coal country of West Virginia and Eastern Kentucky. These were the areas visited by Robert Kennedy in 1968, weeks before he announced his bid for President, areas that remained loyally Democratic for thirty years after that tour. Kennedy, himself the heir to a great fortune, nevertheless found in the people of Appalachia, as in the Mississippi Delta, those whose extreme poverty required the attention and authority of the federal government to transform their situation. Kennedy's appeal to their humanity, for the necessity to unleash the capacities of that region for the benefit of the whole nation, was not soon forgotten by those downtrodden men and women.

Today, no state in the union supports President

Trump more than West Virginia, the heart of Appalachia. Not only did Trump win every single county in the state, but, as of this month, 61% of West Virginians approve of Trump's job as President. While Trump campaigned in West Virginia on bringing back coal jobs and tackling the opioid crisis ravaging the state—these are not the areas where the people of West Virginia have so far seen the greatest success in the policies of Donald J. Trump during his first year in office. It was in the midst of Trump's state visit to China, that the China Energy Investment Corporation announced their intention to invest \$84 billion in West Virginia, to put the people of West Virginia to work not in raw material extraction, but in the manufacture of value-added chemical products that will be sold back to China, to the U.S.A. and worldwide. As Governor Jim Justice pointed out, this makes all the difference in the world for a state that had a projected \$500 million shortfall going into the 2018 fiscal budget.

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This West Virginia breakthrough, part of a \$254 billion investment package from Chinese companies, stands in stark contrast to the ongoing fierce pressure being applied against President Trump by the institutional financial and political power of London and Wall Street, to prevent him from carrying out the in-depth rebuilding of the nation's infrastructure which he wants. The recently released infrastructure plan, written by Wall Street insiders, is a non-starter. It calls for only \$200 billion in federal funds, with the other \$800 billion to come from states and public-private partnerships. It is a not-so-thinly veiled plan to coerce individual states to enter into PPPs, which will be dominated by financial speculators for their own benefit, as well as to submit to the privatizations of already existing state-owned infrastructure. The striking irony is that Trump was able to secure a larger sum of investment from China than the federal expenditure proposed by this Goldman Sachs-authored plan.

It is not by propping up a Wall Street bubble that we will secure the future for the nation, but in unleashing the productive powers of labor inherent in our highly-skilled workforce. It was this desire, and this perceived possibility that drove the political realignment seen in the 2016 election. Donald Trump did not campaign either as a Republican or a Democrat, a conservative or a moderate, but as a builder, as someone who intends to get things done, to reverse the trend of destruction of our industrial workforce, to recommit

to the mission of building a future.

It is that future which most Americans want, and in the minds of the national electorate, party labels now mean nothing—except to the blind inhabitants of the inside-the-beltway Washington, D.C. madhouse, who squat, pondering which end of the egg to crack open.

In the real world, local elected officials, small businessmen, and farmers, and organized blocks of constituents spread among the cities and counties of our nation, now have a profound power to shape the economic policy of the country, away from the grip of Wall Street. In other words, we have in our hands a dramatic political realignment, whose character—although ignored by media pundits—was irrefutably given existence in the 2016 election. That realignment is well underway, but it is not yet consolidated enough to be able to push through the necessary policy solutions. That fight defines our immediate mission.

Outside of the borders of the United States, the global realignment among nations is proceeding apace. Railroads are being built. Dams and hydro-electric projects are being built. Nuclear power plants are being built. Land is being reclaimed and developed for agriculture. Longevity is increasing, and the conditions of life for hundreds of millions of people are improving. Nation after nation is joining in the China-initiated Belt and Road global development project. The natural next step for a politically realigned United States is to wholeheartedly enlist in this win-win perspective.

This points to what should be the obvious. Under our own Federal Constitution, as adopted in 1788 and then put into practice under George Washington, it falls to the federal government—both in its Constitutional role and as a sacred responsibility—to generate large sums of credit for public projects—to build the nation. This is easily accomplished by creating Credit Banks based on the Alexander Hamilton model. Private financial speculators and sharks have no role to play in the arena of national Public Credit. Ironically, it is China which adopted this “American” approach since no later than the early 1990s. The political realignment now occurring—both globally and within the United States—demands just such a Hamiltonian approach by all the principals involved. It is that approach which is scientifically defined by Lyndon LaRouche in his [Four New Laws](#) of June 13, 2014. Those Four Laws, as elaborated by LaRouche, define both the solution to the current crisis, as well as the basis for a consolidation of the political realignment now underway within the United States. This is the way to build the future.