

***Robert's Desk:***

***Dear Friends, (Very interesting article below)***

***I have made mention of the seriousness of the “general-ignorance” of the fundamental principles of economics today in America. Usually, when I breach this subject with others, I am usually greeted with a yawn. Following, are some interesting facts and statistics that underscore the sad reality of that which will be the “Future America.”***

***For you and I, (our age) that reality will not be quite as impacting as it will be for our children and grandchildren – but we will live long enough to experience the onset of America's economic demise.***

***As I have said many, many times: “Economics,” just like, “Physics,” have ‘natural’ or fundamental laws which govern. They may, for a time, be skewed or artificially manipulated by “political-powers,” but ultimately – as with all “Natural Laws” – they will reappear and ultimately – prevail!***

***America was great when America was good and America was good when America was “Godly!” When America had a reverence and fear of the Living God – America prospered. Interestingly, our blessings were not only because God blesses His “Faithful,” but, America prospered because the prominent nature-at-large (because we were a Godly people) and overall, “American Culture” - was – “GOOD!”***

***America prospered because America was good. (and, why was America good?) Honor and honesty were virtues and attributes which were firmly in-place in our civil, business and political communities!***

***America could easily compete in a global marketplace because America did not have to incur the added costs of greed, which corruption did breed in other global economies!***

***It is truly shameful - and should be troubling - when one considers the level or degree of “Regulations” and “Regulatory Bodies” which were necessary for America to do business 200 years ago – as***

*compared with today! When I last checked – various current regulations in America today represent a cost of approximately 11 Billion dollars! Now, add that to all of the other costs of doing business and one can understand “WHY” American business is moving their interests off-shore! Corporations will quite naturally always find the best environment in which to do their business! When the Liberal-Left Socialist Statist (who hate “Capitalism” and the “Free-Market”) are successful in layering their restrictive regulation upon regulation and do everything possible to prevent improving our “industrial base” here in America – Industry and Corporations are going to go elsewhere! (Example: When was the last oil refinery built in America to keep us able to refine oil with current modern technologies?)*

*Essentially, as with all of man’s problems – America’s economic demise can be traced-back to America’s moral demise. And, of course America’s moral demise is directly tied to America’s continuing separation from God!*

*Check out the interesting information and statistics listed below: After the top 9 paragraphs, the 19 points about the de-industrialization of America are pretty shocking when presented all together like this*

*Whether these changes are good or bad depends in part on how we adapt to them. But, ready or not, here they come:*

*1. The Post Office. Get ready to imagine a world without the post office. They are so deeply in financial trouble that there is probably no way to sustain it long term. Email, Fed Ex, and UPS have just about wiped out the minimum revenue needed to keep the post office alive. Most of your mail every day is junk mail and bills.*

*2. The Check. Britain is already laying the groundwork to do away with checks by 2018. It costs the financial system billions of dollars a year to process checks. Plastic cards and online transactions will lead to the eventual demise of the check. This plays right into the death of the post office. If you never paid your bills by mail and never received them by mail, the post office would absolutely go out of*

*business.*

*3. The Newspaper. The younger generation simply doesn't read the newspaper. They certainly don't subscribe to a daily delivered print edition. That may go the way of the milkman and the laundry man. As for reading the paper online, get ready to pay for it. The rise in mobile Internet devices and e-readers has caused all the newspaper and magazine publishers to form an alliance. They have met with Apple, Amazon, and the major cell phone companies to develop a model for paid subscription services.*

*4. The Book. You say you will never give up the physical book that you hold in your hand and turn the literal pages. I said the same thing about downloading music from iTunes. I wanted my hard copy CD. But I quickly changed my mind when I discovered that I could get albums for half the price without ever leaving home to get the latest music. The same thing will happen with books. You can browse a bookstore online and even read a preview chapter before you buy. And the price is less than half that of a real book. And think of the convenience! Once you start flicking your fingers on the screen instead of the book, you find that you are lost in the story, can't wait to see what happens next, and you forget that you're holding a gadget instead of a book.*

*5. The Land Line Telephone. Unless you have a large family and make a lot of local calls, you don't need it anymore.. Most people keep it simply because they've always had it. But you are paying double charges for that extra service. All the cell phone companies will let you call customers using the same cell provider for no charge against your minutes .*

*6. Music. This is one of the saddest parts of the change story. The music industry is dying a slow death. Not just because of illegal downloading. It's the lack of innovative new music being given a chance to get to the people who would like to hear it. Greed and corruption is the problem. The record labels and the radio conglomerates are simply self-destructing. Over 40% of the music purchased today is "catalog items," meaning traditional music that the public is familiar with. Older established artists. This is also true*

*on the live concert circuit. To explore this fascinating and disturbing topic further, check out the book, "Appetite for "Self-Destruction" by Steve Knopper, and the video documentary, "Before the Music Dies."*

*7. Television. Revenues to the networks are down dramatically. Not just because of the economy. People are watching TV and movies streamed from their computers. And they're playing games and doing lots of other things that take up the time that used to be spent watching TV. Prime time shows have degenerated down to lower than the lowest common denominator. Cable rates are skyrocketing and commercials run about every 4 minutes and 30 seconds. I say good riddance to most of it. It's time for the cable companies to be put out of our misery. Let the people choose what they want to watch online and through Netflix.*

*8. The "Things" That You Own. Many of the very possessions that we used to own are still in our lives, but we may not actually own them in the future. They may simply reside in "the cloud." Today your computer has a hard drive and you store your pictures, music, movies, and documents. Your software is on a CD or DVD, and you can always re-install it if need be. But all of that is changing. Apple, Microsoft, and Google are all finishing up their latest "cloud services." That means that when you turn on a computer, the Internet will be built into the operating system.. So, Windows, Google, and the Mac OS will be tied straight into the Internet. If you click an icon, it will open something in the Internet cloud. If you save something, it will be saved to the cloud. And you may pay a monthly subscription fee to the cloud provider. In this virtual world, you can access your music or your books, or your whatever from any laptop or handheld device. That's the good news. But, will you actually own any of this "stuff" or will it all be able to disappear at any moment in a big "Poof?" Will most of the things in our lives be disposable and whimsical? It makes you want to run to the closet and pull out that photo album, grab a book from the shelf, or open up a CD case and pull out the insert.*

*9. Privacy. If there ever was a concept that we can look back on nostalgically, it would be privacy. That's gone. It's been gone for a long time anyway. There are cameras on the street, in most of the*

*buildings, and even built into your computer and cell phone. But you can be sure that 24/7, "They" know who you are and where you are, right down to the GPS coordinates, and the Google Street View. If you buy something, your habit is put into a zillion profiles, and your ads will change to reflect those habits. And "They" will try to get you to buy something else. Again and again. All we will have that can't be changed are Memories.*

## **19 Facts About The Deindustrialization Of America That Will Blow Your Mind**

By [Michael Snyder](#)

[The Economic Collapse](#)

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**The United States has lost approximately 42,400 factories since 2001.**

About 75 percent of those factories employed over 500 people when they were still in operation.

Source: [The American Prospect](#)

**Dell Inc.** has announced plans to dramatically expand its operations in China with an investment of over \$100 billion over the next decade.

Source: [WSJ](#)

**Dell** has announced that it will be closing its last large U.S. manufacturing facility in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Approximately 900 jobs will be lost.

Source: [Statesman](#)

**In 2008**, 1.2 billion cellphones were sold worldwide. So how many of them were manufactured inside the United States? Zero.

Source: [The American Prospect](#)

**If our trade deficit with China increases at its current rate**, the U.S. economy will lose over half a million jobs this year alone.

Source: [Economic Policy Institute \[PDF\]](#)

**As of the end of July**, the trade deficit with China had risen 18 percent compared to the same time period a year ago.

Source: Economic Policy Institute [\[PDF\]](#)

**The United States** has lost a total of about 5.5 million manufacturing jobs since October 2000.

Source: [The American Prospect](#)

**From 1999 to 2008**, employment at the foreign affiliates of US parent companies increased an astounding 30 percent to 10.1 million

During that exact same time period, U.S. employment at American multinational corporations declined 8 percent to 21.1 million.

Source: Tax Analysts [\[PDF\]](#)

**In 1959**, manufacturing represented 28 percent of U.S. economic output. In 2008, it represented 11.5 percent.

Source: [The American Prospect](#)

**Ford Motor Company** recently announced the closure of a factory that produces the Ford Ranger in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Approximately 750 good paying middle class jobs are going to be lost because making Ford Rangers in Minnesota **does not fit in with Ford's new "global" manufacturing strategy**.

Source: [Economy In Crisis](#)

**As of the end of 2009**, less than 12 million Americans worked in manufacturing. The last time less than 12 million Americans were employed in manufacturing was in 1941.

Source: [The American Prospect](#)

**In America today**, consumption accounts for 70 percent of GDP. Of this 70 percent, over half is spent on services.

Source: [Economy In Crisis](#)

**The United States** has lost a whopping 32 percent of its manufacturing jobs since the year 2000.

Source: [The American Prospect](#)

**In 2001**, the United States ranked fourth in the world in per capita broadband Internet use. Today it ranks 15th.

Source: [MACLEANS.CA](#)

**Manufacturing employment** in the U.S. computer industry is actually lower in 2010 than it was in 1975.

Source: [Businessweek](#)

**Printed circuit boards** are used in tens of thousands of different products. Asia now produces 84 percent of them worldwide.

Source: [The American Prospect](#)

**The United States** spends approximately \$3.90 on Chinese goods for every \$1 that the Chinese spend on goods from the United States.

Source: [The Economic Collapse](#)

**One prominent economist** is projecting that the Chinese economy will be three times larger than the U.S. economy by the year 2040.

Source: [MarketWatch](#)

**The Census Bureau** says 43.6 million Americans are now living in poverty, which is the highest number of poor Americans in the 51 years that records have been kept.

So how many tens of thousands more factories do we need to lose before we do something about it?

How many millions more Americans are going to become unemployed before we all admit that we have a very, very serious problem on our hands?

How many more trillions of dollars are going to leave the country before we realize that we are losing wealth at a pace that is killing our economy?

How many once great manufacturing cities are going to become rotting war zones like Detroit before we understand that we are committing national economic suicide?

The deindustrialization of America is a national crisis. It needs to be treated like one.

If you disagree with this article, I have a direct challenge for you. If anyone can explain how a deindustrialized America has any kind of viable economic future, please do so below in the comments section.

America is in deep, deep trouble folks. It is time to wake up.

Source: Washington Post

See these sources:

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