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<p>1 A Right Wing Extremist (RWE) insurgency is underway in the United States of America. Democracy appears to have the upper hand but major reversals could occur.</p>	<p>Following a coup attempt in 2020, a Right Wing Extremist (RWE) insurgency is underway in the United States of America. The first setbacks against the insurgency only started to occur in late 2022. There are mixed indications which side will prevail. Political, legal and paramilitary activities against the constitution will face a critical year in 2023. The weakness shown by the US Government in responding to the insurrection over two years ago, has incentivized RWE in Congress, the national security apparatus, and the general population to redouble their efforts to snatch victory from the laws of defeat. For the first time in two years of insurgent gains, what appears to be a looming defeat is the result of the trajectory of the insurgency being meaningfully altered for the better by convictions of low level insurgents, the J6C hearings and the 2022 midterms. Defeat of the insurgency will be further advanced by the arrest, prosecution and conviction of the leadership - especially the head of the snake.</p> <p>The problem is the remaining insurgents see the closing window of opportunity as a spur to action rather than a deterrent. They know that if they don't save themselves now, they will be done for good. Thats quite an incentive to act. Desperate to avoid accountability, congressional insurgents will target and attack those departments and agencies attempting to bring the insurgents to justice. They will also almost certainly trigger default on the debt. The destructive consequences will serve their purposes nicely. Distraction via destruction is their goal. Wild card events can still emerge to fundamentally alter the current trajectory. For example, a Supreme Court ruling (vacating a Trump conviction or <u>Moore v Harper</u> finding in favor of state override of the popular vote thereby enabling a fake election scheme in 2024) could yet pave the way an authoritarian dictatorship.</p>
<p>2 Trump is finished. He will be indicted.</p>	<p>Always a factor in American life, Right Wing Extremism (RWE) finally moved from the fringe into the mainstream in 2015 and ran wild until 2020. It finally suffered some initial consequences in 2022. The J6C report presented 850 pages of evidence and 1000s of pages of supporting transcripts, to prove the election was not stolen and that Trump and his terrorist network attempted a coup. The J6C hearings translated into a stunning setback in the midterm elections <i>despite all other factors favoring the right</i>. Consequently, Trump and Trumpism is wounded and limping. In military parlance, it has 'culminated'. But the end may still take more time and a different form than one might expect. Appomattox was ~2 years after Lee culminated at Gettysberg. As noted above, the insurgency may yet be saved by planned or unplanned events.</p> <p>In light of the evidence presented by the J6C Report and American mythology (no one is above the law), Trump <i>has</i> to be indicted. Whether he ends up in prison, as Rep. Rankin said, "is a case of first impression". Mythology says yes. Reality says no. Likely, some kind of compromise will be found with excuses based on secret service protocols etc. [That is a red herring but the left will seek an excuse to be magnanimous which will be a huge mistake. The full price must be paid or else copycats will see they too can get away with a coup.] The compromise will likely be house arrest at Mar-a-largo (MAL). That is no sanction. He is already effectively under house arrest at MAL by virtue of being unwelcome elsewhere. Removal of golfing and party rights does not quite fit the crime.</p>



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<p>3 Right wing extremism (RWE) will continue to be the #1 clear and present danger to the national security of the United States.</p>	<p>Right wing extremism (RWE) does not end with Trump. Like their mortal enemy, the first black President, they believe the arc of history bends towards justice. Its just their definition of justice is at odds with the rest of America.</p> <p>Losing the battle of J6, losing their leader to 'injustice', losing the midterms, losing the chance of taking total control of America, will have zero impact on RWE. On the contrary, like all revisionists, they will take succor and encouragement that "they came so close". Like previous enemies of the Union, they will perceive that they lost the battles but won the war by not losing their political identity. Trumps fall will just add more fuel to the fires of grievance that flame their will to continue the fight.</p> <p>The South was never conquered. It was militarily subdued for a time. It exchanged major conventional combat operations for more 'subtle' political, 'cultural', 'social' and paramilitary/insurgent lines of effort to achieve the same outcomes with which it started the war. Thus segregation, Jim Crow, anti-civil rights legislation and activities, voter suppression, the Klan, 'law and order' (that makes slaves out of the most highly imprisoned population on earth [however measured] who produce \$11bn in goods and services annually at 13c to 53c an hour), RWE and Trumpism itself; are all a continuation of the not so 'lost cause'. RWE lost battles, but it never lost the cause. RWE identity could not be extinguished like a battalion at Pickett's charge. Accordingly, the cause continues to rise again and again. The only thing that changes is its manifestation. It is so insidious that the banners and statues of the enemy are only just now being removed from the bases of the winning army 158 years after the cessation of major combat operations! This is no different from having statues of Stalin and bin Laden on every US military installation until 2181. The fact so few people can 'see' the issue in these terms speaks to the success of the political mission of "the cause".</p> <p>Trump offered a once in a lifetime opportunity to impose a white nationalist dictatorship. Therefore, having come so close to imposing their cause on their old enemy, RWE will double down, and push for new victories. Trump's fall will not be a lesson that they can never win. They see Trump as emblematic of what is possible. He is a way-point, not a terminus. <i>Their</i> interpretation of Trump's story is they are getting ever closer to the final victory. The only thing that matters is <i>how they see it</i>. Not how you might wish it to be.</p>
<p>4 Intelligence on RWE will continue to be weak, leaving the US vulnerable to the on-going insurgency - this is by design.</p>	<p>There is an insider maga threat in the secret service and spread across the national security establishment. A subject of a <i>CWII</i> briefing that will be published very soon (subscribe so you don't miss it), the national security establishment has routinely chosen to ignore, downplay and/or dismiss RWE. They have the data. They have sufficient warning. They have everything they need to warn the system and put protections in place. But they continue to fail to do so.</p> <p>This is not an intelligence failure. Its a choice. The domestic side of the national security system has been compromised by an active insider threat, aided and abetted by a cultural mirror that has blinded otherwise dedicated professionals from realizing the call is coming from inside the establishment (at least in part). This will get worse especially as RWE in congress will mount attacks on who they determine are enemies within the establishment - the subject of the next few predictions below. This is not just speculation.</p> <p>The new rule package has given them a particular tool to go anger individual people deemed enemies. The resuscitation of the "Holman Rule" gives them the power to <i>target individual people</i> in the military or civil service and they will use it unsparingly. Holman empowers the insurgents to: <i>cut pay of individual employees, abolish positions with no appeal rights allowed, and to zero-out funding for specific federal investigations</i>. Andy Biggs (R-AZ) cited the Holman rule when he explained he and the other Trump terrorists in congress will "start defunding... the FBI, the DOJ." This will effectively silence the provision of politically-neutral advice, remove any individual they deem an opponent, and empower maga insurgents in the bureaucracy to renew their efforts to complete the coup from within. The choice of the national security system to ignore indicators and warnings on J6 just got a huge shot in the arm to chose to ignore future threats. Rep. Gerald Connolly, D-Va., "one of the most active members of Congress on civil service issues" explained it is "a backdoor way for MAGA Republicans to dismantle the federal workforce and carry out political vendettas at the expense of career civil servants." <i>Government Executive magazine</i> explains that "Application of the Holman Rule could prove difficult, with Democrats retaining control of the Senate.</p>



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<p>5 The 118th Congress will be a parade of dysfunction and a national and international incitement to anti-democratic insurgency</p>	<p>The GOP has splintered into at least two parties - maga and traditional. The maga/sedition insurgents are a tiny but attention seeking minority that is empowered to force their will on everyone else in the party and now House out of sheer spite. Winston Churchill said “You cannot reason with a tiger when your head is in its mouth”. Their agenda is simple: destruction. Destruction at all costs. Their aim - two years of fake outrage driven culture war that plays well on TV clips to the radical insurrectionist base. The reason? To avoid accountability for their Leader and themselves.</p> <p>This is not about policy differences or any of the usual politics of the past. This is a new politics of destruction for distractions sake. They have no ideas. They literally destroyed the GOP platform. Their attacks on everything they decide is opposed to them will be poorly managed stagecraft at the expense of statecraft. There will be little or no meaningful legislation.</p> <p>The core business of the House will officially be “owning the libs” - in other words performative punishment. It will be all projection. There will be retribution investigations in an attempt to ‘both sides’ the J6C. Be ready for democrats being labeled as insurrectionists and tried in committee for “plotting a coup”. Proceedings will be loud, relentless, unnecessarily prolonged and embarrassingly inept. It will be Benghazi all over again. But so much worse.</p> <p>Thanks for the balance of power in the Senate and the Presidential veto, there will be no appreciable outcome other than poli-tainment - to rile up maga insurgents in the general population and make it look like the insurgency continues to have momentum. They will be cheered on at every step by the right wing propaganda matrix (RWPM). [It is interesting to watch the RWPM. At each new level of debasement, J6 and recently the Speaker vote disaster, they react with shock and disgust at their own side. Its a natural reaction. Then word comes down from on high and they all get behind the insurgency again].</p> <p>This prediction is a continuation of a 2022 prediction: “GOP splits into GOP under Liz Cheney and Q Party under MTG, Boebert, Gaetz, etc.” The split happened somewhere between 2015 and 2020 but has not been formally acknowledged. Trump keeps threatening the GOP with the creation of his own party. Its a useful threat for him to make but it is the political equivalent of Mutually Assured Destruction (MAD) which is why he will never do it. He is attention-seeking enough to know it would seal his irrelevance. A maga party would split the conservative voting block, ensuring rolling wins for Democrats. In many ways, even without a formal 3rd party, a conservative nullifying 3 way split of the vote may end up being the end state because the seditionists are so extreme. However, between now and the realization of what they really are and what the agenda really is - insurgency in order to achieve total destruction in their image - they will do incalculable damage and may just get away with ending the constitutional order. It does not look likely now, but it may turn out to be a much more close run thing than can be perceived at this stage.</p>



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<p>6 Congressional RWE strategy - will escalate attacks on the military, law enforcement, and civil service for not being in lock step with extreme republican positions on all issues.</p>	<p>How did “back the blue” become “bash the blue”? Simple. Disobedience. To RWE’s, Trump is America. Not the constitution. In fact, the constitution gets in the way of Trumpism which is why he and his terror network are doing everything they can to crush it. In the RWE world, any refusal to obey Trump and the insurgents is the act of a traitor. At a minimum, all traitors must be eliminated from their current positions of authority. Typically, a death sentence is the stated desired outcome for traitors (just google Wendy Rogers or read CWII briefings).</p> <p>Trump and his followers see Trump as the personification of America. Trump has uttered various formulations of Louis XIV’s famous “L’État, c’est moi” (literally meaning “I am the state”). Trump said his authority was ‘total’ and ‘absolute’, he regularly ‘joked’ about having 3-4-5 terms, called for the termination of the constitution, and actively mounted a hydra-headed coup to achieve that outcome. From Day One, Trump attacked any part of the national security establishment that dared to disagree with him as evidence of a “deep state” that connived in secret to usurp his power. This is how an autocrat thinks when encountering any resistance to their dictates. That is why his first stop as President was the CIA. He went there to tell them to get in line. Trump had more supporters in the national security bureaucracy than opponents.</p> <p>Bureaucracies develop their own rules. Their primary function is survival, their secondary function is provision of services to the government and then the people. Regardless of the politics of individual members, if they meet a determined effort to destroy them, they will resist. A bureaucracy in a functional democracy tries to follow norms of acceptable conduct, conventions of avoiding disaster in the administration of policy, and the regulations and laws of the nation. It should resist doing things that are <i>obviously</i> corrupt or dangerous. As that was Trump’s baseline standard operating procedure, it was inevitable that he would see anything other than immediate and total obedience as evidence of enemies plotting against his authority. The idea that the civil service and military is filled with experts on anything from microorganisms to atomic weapons who provide impartial and scientifically rigorous data, information, intelligence, analysis and advice to decision makers through established and highly functional chains of command and White House interdepartmental committees (like the NSC) that take a holistic look at problems and provides deeply vetted recommendations for policy; runs head long into the autocrat who thinks he alone knows more than then generals (for example) and he alone can fix any problem. Therefore, any advice “from the system” that does not accord with his instinct is an attack on his authority.</p> <p>There are two consequences here. One is maga propaganda and the other is a continuation of the coup. Attacking the “deep state” is a narrative that works for Trump and the political wing of the insurgency (“Just say it was corrupt and leave the rest to me and the Republican congressmen”). It diverts attention and blame for their own activities onto secret ‘democrat’ bogeymen in the military and civil service pushing what the seditionists label a “woke” agenda. In reality, this is simply anyone not automatically and unquestioningly following maga orders. Seditionist members of congress use these tactics to continue to encourage divisions within the national security establishment. (See discussion of the Holman Rule above). They are encouraging an <i>actual</i> deep state of maga supporters to resist constitutional authority from within.</p> <p>This is a re-run of the highly effective 1950s McCarthyism playbook that was used to brutally attack President Eisenhower and anyone deemed an enemy by Senator McCarthy and his legal adviser Roy Cohn (who became Trump’s political tutor and consigliere). McCarthy and Cohn were only stopped by the US Army general counsel who finally stood up to them both - citing Cohn by name! Eisenhower, like Obama (on birtherism), thought engaging with extremists was beneath the office of the Presidency. It was and is. However, it is necessary to shut them down. The only way to do that is confront them and call them out for their extremism to their faces.</p> <p>The bureaucracy has been socialized over decades to never confront members of Congress no matter how rude, stupid, provocative or objectionable a member might be. In a normal world, this is the right way to protect an institution. In 2023, the United States is not in a normal world. It has been in an abnormal abomination of right wing extremism insurgency since ~2015 and has yet to learn that normal rules of civil and political discourse do not apply. In fact, they only favor the extremists.</p> <p>In short, to stop the insurgency it must be confronted at every step in uncompromising terms. President Biden’s speech directly attacking maga was an important first step. The fierce attacks on him in response shows that it was as effective as it was necessary. Likewise, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, Gen Milley, knew what the threat was and stood up to it within the system which is why he is the #1 target for attack in the bureaucracy. Germany and Brazil have both already suffered RWE copycat insurrections. Turkey looks likely to follow suit. It has already had an attempted coup and indications are they remain vulnerable. The response of foreign governments to RWE - arresting all involved on day one from the head of the snake on down stands in marked contrast to the weakness of the US response.</p>



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<p>7 Congressional RWE tactics - propose defunding everything that isn't in lock-step with the aims of the insurgency. This will be to protect themselves from accountability from these agencies.</p>	<p>They will submit motions, amendments and maybe even legislation (a first for the insurgents) to try to defund the DOJ (ironically) in order to pressure the department to let up on all J6 cases - foot soldiers and leaders. This will be part of a series of stunts, like calls to free J6 'political prisoners'. None of it will be relevant. It is just extremist politainment with no effect in the real world except to normalize chaos and promote extremism. Six insurrectionists stole the election of Speaker. They have created a servile puppet who will push their agenda of destruction because they are holding a gun to his head (motion to vacate that can be brought by a single member at any time).</p> <p>They will be held in check by the Senate and the veto, which will ensure all they do is theater. <i>Except for one important exception.</i> They will wait for a crisis requiring the House to act (the debt ceiling is the perfect example) and then vacate the speakership and have a re-run of the opening of the 118th Congress. The clock will run out and the US will default, causing cascading crises that will fundamentally alter America's standing in the world with extraordinary consequences for ordinary Americans and people the world over. Using this mechanism will give them a propaganda tool to deflect blame for this crisis on others thus - "if only you voted for a Speaker we wanted in time this never would have happened".</p> <p>The first time around, McCarthy caved out of vanity, but he also likely thinks he can prevent the debt bomb catastrophe. Of course, his pathetic weakness has ensured its almost certain use. In addition, he has agreed to all of their demands and likely much more that is unannounced because they do not yet want to reveal the depths of their depravity. Reportedly these include, without irony:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impeachment of Biden/Harris • Impeachment of all other Administration and judicial officials they deem enemies, like the AG and any Judges who have ruled against trump. Judge Cannon will be hailed as a genius. • Inquiries into anyone deemed an enemy or worthy of media attention including private citizens who the media will not be able to resist showcasing. • They now have the power to target any individual in the military or civil service via the Holman rule and they will use it unsparingly. • Show trials on all of the above and many others • Breaking the debt ceiling. They will break it because they don't understand the consequences and they don't care. They just want to exercise their power. Likely at the critical moment they will vacate the Speakers position and hold endless rounds of votes to delay until critical deadlines pass - thus providing a way to blame others for the default. In addition, they will use the threat to break the debt ceiling to do the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defunding social security • Defunding medicare • Defunding the DOJ • Defunding the FBI & DHS • Defunding those elements of the IRS that might reach their donors • Defunding Ukraine which has destroyed most of the Russian army and is on track to achieve regime change in the world's most corrupt and violent dictatorship, at the cost of funding a few squadrons of F22s. <p>The only thing that stands in their way is the Senate and the veto. The Supreme Court is not included as a bulwark against the insurgency. As we will see below, the US Supreme Court has itself already been compromised by insurgents on the bench.</p>



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<p>8 RWE strategy - shift back to spectacle</p>	<p>Outside of the RWE in Congress and the national security establishment seeking to disable the government from within, ‘civilian’ maga extremist paramilitary forces will continue their attacks against government and civilian targets. These paramilitaries comprise a wide range of groupings, proud boys, boogaloo, ‘militias’ etc. Most follow the accelerationist ‘idea’. They are bent on ‘accelerating’ the advent of a civil and/or race war. They believe war is inevitable and thus they want to hurry it up and “get it over with” so they can win and enjoy the fruits of victory. The mentality is similar to, and often overlaps with, religious extremists seeking to trigger the rapture.</p> <p>Accelerationists will not trigger civil war. But they will keep trying because they believe their moment has come thanks to Trump and J6. The latter shows how close RWE came to success and how ill-prepared the US Government was to defend itself. That is a powerful incentive to terrorists.</p> <p>There is a question about their strategy and tactics. Terrorists typically want to cause spectacular damage - the spectacle is critical to causing terror - how do you feel each time you see the planes hit the buildings? However, in 2022 accelerationists selected to focus on damage over spectacle. This appears to have been a mistake that they will likely reverse in 2023. The problem with the 2022 attacks was that while significant populations were inconvenienced, the attacks failed to terrorize because the causal links were vague and thus lacks political impact. If you have no clue what CWII is talking about, that proves the point.</p> <p>Mostly unnoticed by the media, accelerationists were busy in 2022 expertly attacking electricity sub stations in a range of states. In July 2022, DHS warned about the “accelerationist handbook” circulating on extremist Telegram channels that explicitly called for potential attackers to bypass mass shootings in favor of causing chaotic blackouts by attacking the power grid (a “sitting duck”). One of the cases cited by DHS I&A is the indictment last year that alleges a quartet of neo-Nazi accelerationists — some with military experience — “discussed their plans to take out the power grid,” including “a handwritten list of approximately one dozen intersections and places in Idaho and surrounding states” that “contained a transformer, substation, or other component of the power grid for the northwest United States, that if destroyed could cause damage exceeding \$100,000 to the power grid.”</p> <p>Dakota Adams an expert on these groups explains “the potential ease of attacking substations and transmission lines is basic level common knowledge throughout militialand and one of the most common topics in white supremacist and accelerationist chats.” This prediction is a refinement of last year’s prediction that noted “Timothy McVeigh style VIED attack aimed to trigger civil war - accelerationists - critical infrastructure attacks”.</p>
<p>9 RWE tactics in 2023</p>	<p>To date RWE foot soldiers have conducted lone wolf attacks, mass shootings, vehicular attacks, attempted assassinations of individual law makers and jurists, and attempted mass hostage taking and mass executions (J6). The strategic failure of critical infrastructure attacks (noted above) to terrorize the population will likely see an addition of, or reversion to, spectacle in RWE tactics in 2023. Previously, CWII hypothesized the following: lone wolf attacks are guaranteed, and that an escalation threshold indicating a more serious threat would be reached if RWE cells across the country were found to be coordinating attacks. These activities exceed the typical intimidation and/or violence towards election officials, members of congress, and law enforcement. That assessment remains valid.</p> <p>CWII speculates that there will be an increased effort to push back against the headway made against fascism in the midterms and as legal action intensifies against the Trump terror network. Other indicators of escalation would include more intense and spectacular means of attack. The most accessible spectacular means of attack available to RWE foot soldiers is VIED attack. The US Capitol will remain the key target followed by other federal buildings. VIED is a “Vehicular Improvised Explosive Device”, in other words, a car or truck bomb. This was used in Oklahoma City and more recently in Nashville at Christmas in 2020 (although the FBI determined Nashville was not terror related). It was also tried against the Capitol in 2021 and will likely be attempted again in 2023.</p> <p>A successful VIED attack would substantially aid extant US instability. If a coordinated multi-vehicle attack takes place, that will be an indicator that a major escalation is underway. It would look something like this: an initial distraction far from the real target, as a very effective magnet to draw away security forces and weaken other key access points for the main attack. Congress remains the target because the insurgents oppose democracy and the Capitol symbolizes everything they hate. Where possible, terrorists like symbols and anniversaries. In insurgent mythology, J6 has been added to Waco, Ruby Ridge and Oklahoma. Each of these anniversaries should be a time for extra caution.</p>



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10	RWE memetic warfare will continue to undermine national security and go largely undetected or addressed.	<p>Memetic warfare is an insidious form of agitation-propaganda (agit-prop) that is used to attempt to sway the general public toward RWE narratives, recruit vulnerable populations into extremist organizations, and agitate RWE to action. Based on internet “memes” (cartoons spread on social media), it skillfully uses normalization of hate and violence, deception, and deniability. The Russians swarmed social media with memes in the 2016 election to tip the balance to Trump. That was so effective all sorts of organizations adopted the technique. It is hard to spot because members of the general public innocently produce millions of their own memes purely for satirical entertainment.</p> <p>Dakota Adams, an expert on RWE, had a very subtle observation on how effective memetic warfare can be particularly as a means of incitement that goes largely undetected by mainstream security organizations and the public. He wrote “The transmission of orders and target information [by instigators] is one-way and deniable. Cellular and individual attacks will occur with the understanding that they're part of a larger movement, but with even less communication and connection than a traditional cellular terrorist structure. All communication is in inferences, memes, and irony-poisoned "jokes" with a veneer of code words and protective satire.”</p> <p>The mode of communication Adams so effectively describes is central to Trump’s communication methods. He floats outrageous ideas and if there is substantial push back, he excuses the idea as “just a joke” and tells his opponents to “lighten up”. Likewise, meme producers can cover their agit-prop and command and control of terrorists under the protections of the first amendment. Trump’s mobster form of communication, which is a related dark art, is also something that complicates legal cases that require definitive orders to prove criminal intent. Trump also uses an effective technique of saying diametrically opposed things on the same subject. This technique allows him to pick and chose quotes for different audiences, and/or deny criticisms by pointing to his opposing statement on the same issue, to claim the critic did not understand his true meaning.</p> <p>All of this complicates the job of national security agencies. The parts of the national security establishment not compromised by the insurgency (and choosing to ignore it) have difficulty comprehending memetic warfare. This is in part because of first amendment protections but also mostly because they lack an awareness of agit-prop and are unable to read between the lines, or alternatively, the gumption to report on ‘subtle inferences’ as evidence of a major threat. When intelligence services say they have received “no credible reporting of a threat”, what they mean is the enemy has not given them a definitive set of data involving a threat: such as time, date, locations and identities of all those involved. Agencies will never get that standard of evidential proof from terrorist command and control systems - which is the primary purpose of memetic warfare. This ceeds tremendous advantages to terrorists and their sympathizers.</p>
11	Psyops mounted by Russia against the US population will continue and intensify	<p>Psyops mounted by Russia against the US population (and increasingly by other adversaries who are increasing their coordination with Russia) via various means including metric warfare, will continue and intensify as Russia becomes more desperate as a consequence of its failures in Ukraine and Europe generally. Russia benefits from chaos and confusion within and among her enemies. That is why they spent an enormous effort on Trump in 2016, Brexit, and various European elections, all intended to undermine democracy and alliance cohesion. Steve Bannon was critical in all of the above cited cases. He has been very useful to Putin and RWE across Europe and the world, whose interests coincide with American oligarchs like the Mercers.</p>



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12	RWE will rise up in violence when Trump is arrested and/or indicted, and/or convicted. But it may not be as bad as originally projected by CWII.	<p>The attempted coup was the culmination of a complex set of political, legal and paramilitary actions, by a large network of terrorists under the direction of Trump. The J6CR proves it was premeditated and coordinated. At the time of publication, only around 900 foot soldiers and ~5-10 paramilitary leaders have been held accountable. The remainder of the terror network, and in particular, the hierarchy, remains at large. That now looks likely to change in fairly short order.</p> <p>As discussed elsewhere on CWII, the DOJ really has no choice but to act against the leaders. This is in marked contrast to the official response to the attempted assassination and coup against FDR. That pre-war crisis was also investigated by Congress. It was quietly swept under the rug by the investigating committee <i>and</i> the President, who did backroom deals to subvert the terrorists and their oligarch backers in exchange for passage of the New Deal (see Lindbergh, The Wall St Putsch, and American Fascism, 23 Feb, 2022, <i>Civil War II Substack</i>).</p> <p>In the modern context, triggers for violence include arrests and/or indictments, and/or convictions, particularly of Trump. A series of events have defused a significant degree of pent up energy preparing for large scale coordinated violence. In particular, the outcome of the J6C hearings resulting in an upset for seditionists and RWE in the mid-term elections of 2022; a shift in support away from Trump by the Right Wing Propaganda Matrix (RWPM) that resulted in declining support for Trump among the base; and the convictions of J6 participants. In light of these developments, the baseline assumptions remain the same. Namely, guaranteed lone wolf attacks and coordinated attacks and increasingly 'spectacular' attacks indicating a metastasizing threat. However, while a political and paramilitary insurgency is underway in the United States, CWII now estimates a significantly lower likelihood that civil war will result.</p> <p>All that could change on a dime if the Supreme Court continues its support of the insurgency in Moore v Harper and/or vacating a Trump conviction. As these are in the probable or less likely possible categories they are discussed below.</p>



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1	The 118th Congress will not pass a budget and will default on the debt	The political wing of the insurgency in congress will play Russian roulette with the global economy except the revolver will be fully loaded. The Senate and the veto are protections against the destruction willed by House insurgents, but they cannot prevent a snap-vote on the Speakership and subsequent hostage taking until legislative deadlines pass resulting in catastrophe. This action will be mounted right before the House is required to consider and act on key legislation (debt ceiling and other spending bills).
2	The political wing of the insurgency in congress will try to cut funding for Ukraine	They support Trump who supports Putin. Ukraine represents a different world - the old GOP they are sworn to destroy.
3	US Supreme Court empowers the insurgency	<p>If <u>Moore v Harper</u> is decided in favor of the state, it will fundamentally alter the assessments and forecasts presented here.</p> <p>It would almost certainly guarantee an attempted coup at the next election and an explosion of violence. <u>Moore v Harper</u> will enable states to override the votes of their populations. The ACLU, which filed an amicus brief in the case, explains: "State courts, governors, and redistricting commissions could also lose their power to invalidate, veto, or draw congressional maps. And the effects could apply well beyond gerrymandering, including dramatically changing how federal elections are conducted and giving state legislatures broad, unchecked power to set otherwise-illegal election rules."</p> <p>It was a toss-up whether to rate this probable or possible. The extremism demonstrated by the Court's rulings in 2022, the fact that <u>Moore</u> made it onto the docket at all, the pro-coup actions of the seditionist Justice Thomas and his lunatic wife (please lets not pretend they are not completely in lock step with one another and the coup attempt), and the public display of political allegiances by right wing members of the Court, edged this assessment into the probable column.</p> <p><u>Moore</u> is so outrageous, so precedent bending, and would be so destructive to US democracy that the temptation might be too hard for the extremists on the Court to resist. Public opinion of the Court has plummeted in response to the factors cited. It would dive irretrievable into the toilet if <u>Moore</u> was affirmed and would give aid and comfort to the insurgents to attempt a coup at the next election. If it is so decided, chaos and significant politically motivated violence will ensue and worst case assessments for American instability and the collapse of democracy would reapply.</p>



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	US Possible	Reasoning
1	Right wing extremism will continue to be aided and abetted by the right wing propaganda matrix (RWPM). However, civil legal action might curb some propaganda extremes.	In court documents, Fox 'News' routinely denies being a news service. Instead, it maintains that its highest rating 'programming' [sic] is filled with lies and provocations that no reasonable person would understand as news. There is a possibility that this ludicrous position will be successfully challenged in the Dominion voting machine case where various propaganda outlets and individuals are facing billions of dollars in fines for defaming Dominion with lies about its product in the service of the lies about the stolen election. To date, elements of the RWPM have backed off their claims and/or cut off individual propagandists to mitigate their liability. This is already big win. If the RWPM is further held to account in this case, it will change the propaganda landscape and make it more difficult for RWE to manipulate the general population.
2	The number of people that get indicted for leadership roles in the coup attempt will surprise many.	<p>The J6C Report recommended Trump, Eastman "and others" to the DOJ for prosecution. This is 'lawyerese' for ANYONE named in the report who <i>supported or gave aid and comfort to the coup</i> or at a minimum attempted to <i>interfere with an official proceeding</i> and/or <i>defraud the United States</i>. The following categories of people therefore have legal exposure and may find that they face indictment: Trump family members, inner circle, enablers (foreign and domestic), financiers, members of Congress, civil servants, and media figures. The US Dept of Justice routinely indicts foreign nationals.</p> <p>It is possible that quite a few of the seditionists in Congress will be indicted and removed from office under the 14th amendment. The inner ring of the seditionist caucus are all those Trump had in mind when he tried to force the Department of Justice to "just say [the election] was corrupt and leave the rest to me and the Republican congressmen". They are also all those who requested preemptive pardons for their traitorous attacks on the United States. The next ring of seditionists would include all those who voted against certifying the election. The latter group are less likely to be removed but the possibility remains. It would be in the national interest.</p>
3	The DOJ does not indict Trump	Accountability MUST take place for Trump and the leadership of his terror network, including seditionist members of congress. Some have argued that leniency will help the country heal. This is dangerously wrong headed because RWE and authoritarians only see lenience as weakness that should be exploited to the nth degree. It will be pure encouragement to go harder, further, faster, next time and indeed, <i>guarantee there will be a next time</i> . The only way to stop all of that is accountability for all involved from the bottom all the way to the head of the snake. As noted in the projected category, CWII expects accountability for all parts of the snake to take place in 2023. This note relates to the off-chance that does not happen and the DOJ choses not to act. In which case, CWII would direct readers to prior worst case scenarios for nation-wide coordinated political chaos and violence.
4	US Supreme Court overturns a Trump conviction	<p>Almost overnight, the USSC has become a reviled institution. A deep fall from a position of considerable admiration due to its adoption of radical positions - <i>stare decisis</i> be damned. It has become clear that all the conservatives perjured themselves before Congress to get on the Court where they have enacted a purely political agenda. Justice Thomas, who is married to a QAnon lunatic and pro-coup political activist, has been a leader in voting for almost any Trump case that has come before the Court. No matter how extreme. Of course, the leading intellectual behind the Trump coup plot, John Eastman, clerked for Thomas. Thomas never recused himself. He should be impeached but that will never happen under the 118th Congress.</p> <p>All of that backstory provides the setting for the most explosive thing the Court could do, after a <u>Moore v Harper</u> decision in favor of the Coup. There is no doubt that, as in the past, all Trump cases will be appealed to the Court. Including his criminal conviction for any number of federal crimes from stolen classified documents to insurrection. His state convictions too will land in the Court. There is a chance that this deeply political institution sides with Trump and vacates a conviction and/or all of his convictions plural. A vacation would be most likely on the insurrection charge because of the complexity of the case, rules of evidence, constitutional questions (1st amendment v incitement), and so on. It would be least likely on the classified documents case because the facts and the law appear pretty open and shut unless a lower court judge makes an egregious error. Nevertheless, the possibility that the Court vacates a criminal case against Trump would undermine the rule or law and encourage sedition.</p>