

| An American Consensus©  |   | The 8 Structural Problems (Causes) |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |
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| Cause and Effect Matrix ©   |   | #1                                 | #2 | #3 | #4 | #5 | #6 | #7 | #8 |   |
| <b>The 27 related Symptoms of a society in decline(Effects)</b>   |   |                                    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |
|   | <p>Unstable expansion in human population worldwide - and overpopulation related problems in some countries spilling over to become overpopulation related problems in other countries</p> <p>Systematic devaluation of human labor - worldwide by way of job killing mergers, moving high paying jobs to countries with low standards of living, and replacement of human laborers with machines</p> <p>Citizens being systematically excluded from the decision making process in the most important decisions affecting the outcome of their lives</p> <p>Ongoing monetary inflation by the government which causes the purchasing value of previously existing dollars to fall which in turn causes prices related to living standards to continually increase much faster than wage gains, and living standards to therefore fall further each year for most American Citizens. The "American standard of living" has been replaced with the "American standard of citizen indebtedness"</p> <p>American national pride and American national Companies being replaced by multi-national companies with corporate headquarters outside the United States (and therefore outside the jurisdiction of Americans over other groups of Americans.</p> <p>Discriminatory law making - that being the enactment of laws designed to favor one group of Americans over other groups of Americans.</p> <p>Government failure (refusal) to implement current technology for the purposes of improving the political and economic well-being of American citizens</p> <p>Our Government controlling the nation's (and world's) economy for the benefit of our government and single interest groups that are dependant on our government - at the expense of Americas poorest and middle-class citizens.</p> |                                    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |
|   | <b>Row Totals</b>   |                                    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |
| 1   | High (real) levels of unemployment - including the 12% of <u>long term</u> unemployed citizens whose existence the government chooses not to acknowledge.   | x                                  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | 0 |
| 2   | High levels of under-employment (people forced to work below their skill, education, and training levels - often for poverty level wages - and also often with no benefits), currently running 13%+   | x                                  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | 0 |
| 3   | Persistent budget deficits in government at all levels (federal, state, and local)  | x                                  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | 0 |
| 4   | High Taxation levels and taxes on <u>everything</u>   | x                                  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | 0 |
| 5   | Falling living standards and being forced to incur debt for everyday subsistence purchases (like food).   | x                                  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | 0 |
| 6   | Government complicity in destroying jobs and lives here in America through one-sided trade agreements, government sanctioned job relocations outside the US, and endorsement and support of job killing mergers between already gigantic enterprises.   | x                                  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | 0 |
| 7   | Persistent high levels of violent crime, including mass shootings of innocent children and adult citizens .   | x                                  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | 0 |
| 8   | Increased crime related to trafficking in controlled substances (drugs and narcotics)   | x                                  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | 0 |
| 9   | Increased instances of unwarranted police brutality against unarmed citizens.   | x                                  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | 0 |
| 10  | Increasing numbers of single parent families  | x                                  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | 0 |
| 11  | Decline in family values (and loss of time for parental guidance in the home), due to both parents having to work outside the home 5-6 days a week  | x                                  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | 0 |
| 12  | Deficits in trade balances between America and other countries having larger populations than America Like China, who has almost four times our population , but sells much more to us than they allow us to sell in China ... Per trade agreements negotiated by our politicians)  | x                                  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | 0 |
| 13  | Unresponsive government (gridlock) and government that ignores the greatest needs of its citizens   | x                                  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | 0 |
| 14  | Corruption in Government (bribes, self-dealing, kickbacks, fraudulent dealings, helping friends, lobbyists, corporations and oligarchs feed at the public trough, etc.)   | x                                  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | 0 |
| 15  | Extraordinary growth in both upfront costs and payouts to "entitlement" programs.   | x                                  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | 0 |
| 16  | Lack of adequate and affordable healthcare for some (many) citizens.  | x                                  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | 0 |
| 17  | A need to provide for a permanent "welfare" class of citizens...difficult to admit when we are at the same time claiming to be the richest country in the world).   | x                                  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | 0 |
| 18  | Failure of educational systems to cost-effectively meet public needs and expectations.  | x                                  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | 0 |
| 19  | Ongoing high levels of illegal immigration  | x                                  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | 0 |
| 20  | Environmental breakdowns (pollution that causes global warming, vital natural resource shortages, broken pipelines, etc.)   | x                                  | x  | x  | 0  | x  | x  | x  | x  | 0 |
| 21  | Expensive wars for territory and resources  | x                                  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | 0 |
| 22  | Diversionary wars against non-combatants - mostly nouns - (poverty, ignorance, terror, drugs, illegal immigration, abortions, guns, race bias, gender bias, etc. With no identifiable enemy to face.)   | x                                  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | 0 |
| 23  | Loss of individual rights to privacy  | x                                  | 0  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | 0 |
| 24  | Fears of terrorist attacks and nuclear wars   | x                                  | x  | x  | 0  | x  | x  | x  | x  | 0 |
| 25  | Eminent Domain - Loss of personal real property to the government - (for later sale or give way to commercial interests for pennies on the dollar to curry favor with a potential new tax source.   | 0                                  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | 0 |
| 26  | US Governments need to be involved in at least one shooting war somewhere in the world at all times.  | x                                  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | 0 |
| 27  | Politicians arguing over who gets to dictate morality, and constant attempts by government to legislate one-size-fits-all morality for all citizens.  | x                                  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | 0 |
|   | <b>Column Totals</b>  | 0                                  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |   |
| Only values between zero and ten will be accepted by the on-line version of the spreadsheet. If you entered 20, for example, the downloaded spreadsheet would later convert it to a ten |   |                                    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |
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