

Re: Copper theft

But the USA is doing fine. Europe and Japan are facing economic and demographic time bombs.

The European and Japanese populations are stable and would start shrinking in a few years, if it were for the contributions of the immigrants, who still breed as if their security in old age was dependent on their kids rather than the national social security system.

There is virtually no immigration into Japan.

The U.S. hasn't hit the demographic watershed yet – perhaps because the social security system isn't too impressive – and its population is still ballooning, which is a demographic time bomb.

SS works fine. I could retire in a few years at about \$2800 a month, and my wife could follow a few years later at about the same rate. Medical care would be dirt cheap. We'd be just as comfortable as we are now, only bored. The US-born population has a brats-per-woman rate of about 1.8, and the population is growing mainly through immigration. No time bomb there. A rate of 1.2 is a much more severe slope to ride down.

And the U.S. uses twice as much oil per head as the Europeans, which is an economic time bomb.

Try taking your head out of the sand – we've all got quite a few problems coming up, and God's only country probably isn't going to be able to sit them out.

I think the US will do fine, as it is, and has been, pretty resilient in adapting to circumstances. Europe will certainly survive as Europe, but I think the stresses will be a bit worse, due to the severe drop in native birth rates and an unfamiliarity with massive immigration, which is going to happen.

California has no racial majority, and a third of its residents were born outside the USA, and it works great; we're all Americans here.

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