

Re: Copper theft

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martin griffith wrote:

At least the
Yanks
originally
left/escaped
europe to
set up their
own
immaculate
system of
government.

Thank God they made the
effort, too.

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True. But it does seem that the US system has passed its "sell by date" with its terminally damaged constitution and maybe the EU can learn from the failure of the US system (unlikely)...

<sigh, bury head in bucket of sand>

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.

So where do they get all the Korean's that they don't want to see marrying their kids?

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.

So it works fine for you. The wet-backs who are fuelling your population explosion won't do as well.

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.

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Ignoring the non-US-born population isn't sensible. And it takes a long time for changes in the number of kids per female to show a significant effect on the size of the population – the problem is pretty much adapting to a gradually ageing population, which mainly means keeping people at work after their 65th birthday.

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.

There has already been quite massive immigration into Europe – ever heard of "guest workers"? It does produce social tensions and occasional problems, but U.S.-style race riots are very few and far between.

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.

Tell that to the residents of Watts.

I think you are under-estimating the effects that rising oil prices are going to have on the way your society works. You are much more car-dependent than Europe, and a great deal of your housing stock is going to be effectively useless when the price of petrol/gasoline makes car-based commuting uneconomic.

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