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Brian Wesbury:

At the end of every year folks I give you First Trust's Ch Economist Brian Wesbury's stock market predictions for the following year. Last year Brian predicted the Dow would rise to at least 35,000. It did. He also predicted the S&P 500 would rise to 4400. It did. He also predicted that the 10-yr TSY bond would have a negative return this year as capital losses due to rising interest rates offset the interest paid. It did. So Brian was correct, correct and correct.

Next year, Brian predicts that the S&P 500 will rise to 5,250, or an increase of 11.4%.

He expects to see the Dow rise to 40,000.

Brian sees the 10-yr rising in yield to 2.0%.

Again folks, this is one guy's opinion so take it for what its worth. BUT, Brian has been fairly spot-on over the years.

WISDOM:

Of the 505 stocks in the S&P 500, 99 are down this year and 96 are down 20%, putting them in their own little bear markets. With that in mind, following are wise sayings from old wise men regarding the stock markets.

- Bulls make money, bears make money, but pigs get slaughtered.
- No one rings a bell at the top of markets.
- Don't fight the Fed! The Fed is in the process of taking the punch bowl away just as the party is about to start rocking.

DEBT:

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) reported that global debt (public and private) hit an all-time high of \$226 trillion in 2020, according to Bloomberg. China accounted for 26% of last year's increase and government borrowing overall accounted for slightly more than half of it. Global debt rose 28 percentage points to 256% of gross domestic product, the largest one-year gain since World War II. <https://www.ftportfolios.com/>

Build Back Broke:

- The Penn Wharton Budget Model has scored the 10-year cost of the Build Back Broke package of salami slices of socialism at \$4.6 trillion, but the White House keeps claiming that the cost is "zero." When I tell you folks that socialists can't do simple math...ya think I am kidding?
- \$4.6 tyn has a dollar sign, a 4, a 6, 11 zeroes and denoted correctly it also has 4 commas. That's \$4,600,000,000,000. And somehow, according to Joe Biden \$4,600,000,000,000 is actually just zero. It's free.
- I guess if you went to Harvard that somehow \$4,600,000,000,000 is actually zero. How would you like these clowns to be designing bridges, airplanes and skyscrapers...if they actually believe in their cold little hearts that 4,600,000,000,000 is equal to zero?

Of course, some democrats in congress claim that 4.6 tyn is actually just 1.75 tyn. Not too bright. In reality, they hope that YOU aren't too bright. So, let's disassemble this pack of lies they are foisting on you

- Take the child allowance, which Democrats say will cost only \$185 billion because it ends after one year. No one believes they won't extend it next year, and the year after that, ad infinitum. CBO says the real cost over 10 years is \$1.6 trillion. So the dimms are lying by more than 8-fold..or 860%.

Don't Run Forrest, Don't Run:

NYT, Brett Stephens' Dec 14 column on Joe Biden's mental health. Brett Stephens used to work for the WSJ and once upon a time he was the editor of the Jerusalem Post. Until Donald Trump came along in 2015, I respected Mr Stephens' writings, but he became a voracious never-Trumper, then moved to the Pale Lady, aka the NYT. Now he is part of the neo-liberal Lunaverse.

So, I suspect that his fellow travelers, aka comrades had to sit up and take notice when Mr Stephens wrote "Is it a good idea for Joe Biden to run for re-election in 2024? And, if he runs again and wins, would it be good for the United States to have a president who is 86 — the age Biden would be at the end of a second term?"

"From some of his public appearances, Biden seems ... uneven. Often cogent, but sometimes alarmingly incoherent. What's the reason? I have no idea. Do his appearances (including the good ones) inspire strong confidence that the president can go the distance in his current term, to say nothing of the next? No." says Mr Stephens.

Richard Blumenthal; Communist Sympathizer:

Does anybody out there in radio land remember when Richard Blumenthal first ran for an open senate seat in Connecticut in 2010 and got caught stealing valor? If you recall, Mr Blumenthal got 5 deferments to avoid going to war, finally

served in the Marine Corps Reserve during the Vietnam “conflict”, and then he claimed for decades after that he actually saw combat action in Vietnam. Here are some quotes:

- “When we returned from Vietnam, I remember the taunts, the verbal and even physical abuse we encountered.”
- “I wore the uniform in Vietnam and many came back to all kinds of disrespect.”
- “We have learned something important since the days that I served in Vietnam.”

The problem is that while serving in the Marine Corps Reserve, he never left American soil. In any event, HAD the lying senator from Conn ACTUALLY served in Vietnam, it now appears he would have probably fought.... for the North Vietnamese.

“Democratic Sen. Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut attended an awards ceremony hosted annually by the Connecticut People’s World Committee, a branch of the Communist Party USA, as well as the Marxist “People’s World” website, the Washington Free Beacon first reported. Blumenthal was a surprise guest as he presented the annual “Amistad Awards” Saturday night at the 102nd birthday of the American communist party.

Venezuelan Chaos:

While we are discussing the many failures of communism, we need to bring you folks an update on what was South America’s most prosperous country a mere 20 years ago; a country that has been colonized by a much smaller parasitic nation called Cuba.

“One out of five Venezuelans has fled the country, a dismal parade of more than six million penniless, frail and desperate people straggling into neighboring countries in search of charity and shelter.

In the last 20 years, at the advent of the communist regime of Hugo Chavez, the development process slammed into reverse. Today, with incomes in free fall and people literally hiking to the nearest border to find something to eat, to call Venezuela a developing country is an absurdity, if not an obscenity.

At the moment, according to researchers, 95% of Venezuelans are poor in terms of income. More than 3 in 4 Venezuelans live in extreme poverty and food insecurity. At around \$3 a month, the legal minimum wage won't feed a person for a day, let alone a family for a month. There is therefore little point in working: About half of the working age population has dropped out of the labor force, leaving remittances from relatives who have fled as the main survival strategy for about 40% of the population. GDP per capita has plummeted to levels not seen since the 1950s.

One final piece on the lunacy that is socialism. Following is a letter to the editor from Tuesday's WSJ about Chinese communism and innovation:

Dear editor,

"I am not as negative as those who take the view that China, this soon-to-be-larger economy and totalitarian adversary, will top us in innovation. A core requirement to be at the cutting edge is creativity. And most creativity and innovation are driven by people who are nonconformists in their fields. This requires a society that is based on freedom that nurtures free minds and free spirits. Having free minds in turn requires a spirit of tolerance for others' ideas.

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Me too Paul Dabbar...as long as we stay free. And therein lies the battle.

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