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Unlocking the Secrets to Wealth: Top 10 Ways You're Being Made Poorer

Ever look at your life and wonder, "Where has all the money gone?" You work hard and try to get ahead. This is America, after all ... the land of prosperity. But recently it has been a struggle for most Americans, particularly young people. Politicians on both sides of the aisle tend to be wealthy and out of touch with the reality many Americans face. Life is hard, and every Dollar seems to get stretched thin. Since the Covid pandemic began in 2020, things have only gotten worse as the American people struggle to maintain their standard of living.



The Millennial generation was devastated by the 2007-2009 financial crisis, and Gen Z faces higher debts and more rapid inflation, making it nearly impossible for either generation to live the traditional American Dream.



In this briefing we will discuss the following:

- » Overregulation
- » Social Security Failures
- » Healthcare Costs
- » Inflation
- » Minimum Wage Failures

- » Open Borders
- » The War on Poverty
- » Crony Capitalism
- » Buying Votes
- » Living Beyond Your Means

YOUR MISSION: Learn about the ten ways you're being made poorer and what you can do to plan for your and your family's future.

ATTENTION: Globalist elites are waging a war against the lower and middle classes, their goal is to own everything, and you own nothing.

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- » Americans are working hard and seeing their wealth decline.
- » Prosperity is quickly becoming something only the elites can enjoy.
- » The government is behind many of these issues as policy failure sets in.
- » Crony Capitalism has allowed wicked individuals to profit from the suffering and abuse of others.
- » There are spending and saving habits that can better align you and your family with your goals.

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Kevin Freeman is considered one of the world's leading experts on the issues of Economic Warfare and Financial Terrorism. He has consulted for and briefed members of both the U.S. House and Senate, present and past CIA, DIA, FBI, SEC, Homeland Security, the Justice Department, and local and state law enforcement. His research has been presented in critical DoD studies on Economic Warfare, Iran, and Weapons of Mass Destruction presented to the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense, Intelligence. He has traveled extensively with research trips to Russia and China and throughout Europe and the Americas. He is also a contributing editor for Tactics and Preparedness magazine.



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1. Overregulation

Regulations are great when they are useful, but often they become burdensome and make it far more difficult for Americans to build wealth.

Many regulations have started simple but then regulators have to justify their work so they add more regulations that increasingly make less and less sense.

"Regulations make things cost more and you get fewer choices. You can no longer buy incandescent light bulbs. You may soon only be able to buy electric appliances. And higher standards often mean that manufacturers use lower quality materials to offset costs." –Kevin Freeman

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Overregulation often leads to regulatory capture, where those writing the rules become beholden to the very industries they are trying to regulate.

These regulations then protect existing businesses and create barriers to entry, preventing competition and reducing opportunities for new entrepreneurs and investors.

One study found that the average American family would be earning \$330,000 per year (rather than around the \$60,000 they earn today) if we had kept regulations at



the level that they had been 60 years prior. Every regulation has a cost and those costs multiply over time.

Some regulations even cause American businesses to move overseas for lower regulatory costs.

Attention: Overregulated industries lead to overpriced goods and services with little competition. These regulations create the monopolies they are supposed to prevent.

2. Social Security Failures

Social Security and Medicare take over 15% of your paycheck every month. You pay half directly and your employer pays the other half (at least on the first \$168,600 you earn).

Social security is then invested in Treasury Bills, which, while consistent, have a lower potential upside than investing in the stock or bond markets. In general, private investments have outperformed Treasury Bills.

"One estimate suggests that if you held a standard 60/40 portfolio (60% stocks and 40% bonds) over a typical 40-year work career and

CENTER OF	TABLE 1. AVERAGE RETURNS AND STANDARD DEVIATION OF DIFFERENT ASSETS, 1928-2022		
		Avg. geometric return	Standard deviation
	S&P 500	9.6%	19.6%
	10-year Treasury bond	4.6	8.0
	3-month Treasury bill	3.3	3.0
	Source: Authors' calculat	tions from Damoda	ran (2022).

got the average returns of the past 100 years or so, you would have grown your investments at a 7.6% annual rate with private investments as compared to the 3.3% annual return provided by Treasury Bills." –Kevin Freeman

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Calculating it out (and based solely on the past), you might have had almost three times as much ending value from a private investment than from Treasury Bills alone.

*Of course, there is risk with stocks and bonds and Treasury Bills are generally considered the safest of investments. And we are NOT offering investment advice. Your circumstances are unique. All investments have risk. Past performance is no guarantee of future success. Check with your financial advisor to find suitable investments for your situation. [And any other caveat that says we support Social Security and US Treasury bill. :)]

The average Social Security check is a little less than \$1,800 per month. If you tripled that, you'd have over \$5,000 per month, roughly in line with average American earnings.

This was your money that you earned, being collected and automatically invested in Treasury Bills.

Attention: Social Security has taken a large sum of money from American workers that cannot be invested otherwise.

3. Healthcare Costs

Health Insurance often drives prices higher, and you foot the bill. Health costs have

skyrocketed since Obama enacted the Affordable Care Act, taking an ever-increasing share of American's income.

According to non-partisan studies, the cost of premiums and deductibles takes over 10% of workers' income in most states and is growing faster than incomes.



"As things stand now, excessive health care costs are the leading cause of bankruptcy for American families." –Kevin Freeman

The Heritage Foundation says that the cost of Health Insurance doubled in the decade after Obamacare was enacted.

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Most medical procedures are cheaper if you pay cash rather than use insurance, giving the elites access to cheaper care.

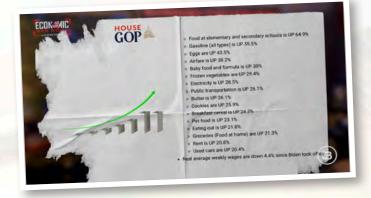
Attention: Rising healthcare costs are crippling American families and emptying their wallets.

4. Inflation

Inflation is a hot topic for explaining many of the financial troubles in America today.

Since 1971 the dollar has lost 90% of its purchasing power.

Under the Biden administration, it's lost about 20% according to official government data.



"You feel it every time you eat out, buy gas or groceries, or pay rent. In fact, prices are up more than 20% for the things you use most, and the increases are much greater than any raises you may have gotten." –Kevin Freeman

The failed monetary policy of the Biden Administration has exponentially increased the American cost of living.

Attention: Inflation eats away at the spending power of the Dollars you earn, meaning every month's expenses will increase, leaving you with less money to save, if any at all.

5. Minimum Wage Failures

To help workers in this inflationary climate, California raised the minimum wage to \$20/hr.



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Now many restaurants are closing because they can't afford the higher wages without raising prices more than people are willing to pay, leaving those same workers unemployed.

"Continually raising the minimum wage creates a wage/price spiral that quickly gets out of hand making it impossible to stay in business or to start a new business." —Kevin Freeman

These minimum wage policies are simplistic and not properly thought through.

Forcing a company to pay someone more will only negatively impact its bottom line and lead to increased prices to remain profitable and keep the business open, thus furthering inflation.

Attention: Failed economic policies like wage hikes are speeding up the process of inflation and making it harder for minimum-wage workers to find jobs. The wealthy just pass the increased costs through to consumers.

6. Open Borders

Mass immigration, especially illegal immigration, drains taxpayer money from funds that should be spent on supporting American citizens in need.

Many illegal immigrants receive more aid and support from the government than American veterans or low-income families. ECONANC I Vays You're Being Made Poorer 6. Open Borders. ECONANC I DOWNER DE INSTITUTE DE IN

According to a report from the US House in

May 2024, we are directly spending at least \$150 billion per year and maybe as much as \$400 billion.

6 That cost to the taxpayers works out to somewhere between about \$2,000 and \$5,000 per family per year." –Kevin Freeman

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Other costs include the impact on the labor market, as illegal immigrants are often willing to work more hours for less pay, taking jobs from hardworking Americans.

Then there is the cost of social welfare programs that increasingly provide benefits to undocumented immigrants.

Attention: Healthy and controlled immigration is great for the economy, but we cannot afford to have open borders. As Milton Friedman once explained, a society can have a social welfare program and survive. Or, it can have open borders. It cannot sustain both.

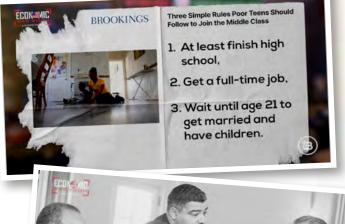
7. The War on Poverty

The simple way to beat poverty according to the Brookings Institute, comes from following three simple rules.

- 1. At least finish high school,
- 2. Get a full-time job,
- 3. Wait until age 21 to get married and have children.

"Unfortunately, the welfare payments we have made have incentivized the breakup of families and funded people to stay out of the workforce." –Kevin Freeman

America's War on Poverty approach has broken families and failed to help people get a job or finish high school.





This failed policy has cost society \$30 trillion, creating the majority of our massive debt buildup.

Attention: The War on Poverty policies have incentivized choices that statistically lead to lifelong poverty, making millions of Americans dependent on the government for food, shelter, and other needs.

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8. Crony Capitalism

At the same time as the elites incentivize poverty for the lower class, they strip Americans of opportunities to build wealth.

This is Crony Capitalism, of which there are two types.

Governmental: Members of Congress can use a form of Insider Trading to make themselves rich at your expense.

Wall Street: Bankers and brokers keep the gravy for themselves and their elite clients with the government's help.

Members of Congress have been making millions of dollars in the stock market using information that is not yet public.

Nancy Pelosi famously bought and sold NVIDIA stock while she participated in writing policies that directly affected the company's bottom line.

"When Uber went public, the private equity investors had already taken most of the gains. Uber launched in March 2009 and in almost every respect seemed better than a taxi. Ten years later the company went public, giving average investors a chance to own shares. And if you bought when



it first came public, you would have lost money for the next four years. But those allowed to invest early made billions." –Kevin Freeman

Uber is a prime example of Wall Street Cronyism, as early-stage investors made billions by selling some of their shares when Uber went public.

Early-stage investing has been closed to the general public as regulations limit private equity investments to Accredited Investors and the wealthy only.

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Most Americans don't qualify, meaning the elites can continue to build wealth while keeping other people out.

Attention: Crony Capitalism grants the elite greater access to wealth-building opportunities and steals those opportunities from the rest of America.

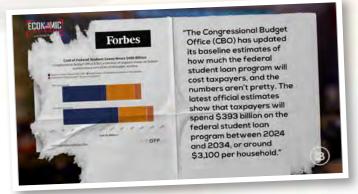
9. Buying Votes

Politicians have also been garnering voter support through cash handouts.

President Biden's efforts to pay off student debt even after the Supreme Court ruled against him is a prime example of trying to buy the young vote.

Quoting Forbes:

"The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) has updated its baseline estimates of how much the federal student loan program will cost taxpayers, and the numbers aren't pretty. The latest official estimates show that taxpayers will spend \$393 billion on the federal student loan program between 2024 and 2034, or around \$3,100 per household."



When politicians choose to buy votes, the whole nation pays for it in taxes, but only those voters benefit.

In this case, millions of Americans will foot the bill for those who chose to attend expensive universities and take on enormous debt.

Attention: Buying votes strips money straight from American taxpayers. It is theft for political gain. History shows that it always ends with tyranny.



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10. Living Beyond Your Means

The final thing preventing you from being rich is living beyond your means.

If you take the time to set up a budget and stick to it, you may be surprised at how much money you can save.

"If you put \$6,500 in an IRA every year starting at age 25 and kept it invested at the average rate of return of 7.6% (60/40 portfolio), you'd accumulate \$1.5 million by age 65." –Kevin Freeman



Especially as inflation causes prices to skyrocket, choosing cheaper options, or even forgoing luxuries can be life-changing.

Coffee, at a national average of \$5 per cup adds up quickly. Drinking one cup per day will cost you around \$1,800 in a year. Americans average three cups of coffee per day.

Finding cheaper alternatives or cutting the daily Starbucks out of your routine could help you and your family save thousands of dollars a year for retirement, college, or buying a house.

Attention: Living beyond your means is a surefire way to never get rich. To build wealth, you must practice saving.

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ACTION STEPS:

- 1. Read Kevin's new book <u>Pirate Money</u> to learn about a solution for economic justice.
- 2. Use budgeting tools to create a budget, reduce debt, and plan savings.
- 3. Make the necessary changes to ensure your family lives within their means and can save effectively.
- 4. Choose local and small business products to amplify your voice as a consumer.
- 5. Stay informed about federal plans for CBDCs and advocate against policies that threaten economic liberty.
- 6. Vote for representatives focused on economic freedom.

ONGOING ACTION STEPS:

- 1. Seek opportunities to inspire other Americans to stand up for what is right.
- 2. Send them this Economic Battle Plan[™] and ask them what they are doing to stand for America and Liberty!
 - » Elect Politicians that understand the need to preserve American Liberty.
 - » Encourage and ask your elected officials to educate themselves.
 - » Ask them how they are working to strengthen our education system and reverse the push for Marxist indoctrination. These are big issues, if your representatives are not aware and working toward solutions directly or indirectly based on their committees, hold them accountable!
- 3. Watch out for programmable money. The Dollar is being attacked and the WEF is working toward The Great Reset. We want to see the dollar stay strong by acting on the items above. We also believe it is good for Americans to diversify and have other options to pay with transactional gold. Prepare your money for the economic war.

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4. Check your investments to see if they are helping fund the agendas of Globalist Elites. If you have a financial advisor insist that they give you an update and encourage them to become part of the NSIC.

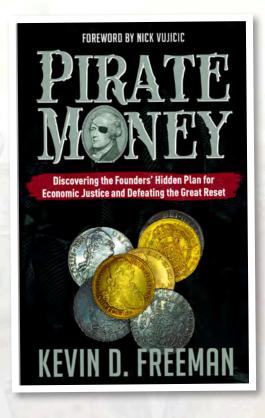
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5. Be certain to buy Kevin's new book, *Pirate Money: Discovering the Founders' Hidden Plan for Economic Justice and Defeating the Great Reset.* Learn more at <u>www.PirateMoneyBook.com</u>.



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In the **Economic War Room**[®], we encourage Americans to be the "little ships that make the difference." You cannot solely rely on the government or the president to solve America's problems. You have to make a difference. It is up to you to help take our country back and create a voice for economic liberty. [The little ships are based on Churchill's Operation Dynamo that rescued the British Expeditionary Forces in the Miracle of Dunkirk.]

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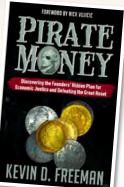
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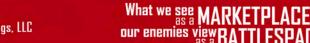
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