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NO SOLUTIONS, ONLY TRADE-OFFS

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Consider these progressive initiatives: eliminating fossil fuels; opposing voter ID requirements; packing the Supreme Court with liberal judges; raising the minimum wage; government paid education for life; guaranteed living wage for all; raising taxes on the wealthy and corporations; universal government paid healthcare; breaking up “big tech;” voting rights for non-citizens; (I could go on); and the mother of all these radical new ideas, transformative systemic change in government and our culture.

For proponents of this direction for our future, I will borrow and pass along some wisdom from economist Thomas Sowell. As you breathlessly seek to solve all of the world’s problems with what you believe are new ideas, you can expect to find great disappointment at the end of your rainbow. Why? Because, in endeavors like yours, you will find “there are no solutions, only trade-offs.” Be careful what you wish for, and please don’t bet the future of our economy and culture on unlikely outcomes, however inspirational.