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**An important lesson of the post-Cold War era, learned far too late: allowing totalitarian regimes to interface with the political, economic, and media systems of free nations is like installing a dangerous virus on a computer.**

The suicidal folly of globalism was believing the reverse: that freedom and democracy would leak into totalitarian systems and produce quiet revolutions. As we know after 30 years of disastrous experimentation, tyranny is FAR more viral than liberty in the modern world.

Tyranny, like a computer virus, breaks all the rules that allow free markets and democracies to function. Tyranny ruthlessly exploits "weaknesses" in the code of free systems, working from beyond the reach of the legal or social enforcement systems in targeted nations.

Tyrannical nations use brutal methods to extract value from their people, then invest that value to target and destroy industries in free countries, taking control of important supply chains with production unencumbered by the costs free societies impose on their companies.

Tyrannical nations easily overwhelm the media of free societies with propaganda, ideological content and official lies. A tyranny can run op-eds in free-world newspapers while silencing all dissent, both foreign and domestic, in its own state media.

In every realm - economic, political, and information/media - tyrannies easily subvert the ideal of free and fair competition that drives both capitalism and democracy. What is "democracy" in any of its forms, if not a free and fair competition of ideas?

Allowed to interface with the systems of the free world, tyranny cheats and lies, as a computer virus breaks the rules of the systems it infects. Free-market business and political entities cannot fairly "compete" against murderous tyrannical nation-states and their enterprises.

How does a company in a free nation compete against a state-run enterprise supplied with money, materials, and slave labor by a fascist regime? How do you undercut the prices of a "competitor" that doesn't have to worry about expensive labor laws, regulations, or market forces?