

# 7 Signs That Civil War Is About To Happen

## Part 1

I don't know about you, but it seems that America is more divided than ever. At least more divided than I've ever seen in my lifetime. With the mid-term elections in November, followed by the 2024 presidential election, it is likely to get even worse. Is it possible there could be a second Civil War in the United States?

Polls have shown that almost half of the country expects another Civil War within the next five years. Hopefully, that will never happen, but I think it would be wise to prepare for the possibility and watch for signs that it's about to happen. Listen to Ray Dalio's commentary on "The Threat of Civil War" at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y1CrzAMvLIM>.

Another must see video (<https://youtu.be/VEx4EkLEQvA>) identifies 7 signs that a new Civil War is about to happen soon. These signs are::

1. Increasing Partisanship
2. Dysfunctional Governance
3. Impeachment and Coup Rhetoric
4. Widening Wealth Gap
5. Further Entrenching Oligarchy
6. Rise of Extremist Ideologies
7. Artificial Intelligence

## **Riots and Looting are Not New, but This Time May Be Different.**

Today it seems that protests are synonymous with violence, rioting and looting. Our American history is fraught with such acts. Initially American colonists peacefully protested against the British government through speeches and written documents. But when the British did not respond positively, the colonists, in 1773, staged the first significant action of non-peaceful protests in what is now called the "Boston Tea Party." Since then protests and demonstrations have become a norm for political and social dissention.

Violence and rioting often accompanied protests. While violence and rioting often appear to be spontaneous to viewers, agitators are/were often used to spur demonstrators into physical action.

Since the birth of our nation there have been more than 450 incidents of civil unrest. ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_incidents\\_of\\_civil\\_unrest\\_in\\_the\\_United\\_States](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_incidents_of_civil_unrest_in_the_United_States))

Civil unrest is defined as acts of violence and disorder detrimental to the public law and order. It includes unlawful disobedience, violence, rioting, and insurrections/revolts.

Studies of these past incidents have identified five (5) factors leading public rioting and violence. The media has led us to believe that the majority of current riots and violence are a result of race, social injustice, and , to a limited extent, political conservatives.

As we near the November elections and the, not too distant, presidential elections, the media seems to be agitating the general public with other factors simmering beneath the surface of daily life. America often becomes very tense in election years, but these elections are unprecedented. If Democrats or Republicans feel like the election is being stolen from them, the powder keg that is America could ignite.

So how likely are we to see riots and violence in the coming months? To understand the current situation, we need to look at what factors have caused riots in the past.

## **Five Factors That Led To Riots In The Past**

Sociologists and economists tend to collectively blame civil unrest on social unrest. When asked about what causes social unrest they point to social, political, economic, and environmental causes. However within each of these four areas are many overlapping factors leading to civil unrest.

Every sociologist and economist has his/her own idea of what causes unrest, a number of studies have identified five underlying factors that often turn peaceful protests into riots and violence

### **1. Economic Factors**

Poverty, unemployment, inflation, and recessions are often the underlying factors for many instances of civil unrest. This simmering anger driven by economic disparity is what has made looting a part of most riots. People living in poverty are often desperate, and when groups take to the streets to protest they are filled with anger and resentment at a society that seems to have left them behind.

As inflation continues to increase and we dive deeper into a recession, anger toward the current administration will increase exponentially. If we look at Venezuela and other

socialist countries which have recently gone down this same path we will notice that before it got as bad as it has, the socialist, tyrannical governments created laws that would quell protests and takeovers of these governments. The primary laws created were to nationalize industries and to control the peoples' ability to retaliate by confiscating their weapons.

## **2. Political Factors**

Extremists on both sides of the political spectrum often take advantage of civil unrest to further promote their agendas. In these instances, the motivation for the civil unrest is immaterial and the unrest simply provides a backdrop to demonstrate extreme and unrelated ideas and feelings.

The death of George Floyd sparked riots and looting across the nation. While protests were taking place nationwide, the focus was on Seattle where Black Lives Matter agitated protestors to riot, loot and call for defunding the police. BLM's agenda to defund police spread to democrat controlled cities and. As time passed we are able to see the results of this movement in the rise of violence and crime.

## **3. Criminal Factors**

Criminals take full advantage of times when there is chaos and the police are overwhelmed. When that happens, the rule of law breaks down.

Looting is the primary activity, but crimes generally rise during times of civil unrest for the simple reason that there are fewer police officers available to respond. This combines with liberal district attorneys, judges, and laws simply empowers criminals to be more open and direct with their actions. We have seen this in places such as San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago, and New York where law enforcement's hands are tied and with increased violence against police officers

## **4. Radical Factors**

During periods of civil unrest anarchists, agitators, and Marxist socialists aggravate the situation to further their agenda of disruption. While each group has its own agenda, collectively they are called anarchists because they have a compulsion to create chaos.

Their belief is that a new phoenix will come out of the ashes, that the nation will experience a rebirth and an end to oppression. Unfortunately such thinking is skewed and illogical simply because of the nature of man to subdue his environment.

## **5. The Mob Mentality**

Riots and violence are associated with mob mentality. When some people are physically caught up in a large group they tend to act differently. They take on the “personality” of the group and act accordingly. The mob’s actions are erratic and unpredictable. Anonymity allows people to engage in activities they would normally never pursue. Leadership within mobs shifts quickly and to the loudest voice. Deep-seated resentments, frustration, and disappointment galvanize some to lash out and immerse themselves in the rage of a growing mob.

However there is also another form of mob mentality. This is the mob that does not have a physical coherence but rather a social or mental coherence. The members of this type of mob can be found across the nation and may at anytime come together for a physical confrontation. The anti-Christian, anti-Semitism, the anti-police, and other similar thinking groups are examples of this different type of mob mentality. The results of such groups are easily seen in the Holocaust of Nazi Germany in WW-II.

## **Danger Ahead**

While the above factors are systemic to current protests, riots and violence, they are not the only factors at play.

## **Four New Factors That Could Lead To Riots**

Since 2020 with the outbreak of Covid-19 the world has become a different planet. In addition to the above factors that lead to rioting there are four additional ones that are particular to our current social, political, and environmental conditions.

### **1. The COVID-19 Economic Depression**

The Covid-19 pandemic created both a health crisis and an economic crisis in the US that we have yet to recover from. The pandemic resulted in three major outcomes which have affected people physically, emotionally, and economically.

1. Large number of people who died from Covid
2. Massive lockdowns across the nation
3. Loss of income and/or jobs

These results have negatively impacted the nation’s economy and have consequently resulted in

1. A reduction of available goods,

2. Increased prices (inflation),
3. A deepening recession.

In essence the Covid pandemic, combined with poor leadership from the Biden administration has led to an economically and politically depressed nation with a staggeringly high unemployment rate.

When people are out of work they have nothing else to do but to reflect on their status and on how the government is not truly helping them cope with the need for more money to buy food and medicine. It is not their fault that they are out of work and the various governments put employment roadblocks in their way.

Unemployment and economic disparity are hallmarks of civil unrest.

## **2. The New Anonymity**

Masks are the traditional mark of criminals and rioters around the world. They are worn in an attempt to prevent personal identity.

Initially among the various prevention requirements for Covid was the edict that, "Everyone must wear a mask." While masks were initially thought to prevent transmission of COVID-19, and the science has proven otherwise, many government and health agencies still require that they be worn.

The new normal of mask wearing in public makes it easy for anyone to feel anonymous and has no doubt motivated some of the looting and violence.

## **3. Increased Stress**

The pandemic lockdowns and the threat of new Covid variants have created a level of stress that is affecting almost everyone. It has led many to behave irrationally in a variety of ways.

We are a nation that is under tremendous stress from many different sides, much of which can be alleviated by the Biden administration and the removal of poor leadership in our local and state governments and agencies.

When there is no release for high stress levels the outcome is often confrontational and violent.

## **4. The Presidential Election**

The outcome of the coming mid-term elections in November and the presidential elections in 2014 could create the conditions of violent demonstrations and riots. Political leaders are in the position to quell these conditions but whether or not they will do so or exacerbate them time will tell.

It is imperative, for the sake of our nation, that we return to an even keel. To do so will require far right and far left politicians to stop being so radical and come toward the political middle ground. Similarly, Biden needs to step back on his US economic policies, invigorate the economy with less government spending, regulations and taxation, and secure your national borders.

Realistically, no matter what happens in the mid-term elections, one side is going to feel cheated, and some of them are going to take action. With those who will feel cheated, they must grow-up and become adults and stop acting like belligerent children and bullies.

## **The Perfect Storm**

With these nine factors ready in place, we have the conditions for a perfect storm of civil unrest, rioting and nation-wide violence.

These conditions become stronger every day with. . .

- The nation becoming more divided,
- Increasing inflation,
- A deepening recession,
- Increasing crime and the lack of proper law enforcement
- A lack of secured borders,
- Increasing drug trafficking,
- Decreasing military capability,
- Increasing international tensions with Russia, China, North Korea and Iran,
- Democrats and far-leftist pushing for increased spending and taxation,
- Increasing socialist agenda throughout every aspect of the American society

America is politically and economically stressed. Americans are being stretched to their limits.

To avoid the destruction of America, the people must take back their government.

Remember, it is **“We the People,”** not **“We the government.”**