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The elitists have learned their lessons from history. While peasants were bound to the land and could not move around or seek greener pastures, they were abused, oppressed and taxed at will. Their children were scooped up and sent off to war while the nobles got to make all decisions about how land and wealth would be used.

The elitists want that system back. Why? Because it benefits them immensely. Under monarchy or an aristocratic system, they have absolute power and use it relentlessly. Game of Thrones was written by GRRM based on a lot of actual history of elitists.

The elitists hate independent, well-educated people. Proof? Both parties claim they support education yet ignorance and mindless rote recitation persist. Critical thinking isn't even a subject anymore. The US is not in the top 10 nations for literacy and many jurisdictions are passing students who would not have passed anything just 5 years ago.

They also hate people who can get up and leave, also known as "voting with their feet." Why? Well, the last time a bunch of pilgrims voted with their feet and left merry old England, they were prosperous and multiplied and eventually threw off their monarch. They refused to name a new monarch and instead set up a representative republic with no titles of nobility and (eventually) equal rights for everyone. Worse still, a few years later, the descendants of those Pilgrims encouraged the French to execute a whole swathe of the French aristocracy and set up their own republic.

For the ancient families of Europe and their vast, multi-generational wealth, this is anathema. Literally the very worst thing that could happen to them. Imagine the horror: not only do they have to pay people to work for them and can't just send out their knights to pillage the peasants, but they might actually be executed by people who know as much as they do, have access to the same weaponry they do, have close to the same nutrition and health care and, collectively, easily have the same or greater resources as the Old Wealth. The horror! Of course they hate you. They foist all manner of control systems on you and want you to fail. Every time you fail, they get a little richer.

So, yes. They absolutely want you crushed into ruin, then to take everything you have left.

Maybe, just maybe, you should do something about that before it is too late.