



## **Global Leadership or Self-Governance: The Basic Laws of Governance**

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### **Abstract**

*In terms of its complexity, modern society is comparable to the intricacy of the human brain. Undoubtedly, the global leadership of a system with thousands of subsystems is a real challenge for humanity. Governance is the process of making decisions and solving national, regional and global problems where multiple factors are taken into account. They can be divided into two groups—subjective and objective. Subjective factors include ideologies, geopolitics, the competence and intelligence of the ruling elite, the role of money, public opinion and many others that are the fruit of reason. These factors are complicated by the presence of objective factors such as the level of development of society, a wide range of national interests, the state of the economy, cultural, ethnic and racial characteristics, etc. Obviously, the consideration of all these features is not within the capabilities of individual and collective intelligence. Until now, about 200 forms of government have been used for governance in different historical eras and specific conditions, but for the future society, a governing mechanism or a form of government qualitatively different from those already used is needed. This problem can be solved by a transition from ideologies to a scientifically based vision of society. To develop such a vision, it is necessary to reveal the basic laws determining the structure and functioning of society. The basic laws of governance are only a part of them.*

### **1. The First Basic Law**

***As the complexity of society increases, so does the demand for the form of government and the intelligence of the ruling elite.***

Governance is an intellectual activity. It is determined by two factors: the complexity of society and the intelligence of the rulers. There are three types of intelligence: *personal, collective, and collaborative*. For thousands of years, the Ancient World and feudalism were ruled by individual intelligence. This form is defined as *autocracy*. With the advent of capitalism, society became much more complex, necessitating a *transition from individual to collective intelligence*, where decisions are made by the entire community or their representatives through voting. Collective intelligence is the basis of parliamentarism and representative democracy. After a series of scientific and technological revolutions in the last century, the complexity of society has reached a level where the existing mechanism based on collective intelligence has wholly exhausted its capabilities and a transition to a new, more sophisticated form of governance based on collaborative intelligence is required. This means

a shift from *democracy* to *collabocracy*. This transition can be defined as a civilizational shift, with society becoming more collaborative.

Collective intelligence is a quantitative way of making decisions through voting. The main disadvantage is that it cannot solve problems because it requires the generation of new information, which cannot be achieved by voting. For this purpose, collaborative intelligence is needed, which requires the participation of experts who use scientific methods to solve problems. For this reason, political parties and government organizations use ad hoc and permanent think tanks organized as clubs or scientific institutes.

Today's think tanks are the green shots of collaboration in governance. Like nascent parliamentarianism, they bear the birthmarks of the political parties and organizations they work for. They develop strategies and scenarios at the request of the guarantor on whom they depend. For this reason, they are subordinate rather than free-thinking and independent centres. The transition from democracy to collabocracy means the emancipation of these centres in relation to political parties and the solving of problems at different levels, which should be implemented by the administration of the community. The transition from financial capitalism (financism) to a post-capitalist organization is a transition from ideology to a science-based vision of society, a transition from a *period of decision-making* to a *period of solving national, regional and global problems*, which is impossible to achieve by voting.

Geopolitics is myopic. It analyzes only visible processes and ignores social laws because it does not know them. This creates a lot of speculation, leads to chaos and is a prerequisite for fatal mistakes. The favourite metaphor that geopolitics is a great chessboard on which states measure their strength is an illusion for periods of civilization shifts, because the clash is not between geopoliticians with different ideologies but between them and the invisible hand of social evolution. In the case of civilization shifts, this is fantasy and self-deception because, under the control of the invisible hand of social evolution, a new game begins with new players and new rules. In this battle, geopoliticians play the role of amateurs who have no chance of victory against the Almighty Grandmaster but unfortunately have the opportunity to destroy humanity.

**Conclusion:** The forms of intelligence—personal, collective and collaborative—are the basis of the forms of government—autocracy, democracy and collabocracy. The civilizational transition from democracy to collabocracy is an objective necessity, similar to the shift from autocracy to democracy in the transition from feudalism to capitalism, which is determined by the same reasons—the growth of knowledge and the increased complexity of society, which require a higher degree of intelligence and a more sophisticated type form of governance.

## 2. The Second Basic Law

***The mentality of the ruling elite lags behind social development and becomes an obstacle to growth, necessitating its replacement.***

This law explains why and by what mechanism social evolution changes the system and the ruling elites during different historical periods: patricians, feudal aristocrats, Nazi Gauleiters, Soviet nomenklatura and why today's financial-corporate elite is doomed. In the

period before the change of form of government, it was noticed that the ruling elite became increasingly incompetent to govern the already changed society because its efforts were oriented towards preserving the status quo and its own interests. At some point, incompetence is turned into inadequacy, which is fatal to the system and the elite.

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An example from the recent past is the collapse of empires and the institution of monarchy. By deciding to start a “little Balkan war” to punish Serbia for the assassination of the crown prince of Austria-Hungary, Franz Joseph I crossed the line into incompetence and provoked the First World War, which resulted in the collapse of the Habsburg dynasty, four empires and the monarchical institution as the dominant form of government. The ruling elites believed that the battle was between the empires, but in reality, they were puppets in the invisible hand of social evolution and self-organizing force which had thrown them off the historical stage. Therefore, when a system exhausts its governing resources, its existence ceases and the laws that govern it cease to operate. The moment when its functioning is practically impossible is the point of bifurcation. After this critical moment, fundamental changes occur in the system, which alter its essence and represent a qualitative transformation of the system and a change in the ruling elite due to its inadequacy.

At the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, three social engineering projects emerged to reorganize society: Communism, Nazism, and Financism, which defined itself as financial or neoliberal capitalism. The newly emerging ruling elites are determined by the subjective factor where those “born to rule” are replaced by “self-made” political leaders or businessmen. The characteristic of these models is that they replaced the objectively formed mechanisms for the self-regulation of society with the decisions of the ruling elite. This makes models problematic because they accelerate development but push society in the wrong direction. For this reason, the first two models have passed into history, and financism is in visible decline. The governing mechanism implemented by this model is the use of fiat money as a lever to manipulate the financial system, economy and society as a whole.

All three artificial models for the organization of society show how ineffective and risky the intervention of the subjective factor is in the self-organization of society without the knowledge of objective laws. As in previous eras, under artificial models, the ruling elite is unaware of the limits of its capabilities and responsibilities to its nations and humanity. However, there is one exception. Unlike Nazism, which ended disastrously for the Third Reich and the Nazi Gauleiters, the Soviet nomenklatura realized the impossibility of governing the communist bloc and voluntarily stepped down from the historical scene. The Soviet state collapsed at the cost of enormous upheaval, but without civil or world war. This gives rise to a timid hope that the financial & corporate elite may also realize the impossibility of governing society through the manipulation of fiat money. Such a probability is very small

because financism has a global presence, and the illusory power of a hegemon is greater. For now, the escalation in the clash of East and West is reminiscent of the mistakes of the elites of the First World War, proceeds according to the escalation of WWII and will end in an unexpected and catastrophic collapse of financial empires and global leadership.

**Conclusion:** No doubt the power of ruling elites of all ages, especially the financial and corporate elite, is colossal concerning the governed but illusory about the laws of social evolution.

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### 3. The Third Basic Law

***Fiat money as leverage to manipulate the financial system, economy and society is a very effective means for redistributing wealth but destroys morality and pushes humanity towards self-destruction because it creates global and existential problems.***

Using fiat money as a lever to control society has proven to be very effective as manipulation and very primitive as a form of government, which is usually defined as oligarchy or plutocracy. Super-rich dilettantes set the strategy, and mediocre but loyal and corrupt bureaucrats implement it. For about a hundred years, this model has concentrated half of the world’s wealth in a small group of oligarchs, who have assumed the role of a financial-corporate elite. Super-rich does not mean super-intelligent and vice versa. The problem with this model is that by intentionally manipulating the financial system and the economy, the rich get richer but push humanity towards self-destruction because they instil greed, selfishness and hypocrisy. Thus they destroy the moral values, which are the immune system of society. As a result of this governance, humanity today is on the brink of a global catastrophe with mind-boggling consequences.

**Conclusion:** Global and existential problems are created by the ruling financial, corporate and political elite who cannot solve them because they are a product of greed. Solving global and existential problems requires changing the system, the ruling elite and the form of government.

### 4. The Fourth Basic Law

***As society developed, rulers turned wars from wars of conquest into wars of ideology.***

Wars are an essential part of the development of society. For 12,000 years, the victors were *conquerors*. These were battles for resources: slaves, land and natural resources. With the emergence of social-engineering models for the organization of society, wars were transformed from conquest to *ideology*. In other words, wars are transferred from the

material to the spiritual realm. The main characteristic of ideological wars is that they are *existential* because of a test of the adequacy of the ideologies themselves or how compatible they are with the laws of evolution. The Second World War ended with the collapse of Nazism and the Cold War ended with the collapse of Communism. That financism is an artificial (ideological) formation is extremely clear, but the fact that it is doomed for now is not realized. Due to the global spread of fiat money, the inevitable collapse of financism threatens not only financism and the financial elite but humanity itself.

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The clash between East and West at the beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> century is the battle for world dominance understood from a geopolitical point of view as a struggle for a unipolar or multipolar model. “Unipolar model” is a figurative term. From a scientific point of view, there is no unipolar model in nature and theoretically, it is impossible to build one in society. The dominance of a state for a short time is a transient phenomenon, but it is not a unipolar model. A bipolar or multipolar model is also not a solution for the survival of humanity because their existence requires an arms race, which with the modern development of technology becomes an existential problem not only for financism but also for humanity.

The question arises as to whether humanity can survive. Theoretically, this is possible but unlikely to happen. The reason for the pessimistic conclusion is that survival requires a change in the system and form of government. In other words, a change of purpose in society’s orientation from *profit* to *efficiency* is needed. We must admit that spending one trillion dollars a year to destroy infrastructure for tens of trillions and millions of victims is not a manifestation of intelligence but a shame for geopolitics and civilization.

The transition from profit to system efficiency means a shift from a hierarchical structure to a network organization that ends wars and arms races; security is determined by morality, which is the immune system of society. This means a transition from democracy to collabocracy. This model is reminiscent of the ecosystems created by nature, and global leadership is replaced by self-governance organized and functioning similar to the cognitive functions of the brain.

Civilization shift means the replacement of global leadership with a collaborative form of self-governance based on a network of virtual think tanks at all levels of social organization. Unfortunately, today the financial elite, the numerous think tanks, the academic community, not to mention the propaganda-poisoned mass consciousness, are unable to realize the essence of the civilizational shift and the inevitability of the collapse of financism and the ruling elite as a system and mechanism of governance.

**Conclusion:** Geopolitics takes into account only the subjective factor and national interests and ignores the objective factor because it does not know the laws of social development. It is an existential problem that can only be solved if the subjective and objective factors are both studied and takes into consideration the role of the laws of social evolution.

## 5. The Fifth Basic Law

***The dominant form of global governance is a function of the interaction of objective and subjective factors.***

The objective vector determining the transitions from autocracy to democracy and the upcoming transition from democracy to collabocracy was partially explained by the need for a more powerful form of intelligence that corresponds to the level achieved in the development of society. The subjective factor reflects the desire of the ruling elite to achieve world dominance. This applies to both the Ancient World and the feudal empires, but it is most clearly manifested in the artificial models of the reorganization of society: communism, Nazism and financism. For the Bolsheviks it was the “World Revolution”, for the Nazis it was the promised “Millennium Reich”, and for the financial elite it was the construction of the NWO with a world government. There are several concepts for this transition: the two-caste model, the Open Society, the Great Reset, and transhumanism. What they have in common is that they are based on a certain ideology, and the problem is that they ignore the laws of social evolution. Moreover, the structure of international institutions and organizations has been built with the idea of a world government in mind, but the mechanism does not work properly. Attempts with color revolutions, local wars, and addressing socio-economic challenges have not given the desired result. These attempts are doomed, but ideologues, geopoliticians, statesmen and the military do not realize it. The reason is that this aspiration is based on the ideology that money can rule the world. The problem is that *the objective factor is incompatible with ideologies*. The attempt to impose the NWO finds expression in today’s conflict between East and West and is defined as a struggle for a unipolar or multipolar model.

Hundreds of millions of dollars are spent on the propaganda and trillions of dollars are spent on armaments. From the point of view of geopolitics, what has been achieved is a spectacular success. *From the point of view of social evolution, this is a decisive step towards the self-destruction of the system*. It sounds paradoxical, even absurd, but it is easily explained by social philosophy. This conflict is not a hybrid war, as geopoliticians think, but a *civilizational shift*. The difference is that conflicts in conventional wars are solved by diplomacy and negotiation, and civilizational changes are the product of the self-organization of the system, where the opinion of the governing elite is unimportant. Relying on propaganda, communism and Nazism also achieved phenomenal success but went down in history because propaganda affects the mass consciousness but is not a factor in civilizational changes. Moreover, self-organization is imposed as a correction of the mistakes of the elite, imposed partly by propaganda. This clash is proceeding according to the algorithm of the First World War and will also end catastrophically for financial empires and global elites. In a civilizational shift, propaganda does not matter, and the manipulative function of money, as well as everything created by man, is transient. Undoubtedly, geopolitics should be based

on objective laws for the development of society, and not solely on the wishful thinking of the ruling elite.

According to geopoliticians, statesmen and the military, the outcome of the East-West conflict is determined on the battlefield. *According to the objective factor, the end result is determined by the laws of social evolution, and on the battlefield only the price humanity has to pay for the ignorance of the financial elite and the greed of the military-industrial complex is determined.* With the destructive power of modern weapons, this price may prove existential, but if the emerging social consciousness reaches a critical mass before geopoliticians have turned the conflict into nuclear Armageddon, the civilizational transition could proceed as a mild influenza.

**Conclusion:** The clash between East and West is not about confrontation but rather about the emergence of social self-consciousness, the collaboration between nations and the development of a collaborative mechanism for governing society. However, this topic requires a separate discussion.\*

## 6. The Corollary of these Laws is that:

The basic laws of governance reveal only part of the essence of civilization shift. The complete picture can be described by taking into account the role of laws in the other two subsystems of society—material and spiritual or economy and culture. Nevertheless, the basic laws of governance reveal the contradictory nature of the subjective factor sufficiently to avoid fatal consequences for humanity.

In the first half of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, humankind has been undergoing a civilizational transition. In the present day, political parties bear resemblance to the religious sects that existed during the shift from religious to political-social awareness. Today's think tanks resemble parliamentarianism before its emancipation from the power of the king. This transition is a product of social evolution, and the price humanity must pay for its realization depends on the subjective factor.

International organizations such as the UN, WHO, EU and all the others are ineffective because they are based on the limited and already exhausted capabilities of collective intelligence and the operation of fiat money that leads to corruption. Their reorganization requires them to be based on collaborative intelligence and exclude the role of ideologies and money in solving problems.

Today's financial and corporate elite, mesmerized by immense power and control over resources, propose digital feudalism-like models to assert their dominance, such as transhumanism, machine civilization, the New World Order, Great Reset for economic recovery, societal reprogramming, and other logical speculations, without taking into account the objective course of social evolution. They result in at least a misunderstanding, not to say plain stupidity, because the authors cannot distinguish *technological progress* from *social evolution*. Technological progress is the work of reason, and social evolution is

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\*See [Manifesto Of The Collaborative Society](#)

the product of objective laws for the evolution of living matter. These are two completely different variables with much more complex dialectics. It is a topic for another analysis.

Today, humanity has only one problem of paramount importance—survival. Everything else is vanity. The ruling elite bets too much on political power, weapons, money and propaganda, but for social evolution they are irrelevant. It tracks only *how far reason is compatible with its laws*. The survival of humanity requires a paradigm shift to an ecosystem-like organization, governed by a mechanism resembling the structure and cognitive functions of the human brain. It is a system based on the wisdom of nature.

It is possible that after the last ideological war, a few hundred thousand people, even a billion, will survive, but this will not be the golden billion of the ruling elite but people who passed through the catharsis of surviving that changed their consciousness. It can be defined as *social self-consciousness*. Social self-awareness is an essential factor in the ongoing civilization shift because global processes do not follow the logic of the rulers but the laws of evolution. Then, like a phoenix, humanity can rise from the radioactive ashes caused by the insanity of the global leadership and build a world without weapons and wars.

**Conclusion:** A civilization that in two thousand years of development has reached the ideals of freedom, equality, fraternity, and the financial elite in only 50 years and has replaced these ideals with greed, selfishness, and hypocrisy, is doomed.

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