

False Critical Decisions of Ignorant Leaders with Inflated Self-esteem

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In ancient times leaders have usually been selected out of the older generation due to their life experience and logical decisions important for maintenance and thriving of their populations. Years later, leaders were often selected at a younger age based mostly on their military abilities (e.g., Alexander of Macedonia, who became one of the greatest conquerors already at young age until he died in his early thirties). Nowadays, most leaders are being selected according to their political power and supporters' backup, and so age and experience are no longer critical factors. This enables even inexperienced or ignorant individuals reach the top, by just winning the elections or by enforcing themselves on the public, which may expose their population to unprecedented risks. Contrary to this are wise experienced leaders, who consult with experts and are careful in decision making. For example, king Solomon, son of David, was considered the wisest of all humans, as indeed was reflected on his fruitful international connections, or judging responsibilities.

The Solomon Trial: His judgement in a dispute trial of two women claiming for motherhood of a baby, is a historic example of a wise verdict of an experienced person. While one woman finally agreed to divide the baby and receive half of his body, the other woman was terrified by that suggestion and agreed to let the other woman have the baby. This was a clear proof that she was the real mother trying to save the baby's life (Hebrew Bible, Kings 1, 3:16-28).

The Embellished Self-esteem of Napoleon Bonaparte: Despite his military experience and victorious career, Napoleon was clearly mistaken when Robert Fulton (the inventor of the steam machine) offered him to construct an armada of ships that move by the power of steam engines rather than sails, and so strengthen his army and increase his chances to defeat the British fleet or invade England. Napoleon did not understand anything in the possible advantage of such power, ignored Fulton's offer, and finally lost the battle. This became an example of a successful leader, who made a critical false decision due to ignorance, conservative thinking, and embellished self-esteem (see Wikipedia, Napoleon Bonaparte and Robert Fulton).

The Inflated Ego and Ignorance of Joseph Stalin: Following the Bolshevik revolution and take-over by the communists in the early years of 1920-1930, Joseph Stalin reached control over the Russian Politburo, and following Lenin's death in 1924 initiated a long bloody dictatorship, murdering many opponents (some being his previous friends and leaders in the revolution, like Sergei Kirov and Leon Trotsky). With passing time, Stalin became a rude paranoid with constant fears of political challengers, which signified his behavior and murderous actions (assassination of more than million citizens). Despite his educational and

cultural limitations, Stalin had an inflated ego, that dictated some of his worst decisions. One famous fault was his total support in Trofim Lysenko, his favorite Botanist, who raised a silly theory* that negated the Mendelian genetic rules applied till then in any serious breeding plan. The leading scientist at that time was Nicolai Vavilov† and his team, working hard to develop crop breeding programs and establish a gene bank for preservation of important traits (crucial for the future of Russian agriculture). The consequences of Stalin's total support in Lysenko's fake theory and imprisonment of Vavilov, led to a catastrophic hunger and death of millions (see Wikipedia, Lysenkoism).

Silly German Decision during WWII in an Attempt to Develop Nuclear Abilities: At the end of WWII, the Germans shot thousands of rockets on London, but also attempted to expedite the development of a nuclear military ability, that could have changed the entire results of the war. However, the nuclear project was initiated mostly by German scientists of Jewish origin, who were either expelled from work or escapees fleeing to the US. The Nazi decision to get rid of the Jewish scientists slowed down the German research and enabled the group of German-Jewish physicians in the US to win the arms-race and develop the atomic bomb that subjugated the war.

Hence, the end result of an inflated self-esteem combined with racism, was a big Nazi loss.

The Naive Conception of Benjamin Netanyahu that Led to the Slaughter of October 7th: To prevent any attempt of Gaza-Palestinian surprise, Netanyahu (prime-minister of Israel) raised a conception that Hamas (Muslim extremists ruling Gaza) would be deterred if satisfied with money obtained from Qatar. This appeared later to be a fake conception that for some reason convinced the Israeli army and citizens living at the border to believe that they are secured. However, the big money transferred (hundreds of millions) was used by Hamas to organize an army and construct an underground labyrinth, useful in a war against Israel. Hence, the false conception of Netanyahu led to a terrible attack (on October 7 of 2023) by Hamas destroying villages and Kibbutzim, slaughtering thousands of Israelis (including women and babies), raping women, and kidnapping 250 Israelis held and tortured in the underground tunnels of Gaza. Evidently, Israel retaliated, and the war against Hamas (that still continues) exemplified how mis-conception of a leader with over-blown self-esteem ('Generalissimo'-like) led to the worst catastrophe of Jews ever since the WWII holocaust.

The Religious Obsession and Ignorance of Ali Khamenei: To maintain their corrupted regime and control over the Iranian population, the Ayatollahs headed by Ali Khamenei developed an obsessive hatred against Israel (serving as a scapegoat) based on two fake claims.

*Trofim Danisovich Lysenko was a Soviet agronomist, who adopted Lamarckism (a discredited theory of evolution suggesting that organisms pass physical traits acquired during their lifetime to their offspring), and rejecting the Mendelian genetic rules used in plant breeding programs. While being totally supported by Stalin, he spread his pseudoscientific ideas, that evidently were proven as fake causing an enormous hunger and death toll in the Soviet Union.

† Nicolai Ivanovich Vavilov was an appreciated Soviet agronomist, who established eight centers (e.g., China, India, the Middle East, South America) serving as gene banks for conservation and domestication of crop traits vital in preservation of genetic diversity particularly of cereals. He was arrested after being blamed by Lysenko as a conspirator that destroyed the Soviet agriculture, and finally died in prison, while his team continued his crucial studies and preserved his gene bank and breeding ideas.

One blames Israel for desecrating the sanctified Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem, and the second blames Israel for conquering the Palestinian land. Both claims are clearly baseless and serve as an excuse, while twisting the attention of the masses from their own corruption toward a religious motive, as was systematically done by other Arabic leaders in recent decades. To substantiate their blames, the Ayatollahs have organized a 'fire belt' of 'proxies' around Israel in an attempt to pressurize and wipe it off when possible. Yet, not only that Israel retaliated against Hamas in the Gaza Strip, Hezbollah in Lebanon, Houthis in Yemen, and Iraqi and Syrian militias, it also destroyed much of the Iranian air-defense, and killed several army generals involved in shooting hundreds of missiles on Israel. The bad results to Iran of the Israeli strikes accompanied by shelling of US B-2 bombers, indicated a basic miscalculation of Khamenei in his attempt to destroy Israel. The damage to Iran's economy and military prestige exposed his ignorance, fake propaganda, and inflated self-esteem.

The Harsh Consequences of Putin's False Aspirations and Inflated Self-esteem: if Stalin's faults were not enough, a new Russian dictator arose, Vladimir Putin, with colonial conception to return to the 'great days' of the empire by conquering and controlling surrounding republics, that were at the time part of the Soviet Union and released to independence by Gorbachev's reforms. Putin's alleged military exercise near the Ukrainian border appeared shortly after to be an invasion, possibly just the first step in annexation of further neighboring countries. Although just a guess, the Russian offensive was probably concluded at the Putin-Xi meeting in Beijing (on October 2023), namely, Russia takes Ukraine and China takes Taiwan immediately after. However, unexpectedly Ukraine has shown fierce resistance, despite an enormous destruction and Russian as well as Ukrainian casualties. It seems that Putin's misconception about a brief take-over of Ukraine was based on ignorance regarding the geopolitical changes in recent decades and his inflated self-esteem supported by the archaic Politburo members. The results of Putin's silly decision might lead in the end to his removal from chair, and hopefully also to division of Russia into several independent nations according to the Slavic ethnicity of each population. Such act would be highly appreciated by the entire world.

Cruelty and Murderous Policy of Bashar Al-Assad that Ended his Ruling: Despite his promises to improve the political and economic situation in Syria, Bashar al-Assad continued the cruel, iron fisted, murderous policy of his father (Hafez al-Assad) and the Syrian regime. As a leader emerging from the Alawite minority, and an MD in profession, he was expected to alleviate the military control over the population as well as assuage Syria's relations with neighboring countries like Turkey or Israel. Yet, his stubbornness and cruelty dominated. His corrupted regime and inconsiderate ruling system weakened Syria, that finally was defeated militarily by anarchists arising out of Al Qaeda troops, forcing Bashar to ask for a political asylum in Russia. The way he handled his regime, and never agreed to live in peace with Israel, while showing aggression toward Turkey, tipped the scales and sealed his fate, a result of imprudent ruling and non-realistic self-esteem.