

## I.6 THE RANCHER'S RANT

AN OPINION PIECE FROM THE MANUSCRIPT

“TROLLERS’ WARS” (Formatted as a Play)



“I have a message to all America Haters:  
Remember, the U.S. does ‘good’ and does it ‘well,’  
and, at the end of the day, U.S. wins.

It did in WWI, WWII and WWIII.

WWIV is special. I am here to tell you a bit about it.

(Theodor H. Troller III (TTIII) The Rancher)

“Also remember that the foot you stepped on today  
is connected to the derrière you might have to kiss tomorrow.”

(TTIII)

Act III. Scene 1

[The stage lights up. A newcomer walks toward the table seating the Troller offsprings.]

NARRATOR: The newcomer is Theodor H. Troller III (“TTIII”). [TTIII stands up. He has an uncanny resemblance to the Marlboro man appearing on numerous billboards in the U.S.]

TTIII: I am the last male in Theodor H. Troller sequence. All my kids are girls.

It is not easy to be in this bloodline. I am not a medical doctor as my grandfather TTI was, I am not a prolific inventor/scientist as my father TTII was. I am, plain and simple, a rancher – I look like one, talk like one, behave like one and hold the beliefs of a rancher. As part of it, I naturally mock city slickers on both U.S. coasts who pretend to be sophisticated, all knowing, all caring and, in short, “love humanity but hate people” who are “deplorable and irredeemable,” just like me.

I have been listening to you all yapping about my father, TTII. Chrissy here (many a time I call her Crusty as befitting a tough little woman helping build nuclear bombs and a nuclear navy), keeps yapping about our father’s sins. I don’t know enough about Marx, Freud, Harvard Law, International law, history of many nations, persecution of Jews throughout history and a whole array of sins of white men, imperialists, dirty capitalists, European pretenders to be diplomatic geniuses. But I do know a few important things, and those I hold dear.

1. I don't think TTII, my father, is guilty of anything. Look here, Crusty, Jacob has told you many times and worked hard to convince you that "if you were in father's shoes, you wouldn't want to be Jewish. Would you want your daughter to be one? Period.
2. It is no secret that father was involved in two World Wars, the second and third. He was terrific at the second and it seemed that he did very little for the third. But that is not true. His work on security systems prior to and during WWII were of extremely significant value. Let's all stand up and salute the old coot. The third World War required aerodynamic innovations that eventually led to the Soviet demise because of their inability to compete. Salute again.
3. I know for a fact that when nearly the entire world worshipped the Soviet Union in the 1950's, all the way to USSR's demise in 1991, he taught us kids about the totalitarian regimes misdeeds. He told whoever will listen about the Soviet's vulnerabilities and drew whatever little optimism he could gather from it.  
He knew that they can't compete with us in space, in spite of the Sputnik episode. If the U.S. could take away from them the first strike capability, EVEN A DUMB RANCHER LIKE ME KNOWS THAT THEY CAN'T WIN.
4. I learned from him to respect what facts tell you and disrespect mostly empty slogans.

I have lived on this ranch nearly all my life. Since 1952, that's 67 years. I'm a real environmentalist. I seriously conserve water.

I let my cattle graze on the land. This is a big ranch and can support grazing for many heads of cattle. I have had chickens and sheep and, years ago, I had peach orchards. I had all animals treated humanely. There is a mountain lion on the mountain on my land; we don't bother him and he leaves us alone.

My ranch is a gorgeous place. It is a mile high; it has beautiful views of the Chirakawa mountain range and a fascinating mountain façade called Cathedral Rock.

On my ranch there is a small stream – really small – which has, in some years, not all, some water running. Water, as you all know, is a rare commodity in these lands here. On occasion, I would like to dam the damned thing with just a few rocks and use the water. But I can't. The regulators forbid it.

Regulators love to regulate, and they are convinced that they are right all the time. I am fortunate that they didn't call it a 'navigable river.' Wait a bit, they may yet do it.

Many years ago, I read in Playboy magazine that in Minnesota you cannot walk backwards on Sundays. As I said, regulators love to regulate. I don't know if this regulation is still on the books there. I haven't read Playboy in decades.

- One day the peach trees got a nasty disease. There was nothing we could do but cut the trees. Sad day. I remember how tasty those peaches were.

I am compelled to tell you all that nature could and actually is a bitch. On the one hand, it produces unimaginably beautiful vistas, provides incredibly colorful flowers which also smell good, it provides a vast number of nutrients and – you get the drift...And then on the other hand, it also fosters incredibly fierce bacteriological and chemical warfare in the plant world – it is unceasing warfare over territory.

In the animal world, a well-structured food chain discloses the permanent ongoing killing and mercilessly devouring their prey. In the non-human segment of the animal world, the interspecies warfare is not limited to food alone. It covers, surprisingly, territorial hegemony and in some cases just plain hate (lions hate hyenas ...).

The human segment has elevated “the permanent nature of within-species warfare” to ideologically infected cruelty.

Nature actually engages in a permanent war against all living things – volcanic eruptions, tsunamis, hurricanes, tornados, floods, fires – all contribute to brutal/cruel outcomes. To make it worse, Mother Nature will produce earthquake aftershocks if it deems that the main eruption didn't do enough damage.”

Before you get all depressed, I want to convey to you some simple cowboy wisdom.

1. You all know Isiah who fervently believed and conveyed the message that “in the end of days” the lion and the sheep will cease the predator and prey relationship. This kills the notion of the cruelty of the food chain relationship.

2. The assertions that warfare, permanent or not, is a “bad state” because it causes suffering, death and destruction, does not take into account that improvements and renewals require some elimination of old to allow the new and possibly the better to prevail.
3. When the biblical Job vehemently complains to God about being unjustly subjected to punishments he didn’t deserve, Job gets his comeuppance by being unequivocally told that he has no idea about the enormity of the power he derides, he should stop complaining. Job did. A further interesting outcome occurred. His wealth and well-being were restored.
4. One needs not be religious to be in overwhelming wonder of the Bing bang, in absolute awe of both the order and the chaos on earth and in the universe, the enormous destructive and renewal processes that affect the earth and all its inhabitants.

Let’s conclude that the animal and plant inhabitants on earth must eat to live and hence the food chain is not “bad” or “good.” It is what it is – a sustaining requirement. We will quickly conclude that death is a requirement in that no renewed members of a species will be possible if the old members don’t die.

Now we can get back to regulators. My favorite people. I don’t want to bloviate about California’s water problem. For one little fishy, they waste trillions of gallons of water. On the same day that they worry about the little fishy, numerous species are undergoing mutations, some of which will cause their demise.

My cowboy wisdom tells me that there are a lot of good people concerned with overfishing, inhumane killings of seals, excessive usage of pesticides, genetic modifications which could prove harmful, global climate change and I can continue with a long list of concerns. I won't. so, what do all these concerned good people do? They elect snake oil salesmen, DMV activists, old disheveled socialist fire brands, a whole array of dreamers who misunderstand that a bloated array of regulators are not Einsteins, Edisons and the ilk. They don't grasp the words "how much will it cost" and "when do you want it to happen."

By now, some of you [TTIII points at the audience] must think of me as some right-wing nut, "deplorable" and essentially "irredeemable." I assure you, I'm not any one of those. Even more, I'm not racist, homophobic, White supremacist and climate change denier. And every so often, I like, good heartedly, to mock the various brigades of "do gooders," I must confess that mocking these folks is mischievously enjoyable. Let me have some fun before I get serious. I'm treading on the light side because I want to tell you about my real war, World War IV, and that is not fun at all.

It is not difficult to mock the stupid ones. Examples abound.

1. A New England University should be sued for malpractice. The Cortess woman got an economics degree there. She has proven that the University accepted her even though she does not grasp arithmetic – a necessary prerequisite in the study of economics. "Ms. Cortess, you can't count trillions by using your toes, one at a time." The University paid \$32,000 for a short speech delivered by Snooky, a South Jersey "Scholar" of bovine behavior by a humanoid.

2. The Washington Post declared Baghdady as an “Austere Islamic scholar,” the bowwow who decided on this characterization of a devilish depraved humanoid cannot be considered as a person deserving any sympathy for certified idiots.
3. I was going to involve Trump in this trashing sector of my bloviation, but decided not to beyond the following:
  - There has never been a better swamp Drainer than Trump. Remember: “When you drain a swamp, don’t wear a tuxedo, don’t speak Shakespearean English – wear dirty clothes, speak dirty and don’t accept incoming missiles without overwhelming retaliation.” (I am solely responsible for this quote). I will wait for our narrator to present my WWIV tale.



## Act III, Scene 2

NARRATOR: I find it interesting that a rancher from the “middle of nowhere, Arizona” keeps strongly hinting to us here that he wants to talk about World War IV (“WWIV”).

Some people who have experienced any of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century wars or experienced their aftermath would recoil from the thought that another massive war is ongoing or coming soon for a visit. And yet, here you are, attempting to scare us to death.

TTIII: You are the history professor. You deal with the explanation of the “Why do major events happen?” Unlike you, I ponder more on the side of “what really happened?” I deal with simpler things; note the following:

1. In the last three World Wars – the initiators of each war have decisively lost – whether they stood in the “Winners Circle” or the “Losers Circle.” I don’t need to tell you the detail.
2. The sole true “winner” was the U.S. The “real losers” were looted (Germany, Austro-Hungarian Empire, the Ottoman Empire). Some, like the Ottoman Empire, have become a carcass for British/French “genius diplomats” to feed – creating a Middle East permanent battlefield war lasting already for more than 100 years.
3. In WWII, the same things happened. The “real losers” were completely devastated. The “presumed winners” began losing their empires and became economic basket cases.
4. The sole true “winner” was the U.S. which resuscitated both winners and losers. Stop for a moment and draw an interim

conclusion from just the facts. WWII was longer than WWI. It generated much more casualties. The weaponry was vastly more deadly. It had much more ideological underpinning – in your parlance, it was a real “war of civilizations” – Western democracy vs. Fascist totalitarians.

5. WWI, followed by a worldwide depression, followed by WWII and its massive devastation forced all players – winners and losers to clamor to establish some world order, to produce some security against massive atrocities.
6. It took just days from WWII’s end to have WWIII commence. It took longer than the previous two combined (46 years). There were many more casualties, spread over more regions and countries. It was total war – economic, military, cultural and ideological. Newer and vastly more lethal weapons became available. Unimaginable threats could be made, and executed by evil regimes.
7. Last on this facts trip: The U.S. was again the sole real winner. It was 1991. This time, the U.S. got drunk with victory and forgot that another and still bigger was – WWIV – has begun. And now I’m ready to tell you about my cowboy-wisdom take on WWIV.

NARRATOR: I have patiently and with interest listened to your attempt to be a historian. As an aside, you did better than many academics in

our colleges who besmirch the U.S., rewrite history and are advocates for bizarre ideological refuse.

I noticed that you desire to tell us the ‘little things’ that you think you know well AND WHICH ARE CONNECTED TO OUR TRIBUTE TO YOUR FATHER. You probably also want me to deal with the big and sweeping ideas regarding WWIV that will or could possibly make your views legitimate. Am I right?

TTIII: Yes, you are right.

NARRATOR: It is plausible to assume that WAR IS THE NORMAL STATE AFFLICTING HUMANS. PEACE IS A SHORT RESTING CONDITION TO POSSIBLY RECUPERATE FROM THE RAVAGES OF THE CONFLICTS.

This idea reminds me of a story I heard – I can’t vouch for it – about this Oxford Don who was tired of wars and their aftermath. He wanted to shed his job and ignore, by being far away, the stupid, ignorant, deplorable right-wing fascists, mostly also homophobic and racist. He wanted to experience PEACE.

He moved to the Falkland Islands, off Argentina’s east coast. There isn’t much one can say about the Falkland Islands. It has a lousy climate. It is isolated and insulated from anything that might even approach having cultural events. For the good Don, it looked like a hospice that will calm him on the way to heaven.

The Falkland Islands were British Territory, a remnant of its “glorious Imperial past.” Argentinean generals decided to grab this sorry little piece of real estate which had nothing of value – minerals, strategic

location, etc. – one couldn't even have a decent military parade there and display all the medals one never deserved and wear the fancy uniforms (almost as fancy as doormen wear in luxury hotels in New York, London and Paris) that fit so well and attracted the ladies. In 1982, the British Prime Minister (“The Iron Lady,” Thatcher) engaged Argentina in a two-month modern war and protected “vital British interests.”

The good Don was saved. Used the time to write a book and returned to his beloved Oxford.

- “There is no place to hide from war,” he murmured to himself.

Let me try another earth-shaking wise statement. A short little tale precedes it. When WWII began in late 1945, there were two superpowers, clearly on a collision course, replacing the older empires. Both powers were preparing for a prolonged total war. It did last 46 years. For reasons we have already discussed, THE SOVIET UNION CRUMBLLED IN 1991.

A very bright U.S. State Department functionary wrote a book “The End of History” ruminating about a world that has only one colossus power, military and economic. The U.S. exhibited all the symptoms of “drunkenness,” given the immense victory. The tendency was to disarm militarily, “Thinking Big” Globally, allowing multinational bodies handle global problems – security, economic development, health, trade and everything else of importance. This tendency was not new. It has been prevalent before the WWII victory.

Throughout World War III, all major geopolitical players attempted, overtly and covertly, to reduce the economic power of the U.S. one of these attempts is especially important.

In October 1973, Saudi Arabia, being a key player in the OPEC cartel, had managed to maneuver OPEC to QUADRUPLE THE OIL PRICES in a very short time frame. It provided a unique shock to the entire world.

- You don't need many explanations and pedantic treatment of MidEast history. Just remember that: "OPEC SIGNED ITS DEATH CERTIFICATE THEN AND THERE."

As an extra bonus to remembering the above, consider:

- "The foot you step on today, maybe connected to the ass you kiss tomorrow." Saudi Arabia today requires strong U.S. support for the regime that attempted to knock U.S. down a few notches (economically).

There are additional extra bonuses for the U.S. that derive from OPEC's falling from grace:

- The U.S. achieved energy independence due to its technology development spurred by the insane price hike.
- Most of the MidEast rogue regimes have had their arrogance (geopolitically) curtailed.

One more attempt at geopolitical economics won't hurt a rancher like you. Let's touch on Europe's soft spot, Climate hypochondria. The points I want to make are ALL ECONOMICS – NO SCIENCE ARGUMENT. THIS IS A TOUGH ONE.

- Without touching the substance of the climate change debate, it is quite unarguably clear that: Two attempts had been made to bankrupt the U.S. via the climate hypochondria – All in the open. The first was the Kyoto Agreement (1997 Treaty). The burden of carbon emissions reduction was to be borne by developed countries to an extent that will drive many of them to bankruptcy. The Doha and Paris Agreements were aimed at the same objective.

[TTIII signals to the Narrator, he wishes to interrupt him.]

TTIII: Not being as learned as you are, I'll leave you to draw conclusions from your factual stories' recital. Let me tell you what I mean by WWIV. It isn't at all too complicated. Winning WWIII, did not eliminate a whole array of serious threats to me, my family and my country. My ranch is quite close to the Mexican border. This border is porous.

- The direct threat to my family is the large number of illegal border crossers pass my land. I don't wish to touch the "comprehensive solution to the immigration issues." Until the number of illegals crossing my land goes to zero – I am at war – WWIV. I'm totally open to be very generous with people who choose to use legal entry to the U.S.
- To all those who suggest that since I cannot tolerate the current level of illegals on my land that I could move somewhere else. This is a cruel suggestion, I can't sell the ranch for peanuts – thus, please stop the thought.
- The threat to my family can be somewhat controlled if, and only if, the illegals were simply people who are looking for work in the U.S. (In

the old days, this was the case.) Many are. But, a vast number are more than just people seeking a job. My enemies in this war are very clearly defined.

1. It is a criminal consortium in Mexico engaged in highly profitable lines of business.
    - Smuggling extremely potent drugs
    - Human traffic
    - Distribution networks of drugs in the U.S.
  2. It is the CRIMINAL GOVERNMENTS in Central America most fitting the biblical saying – “Lands that devour their people.”
- To all those who advocate a “Marshall Plan” type of “investment” in the criminal lands and whose hearts seriously bleed for the victims – work hard to stop giving the criminal thugs any money – the thugs will steal it all in a blink of any eye (my father loved to say “augenblik”). I stick with this partial classification of my enemies. You can worry about the “big picture” – Russia, China, Iran, North Korea and God only knows who else.

NARRATOR: How is knowing your views of your specific enemies related at all to your father? – It is still interesting to know your thought.

TTIII: I neglected to tell you that I was always aware of father’s interest in the “big picture.” I would like you to tell us all here: What is your view of America’s enemies in this WWIV?

NARRATOR: I think that your question presupposes that we are actually today involved in WWIV. Well, rest assured that a massive WWIV is now in progress.

- This war is the largest war ever by many metrics. The casualties are suffered every day, and are likely to continue for decades.

This war has multiple ideological groups/blocs/alliances. We will just enumerate a few. The first grouping includes:

1. Debris of the former Soviet Union

- This includes an authoritarian Russia.
- A collection of authoritarian states – many with names ending with “stan.”
- A collection of former Russian surrogates – includes Cuba, Belarus, Nicaragua and other Central American dictatorships.

2. Newcomers to Communist Ideology, such as:

- South Africa
- Venezuela

3. Plain old Fascists

- Multiple South American countries
- Several Southeast Asian countries (e.g. Cambodia).

The above, collectively, are the debris of three world wars of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

The loose bond among the above groups is a deep – somewhat deranged view of the U.S. which has never been Colonial and imperialist and yet, tagged by these “enlightened” regimes with the not-so-appealing labels.

My “big picture” postulates that your enemies are supported and encouraged by the ones I will talk about.



- Think “Economics” (Primarily) when dealing with major events. An unwritten strong alliance exists aimed at seriously hurting the U.S. economy. Consider the various members of this alliance.
  - It is Chinese production of super opioids that floods our southern porous borders. The same cartels you consider as enemies smooth the way for the drugs that seriously hurt the U.S. THERE ARE MANY OTHER THINGS THAT CHINA DOES IN THE ECONOMICS ARENA. It ranges from stealing technology, manipulating currency, methodically acquiring control of major operating ports worldwide, etc.
  - It is the Russians, unable to swallow WWII loss who are aiming to disrupt any and all U.S. alliances – some disruptions with considerable success, particularly via shenanigans in the U.N. (the pretend “World government”) and international bodies. It is easy to notice the closeness of Russia/China cooperation when disrupting the U.S. These disruptions are costly to the U.S. and are a clear and present danger to us. For decades, the U.S. was the sheriff protecting key choke points to enable protecting world trade routes (Suez and Panama Canals, multiple straits – such as the straits of Hormuz, the Bosphorus, Gibraltar, etc.). Consider: Russia and China have enabled Iran to seriously endanger oil/gas supplies – making the costs of defense prohibitive. This “disrupt America’s economy” loose alliance has strange bedfellows coagulating policies with Russia or China, and many times, with both.

- It is almost comical and sad to consider who these strange bedfellows are. First, think of the really bad apples. It is North Korea, a deranged country, which has the means to do enormously bad things, that actually forces inordinacy cost of defense borne by the U.S, Japan and South Korea. It is Iran which will undoubtedly acquire the bomb. If it does, it will cause drastic changes in the MidEast. It is Pakistan who has the bomb and is strapped for cash, that might partner with North Korea and Iran in one happy nuclear bazaar, making it easy for any two-bit tyrant to acquire a bomb or two. It is the European Union (“EU”), originally designed as an Orwellian “third force” in the world of U.S and Russia superpower competition, that provided an enormous burden on the U.S. economy by repeatedly worshipping its sainthood re: climate change. The cost of U.S. subscription to this religion is prohibitive – given that the U.S. is expected to shoulder the lion’s share of the cost. It is the smart terrorists who have learned that stupid lone wolf attacks gets you only good television, but economic disruptions to the U.S. gets America to bleed, slowly and surely to weaken the enormous colossus. Using the multiple rogue and failed states on this planet, with low cost and effort leads to huge defensive outlays.

Act III, Scene 3

TTIII: I get your view that WWIV has an important and overriding economic factor. The enemy, whoever he is, wants to see the U.S. bankrupt first.

NARRATOR: You got this one right. Your father knew two true enemies. He saw the fascist totalitarians defeated in his midlife. He saw the pretend utopian Communist theology defeated at the end of his life – what he didn't see, but had an inkling of it, that the two ideologies didn't die yet. (Really die ...). It is this inkling that grants him a medal of honor.

He also knew, that the economic conflicts are not the only elements of WWIV. Major conflicts always require an ideological umbrella. He did not know, nor appreciate sufficiently even if he knew, the power of religious fanaticism.

One such group of fanatics – has used its Islamic fanaticism to develop terrorism as an art form and a technology to provide an incredible threat to humanity on this planet.

The religious fanaticism has two strains. The least problematic is the deranged strain. The one that calls for homicide vests to be used to kill infidels anywhere. This strain also calls to destroy Buddha statues with canon shots, behead people who would not convert to Islam and use obnoxious/barbaric means to intimidate infidels. The other strain, the more sophisticated one, expects to acquire weapons and technology that might force infidels to behave in a dictated way.

Finally, and more importantly, your father knew with certainty, the obnoxious European capacity to appease their enemies. And hence, encourage the deranged, and even the more sane of their enemies, to behave without fear of dire consequences to their villainy.

It is this knowledge that made his worldview most pessimistic.

[A tall man appears from the back stage. The Narrator recognizes him and waves to him.]

NARRATOR: I'm pleased to see Robert Barr. I met Robert at the ranch several times in the 1960's and 1970's. I'm assuming that you've heard the tribute to TTII proceedings from back stage. I wondered why you haven't joined us sooner. I know, however, that in spite of your respect for TTII accomplishments, you don't like many of the opinions you heard about him, his views and the tributes we paid to his actions and beliefs.

ROBERT: I'm respectful of good old TTII. This said, I don't want to rain on the parade here. TTIII claimed that he is just a simple rancher. I'm a simple academic, science bent. I don't come from the east or west coasts. I'm a Texan from El Paso – just across crime-riddled Juarez, Mexico. My views differ significantly from those I heard here. I'm looking for an opportunity to air the much less pessimistic views I hold.

NARRATOR: I'm looking forward to see you tomorrow. The objectives on my mind: (1) hear some challenges to views expressed here and, **AVOID THINGS/THOUGHTS LEFT JUST HANGING – WE MUST GET AN IDEA ON HOW TO WIN WWIV.**