



Globalisation, Trade & Economics

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Conundrum of Creating Supply Chain Stability in an Unstable World





We increasingly live in a stable-unstable world

Stability-instability is the new norm for business/supply chains/life

Realists accept this and live with these vagaries...this conundrum

The world of work/life/business is no longer simple & sweet. We need to....

- 1. Open up Radar of our Mind (to see/proactively anticipate upcoming storms)
- 2. Expect the Unexpected and Develop an Agile, Flexible Mind (Company/Self)
- 3. Expect Big & Small Black Swans to come and mess up our pool
- 4. Control Risks we can mitigate/reduce/transfer/insure/manage & don't stress
- 5. Be Honest & Truthful with ourself & our company as we Future-Proof Ourselves



Examples of Stability-Instability in our Supply Chains & Business Operating World

- Shipping is more stable in the post-Covid world but rates are up and down (as diesel prices shift up and down rapidly from \$68 barrel to \$88 barrel)
- Relative Middle East stability and then suddenly the Israeli situation
- Relatively stable US economy but then big BRICS movements & unstable US dollar
- Relatively non-recessionary economy with pockets of recession in regions
- Definite major growth in Artificial Intelligence but increased firewall pressures etc
- USA economy working but USA National Debt = USA National GDP (scary stuff)
- Relatively stable economies sort-off but debt-defaults upcoming.....what then???



Future-Proof your Company Self Family



How do we do this and why? Because if we don't do it, we could be wiped out.....

- 1. Future-proofing company/self/family starts with HONEST SELF-ASSESSMENT
- 2. Avoid lying to yourself and look at things realistically and pragmatically
- 3. Get all parties involved in PROACTIVELY future-proofing yourself
- 4. Develop your realistic "what-if" scenarios as if they are now going to happen!! Step away. See things as are/could be. Develop your crisis man. plan B, C, D, E
- 5. Focus on what you CAN CONTROL + accept things you CANNOT CONTROL
- Don't get all negative/suicidal/emotional. Stay calm & do what you can do.... Future proofing is an ONGOING, REALISTIC, RISK-AWARE, FACTUAL MINDSET
- 7. All storms eventually pass...the sun always shines eventually in the morning....