

Selecting A Rural Area

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Overview

- Dangerous assumptions / outdated views
- Federal / local corruption parallels
- Selective enforcement as a policy tool
- Local government types and roles
- Local official indoctrination process
- Rural selection criteria
- Crime / corruption warning signs

Why Rural?

- Nostalgia
- Bugout fantasy versus economic reality
- Grayman fantasy versus political / criminal reality
- Main short-term goal: survive to fight
- Security assumptions
 - Physical
 - Food
 - Energy

Dangerous Assumption #1

“Any rural area is better than my
apartment / townhouse /
subdivision.”

Mayberry is Dead

- Not 1950/1960/1970/1980/1990 anymore
- Increasing crime-corruption alliances
 - Mirror of federal deep state issues
 - Meth / drug war
 - Selective enforcement
- Dysgenic effects
 - State / federal grants and benefits
 - Information access and personal mobility

Bold Assertion #1

If you live in a rural area where **peacetime corruption is the norm**, a criminal + local corruption alliance may be the most dangerous threat you face **during a significant crisis.**

Bold Assertion #2

The risk of the criminal + local corruption alliance can vary widely, even between adjacent rural counties.

Bold Assertion #3

A relatively benign peacetime criminal + local corruption alliance can quickly go feral in a crisis.

Crisis = risk + opportunity

Dangerous Assumption #2

“Local corruption is harmless, almost Boss Hogg charming.”

The Local Corruption Threat

- Parallels to federal-level corruption
- Selective enforcement
- Increasing linkage to / control by drug crime gangs
- Increasing linkage to underage / sex trafficking
- Diversion of growing public funds
- Increasing regulatory tools
- Entrenched “Us versus Them” mentality
- Diversion of post-9/11 emergency management

Selective Enforcement Quote

“The sheriff will get me off for anything but rape or murder.”

Oft-heard boast in rural Georgia

Emergency Management Example

- Crisis looms (hurricane, etc.)
- Governor declares state of emergency
- Local authority then declares curfew
- Selective enforcement
 - Criminals free to roam / steal / worse
 - Normal citizens trapped
 - Transients / refugees waylaid and fined / robbed
- Private supplies / equipment / cash officially seized

Dangerous Assumption #3

“The feds keep local corruption under control.”

The Federal Influence

- Local oversight by feds extra-constitutional
- Fed.gov is a deep state / globalist asset
- Feds love to terraform rural areas
- “Deal with the Devil” / dialectic
- A rural area must be viable on its own, not only with fed oversight
- In a crisis, expect fed support to be withheld by deep state / globalists to increase chaos

Dangerous Assumption #4

**“The state keeps local corruption
under control.”**

The State Influence

Thought experiment:

From whence do state officials spring?

Local Government Types

- Homeowner associations
- Municipalities
- Authorities / boards
- County
- Tribal (not discussed)

Homeowner Associations

- Model is similar to municipality
- Civil authority only, no criminal sanctions
- Older subdivisions may be time-limited (rarely)
- Charter by majority, covenants unanimous
- Possible to rally support in a crisis
- Rural subdivisions may have sufficient land
- May have own well and water infrastructure
- Can be more cost-effective than pure rural
- May be more easily defended in a crisis

Municipalities (Cities)

- Charters / patterns vary widely
- Usually dominated by key economic factors
- < 1000 population most malignant corruption
 - Too small to be economically viable
 - Grant vampires
 - Operate as family businesses
- Almost always a bad choice for core team/base
- OK for resource outposts in some cases

Authorities / Boards

- Special case oversight bodies
- All disadvantages of cities
- Unelected control
- Criminal and civil sanctions
- Most corrupt form of local government

County

- Preferred governing type for rural area
- Will retain fundamental character in crisis
- Zoning / codes / restrictions vary widely
- Cookie-cutter organization
- Too large to easily target individuals / small groups
- Can be beneficial if on low end of corruption spectrum
- Fundamental unit for emergency management

Trivia Question

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Trivia Question Hints

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Hint #1: this role survives from feudal times

Hint #2: not doing this can generally get him replaced by state Governor

Trivia Question Answer

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Answer: Lien enforcement
(taxes, civil, mortgages and other debt)

Dangerous Assumption #5

“My county government works for me.”

Local Official Training

- State-mandated training (indoctrination)
 - Most elected local officials
 - Many key hires / appointees
- “Ethics” is minimal compliance, say nothing, see nothing / “cone of silence”
- “Public affairs” is dealing with trouble-makers
- Hidden layers of legal support, tips, tricks
- “You are special / important” entitlement
- Refresher courses

Local Official Associations

- Little-known corporate associations for public officials
- Provide local officials training and benefits
- Copyrighted, proprietary information
- Public funding, private parties
- Incestuous training / lobbying / funding relationships
- Reinforcement of “Us versus Them”
- Imagine teachers unions on steroids
 - Multi-layered, pervasive and state-wide
 - Backed by law
 - Proprietary (trade secrets) outside reporting rules

The Janissary Effect

- Training process equivalent to Janissary initiation
- Local officials do not work for you by default
- Local control is an illusion
- County government is a feudal remnant
- Primary role is feudal land lease collection
- Populace must offset official and insider influences
 - Official meetings
 - Social contact

Law Enforcement Optional

- Contraindicated for corrupt areas
- Selective enforcement the rule
- Cover for criminal elements
- Criminals become guided terror weapons
- Non-criminals become target of regulations

Emerging Trend

Policy Enforcement Agents (PEAs)

NOT

Law Enforcement Officers (LEOs)

Decriminalization Possible

- Best done from adjacent county
- Requires established teams, resources and planning
- Requires popular support in both base and target counties
- Requires hardening facilities against targeted criminal threats and raids
- Details beyond scope of current talk

Three Key Rural Factors

- People
- Resources
- Climate

Climate Factors

- Too cold to survive winter after poor harvest?
- Too little cold for beneficial life cycles?
- Too hot to work in summer?
- Too little rain to support agriculture?
- Dysgenic effects of welfare / subsidies

Resource Factors

- Too few resources means too much economic consolidation
- Narrow economic opportunity hampers freedom of action (company town)
- Dysgenic effect of mobility and grants / drug war
 - Thin resources traditionally corrupt
 - Now marginal resources indicate corruption

People Factors

- Trends toward tribalism
- Growing crime tolerance
 - Meth (drug war gravy for law enforcement)
 - Theft (insurance fraud)
- Growing corruption tolerance
- Salt-of-Earth people economically battered
- Salt-of-Earth people culturally battered
- Growing sense of frustration / powder keg

Nature or Nurture?

- The People and their Culture are the fundamental resource
- These have been shaped by resources and climate
- Dysgenic factors magnified by:
 - Federal spending
 - Mass media values
 - Regulatory and legal environment
 - Selective enforcement

Warning Signs

- “Who are your people?”
- Company town / company county feel
- Only third-tier chain stores, if any
- Real-estate priced below statistical expectations
- Unopposed candidates in general elections
- Lack of small equipment / items in most yards
- Large number of items in some upscale yards

Pop Quiz

County A has a low crime rate, and low real estate prices

Adjacent County B has a high theft rate, higher real estate prices, and a large number of drug-related arrests

Which county is a better choice?

Pop Quiz Answer

County B is the better choice.

County A is lying; all rural areas now have meth crime, at a minimum. County B is the victim of cross-border raids by County A criminals.

The real estate prices tell the truth.

A subdivision home on a couple of acres outside city limits in County B beats a pure rural place in County A.

Warning Signs, cont.

- Crime reporting anomalies
- “We don’t have crime here”
- Glowing local media accounts of officials
- Authority / board members receive disproportionate media attention / praise
- Sharp population cutoff at 18-20 years old
- Abnormal number of burned-out rural structures

Warning Signs, cont. 2

- Surprise at attendance of public meetings
- Unnecessary lies
- Prison clusters
- “Dry”

Review

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The Most Important Criteria

“Will I fight for these people?”

If not, you need to be living somewhere else.