

What is the objective of our alternative economy efforts?

It took some thought and deliberation on what we ought to do yet what came in focus as our alt economy committee met and where we landed was: assuring supply of necessities of life. And we concluded that we should work on this on behalf of this group while potentially providing options for a broader community to benefit from. A further refinement that came out of the discussions Brendan led about cryptocurrencies is how to do this successfully under a range of possible scenarios.

The outline of today's agenda is as follows:

- 1) What are the necessities of life?
- 2) What are the potential exchange media?
- 3) Mapping exchange media vs scenarios
- 4) Action Planning
 - a) Subcommittee mission
 - b) Call for subcommittee leaders/volunteers

Would like this to be a conversation - hopefully one that stays close on point as we go along!

Point 1 question: What are the necessities of life? I'm taking as a start point some ideas from George Ure - who for years has run a site called Urban Survival. Ure proposes a framework of essential systems of life support. These systems include:

Food/Water

Shelter

Communications

Transportation (Provision and Maintenance)

The Environment (includes such things as medical, clothing, shoes, but could also include taking measures to protect against Nuclear Biological Chemical threats like PPE EMP shielding etc),

Finance - exchange media for transactions

Energy (energy supplies - for shelter, food/water production/storage, and transportation)

Question for audience: Does this miss anything? Are there any other important necessities to add? Is this framework satisfactory? A: Security is a consideration for each of the systems.

I'd like to be involved with the Finance Subcommittee - So let's look at Exchange Media next and detail out the financial picture as a way of outlining a possible way forward.

List of potential exchange media include: (Call for audience input)

Credit Cards

Payment apps - PayPal, Apple Pay, Samsung, etc.

Physical Cash USD (US and Foreign currency - some countries like Ecuador and Panama use USD. Could something similar happen here with Swiss francs to pick one example? Have heard stories that intel agencies have stockpiled SWF notes)

Physical Cash FX

Crypto currency/Bitcoin

Precious metals

"junk silver/vintage coins" (and also other older US coins, esp pre '81 pennies and older nickels)

Goldbacks

Trade goods

Exchange for services

On to point #3

What is the range of scenarios? How to provide for all of the necessities under a range of Scenarios?

Again call for audience input: List possible scenarios

- Bank Holiday
- Energy shortage (as seen in early 70s)
- Net down
- Grid down
- Access to platforms restricted (as seen in Canada)
- Supply chain problems
- Dollar collapse/hyperinflation
- Digital ID/Socialist Credit Score
- Collapse of Soviet Union - extended economic disruption
- Mad Max

Did we miss anything - get input

Example Chart of Scenarios vs Exchange Media (it is hypothetical, to stimulate thinking about preparation in the group)

Scenario / Exchange Medium	Credit Cards	Payment apps	Physical Cash USD	Physical Cash FX	Crypto BTC	Precious metals	Junk Silver & Vtg Coins	Goldbacks	Local Scrip	Trade goods	Exchange for services
Bank Holiday			X	X	X	X	X				
Energy shortage (as seen in early 70s)	X	X	X		X						
Net down			X	X		X	X	X		X	X
Grid down			X	X		X	X	X		X	X
Access to platforms restricted (as seen in Canada)			X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
Supply chain problems	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
Dollar collapse/ USD hyperinflation				X	X	X	X	X		X	X
Digital ID/Socialist Credit Score, Government Rationing			X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
Collapse of Soviet Union -long/deep economic disruption				X	X	X	X	X		X	X
Martial Law, War					X	X	X	X		X	X
Mad Max						X	X	X		X	X

Point # 4 What should our action plan be?

The key questions are: What are potential local sources of supply of the necessities? and What will holders of necessities accept as payment for same?

Action plan: First, need volunteers to head up subcommittee for each necessity. Lori is already heading the food subcommittee.

The mission for each Sub-Committee is to identify sources of supply and then engage them with support of the finance subcommittee to help expand the range of payment options they are willing/able/equipped to accept. Goal is to continually expand the range of options on both axes for each necessity.

This should be documented a chart akin to the scenario chart, but with a list of suppliers of the necessities on the left column along with a running record of the payment means they are willing/able to accept. And there should be a quick brief monthly on progress at a monthly meeting.

Job of the finance subcommittee will be to continue to identify additional options for exchange media and to help willing suppliers with technical assistance/advice on accepting alternate payment means. Can see this expanding in other ways over time as we move forward.

Communication might be different - maybe setting a standard and getting everyone equipped? Putting out CEOI(communications standards for security)?