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Will you call it a profitable year after prices on grocery and other items skyrocket and after businesses close because they can't survive?

Will you feel better about yourself after the deportees who paid taxes, became skilled surgeons, cut your lawn, fixed your roof, and harvested your produce are shipped off to gulags to die?

Will you feel successful with your stock portfolio after you lost your job and you have nowhere to turn?

Will you feel healthier after diseases once eradicated return with a vengeance to permanently injure or claim lives?

Will you feel content after many are dead along with many because we lacked medical insurance or care and you're deciding between food and medicine yourself?

Will you feel safer and braver after people can't feed themselves but we have military parades and oligarchs run the country?

Will you feel like a world superpower after being mocked by other nations for ending diplomacy and attempting to seize independent countries?

Will you still feel justified in a holy cause after more bombs are dropped in the Middle East, revenge has increased but no lasting peace?

Will you feel smarter and admire everyone's intelligence after there's no public education?

Will you feel well informed after there's censorship and no public broadcasting?

Will you feel free after there's no civil rights?

Will you feel like all people have equal rights to healthcare after trans folk and cis gen women have no right to their own bodies?

Will you feel powerful yet smugly sympathetic toward all after there's open season to abuse the disabled, LGBT, BIPOC and other groups along with wildlife?

Will you pray as you wish after there's no separation between religion and state?

Will you feel more spiritual after bowing to your false gods who pay no taxes but won't take your money to heaven or more likely hell?

Will you feel there's impartial justice after laws are amended or written to oppress than protect?

Will you enjoy your surroundings and your picnics after people can't breathe or drink water, or get clean produce because the environment and food are irreparably damaged?

Will you enjoy your beach vacations after there's more hurricane damage, flooding and less beach left?

After all this, will you finally call that progress and say that you're happy?