



## The Rise and Fall of the U.S.S.A.?

Celente further elaborated on this point in a recent video “tech-ticker” interview, available online at [Yahoo! Finance](#), saying, In a lot of ways its empire decline; they ran the Cold War race and they lost, were still in the race



Comparing the United States demise to that of the fall of the British Empire, Celente attributed the United States current demise to becoming involved in foreign entanglements as your economy at home is declining rapidly. Celente then pointed to the parallels of the U.S. military’s difficulty in Afghanistan to that of the Soviet Unions failure there in the 1980s.

Analyzing the historical trends of how Alexander the Great, the British Empire, and the Soviet Union were all unable to win their respected wars in Afghanistan, Celente stated: the USA ain’t pulling it off.

Celente then bluntly declared, The country is too big to run by a bunch of people in tight suits, white shirts and red ties.

Were seeing similarities of the United States breaking up like the USSR did, because we believe that in the future you could see a *disunited states*, pointing to the secessionist movements taking hold in Texas and Vermont as early indications of the dissolution of the United States into various sovereign self-governing countries.

A debased and devalued currency that is not backed by any tangible commodity and with the country entangled in foreign wars unrelated to the national interest, is what Celente claims is the current recipe for the collapse of the United States.

Celente then points to an inflated, counterproductive Federal Government coupled with strong secessionist or states rights sentiments as indication of that decline.

Is Celente’s bleak outlook justified? Has the United States outgrown itself or become too big to be managed by a vast single central authority in Washington? Are wars in the Middle East and elsewhere demoralizing the American spirit and draining the country’s resources to the brink? Are the Tea Party and Tenth Amendment/Nullification campaigns the beginning stages of a Second American Revolution or new Civil War?

Celente certainly thinks so, as his recent comments indicate. And he has been consistent in his forecast of American decline. In 2009 he even predicted a “Second American Revolution” but he isn’t the only one to make such predictions or say such things.

Texas Congressman and Presidential Candidate Ron Paul often speaks of the United States being an empire in decline, warning of the economic ramifications of sending our troops overseas to engage in foreign wars. Paul, like Celente, takes a monetary view of the United States’ economic misfortunes,



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both criticizing the Keynesian mantra of elastic fiat currency and the printing of endless money to stimulate the economy.

In advocating for a return to a full gold standard, in a 2008 Republican Presidential debate, Ron Paul quoted Ronald Reagan, who personally told Paul, No great nation that went off the gold standard ever remained great. Based on Celente's latest predictions it would seem that he would agree with Reagan.

What of Celentes comparison that the USA of today is as the USSR of yesterday? IS there any historical merit to this?

During the Cold War the Soviet Union was the preeminent revolutionary force with an interventionist foreign policy of spreading the communism, as part of its goal to bring about a one-world communist revolution. Today the United States is seen by many abroad as the worlds preeminent revolutionary force with an interventionist foreign policy of spreading "democracy," as part of its goal to bring about a democratic New World Order, as elaborated by former President George H. W. Bush in 1991.

As for Celentes claim that the United States is on the verge of disunion like the former USSR, he again is not a lone wolf. Igor Panarin, a Russian professor of economics and former KGB analyst, has also been making the same prediction over the last decade.

Panarin, who also predicted the territorial dissolution of the USSR, now says that the same fate awaits the United States. This demonstrates that the American dream has shattered, Panarin told *RT News*, the Atlantic zone, which is the area of Washington D.C. and New York City, will join the European Union; the zone of Texas and surrounding states will be its own Texan Republic; the Californian coast will be under Chinese influence; Northern and central states will be under Canadian influence; Alaska will rejoin Russia; the Hawaiian Islands will be under joint protectorate of Japan and China, Panarin predicted.

Panarin was not taken seriously until Texas Governor Rick Perry made comments hinting toward secession and independence from the United States. On April 15, 2009 when Governor Perry [told reporters](#), When we came into the Union in 1845, one of the issues was that we would be able to leave if we decided to do that.

Governor Perry's comments came around the same time as the Texas State Legislature proposed sovereignty bill [HCR 50](#), which reads in part: Resolved, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas hereby claim sovereignty under the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States over all powers not otherwise enumerated and granted to the federal government by the Constitution of the United States.

Playing to the sentiments of Texans upset at the Federal Government and the feelings of the growing Tea Party movement, Governor Perry declared in a speech, delivered on April 9, 2009, I believe the federal government has become oppressive in its size, its intrusion into the lives of our citizens, and its interference with the affairs of our state.

Since then talk of disunion has become popular making its way to the forecasts of Celentes Trends Research Institute.

Even before the passage of ObamaCare, following President Obamas initial push for a \$825 billion bailout, a whole array of States introduced bills in their respected legislatures affirming their sovereignty from the Federal Government under the Tenth Amendment. While the rise of the Tea Party and animosity toward the Federal Government grows, the question is whether or not these sentiments



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will continue after the November elections.

If the Tea Party claims victory come Election Day and is able to deliver on some of its promises, will that be enough to satisfy the American electorate or is the country already beyond the turning point toward disunion, as predicted now by Celente? Perhaps *Glasnost* and *Perestroika* might be in order to bring about openness and reform as the empire runs its second wind into the ash heap of history, as President Reagan once described the Soviet Union in its waning days.



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