All: there is so much to talk about but I think today's edition of 'Letters from an American' (see below) sums up the current insanity, cruelty, chaos, etc. of the Trump regime.

I also have some other links to share as follows:

* Cobbs Hill. April 5th  "Hands Off" rally... <https://www.democratandchronicle.com/picture-gallery/news/2025/04/05/hands-off-rally-in-rochester-ny-protests-president-trump-photos/82884416007/>
* Next National 'Hands Off' Protest ....**April 19th**... see <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/world/nationwide-anti-trump-protest-planned-for-april-19-what-to-know/ar-AA1Crqnp?ocid=BingNewsSerp>
* A true patriot ...  <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/politics/finally-a-democratic-party-leader-who-will-treat-us-like-adults-opinion/ar-AA1CaL1C?ocid=hpmsn&cvid=6973583b47f343a9b0d1bbade174bf10&ei=19>
* 'The Real Reason We're in a National Emergency  ... see <https://robertreich.substack.com/p/america-is-on-a-war-footing-without>?
* Sobering ...  <https://www.dcreport.org/2025/04/01/im-not-leaving/>
* John Lithgow (a former Rochesterian) narration re: 'On Tyranny' ...   <https://snyder.substack.com/p/twenty-lessons-read-by-john-lithgow?utm_source=podcast-email&publication_id=310897&post_id=160132992&utm_campaign=email-play-on-substack&utm_content=watch_now_gif&r=3dhwo&triedRedirect=true&utm_medium=email>
* "Groceries... a very simple word" and so is corruption!... <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/politics/how-groceries-explains-trump-s-detachment-from-working-americans/ar-AA1Ca5HR?ocid=hpmsn&cvid=c11f61e7fc8b43fdbfdf6a249ae996b7&ei=165>
* Greenland ....  <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2025/mar/31/trump-greenland-us-morally-wrong-strategy-disastrous>

From the NYT 4.4.25...

* *"The tariff plan shows how Trump wants to move America from being “a benign hegemon to a predator,”*[*argues the columnist Thomas Friedman*](https://nl.nytimes.com/f/newsletter/2v764lFg8lKtXsTLkjg2BQ~~/AAAAARA~/7hc7dAGsaBSjjvagNRm-Mi1xt2PW4B1XmcmtZD9i2oDihEEq8aqic-Cn59ycvFotmrGLH-A-x7QBCMujAPepY5hO0CB7BlXs5nsW84sCR9KJUjgaN8bLNsDK-ulX01biGYpJ9ZFyehDIUEovrdiesDgGGTQzryavS955Dxw4hM9c4ztDOOk7irO5IZzlPZdzDd5FBhwLHzjZlXK2ErhHF3niaPqpRNNjeDdSmgpYDeTCxBsS2IjblR7R2NJWilfW31KmErFIr7NOGxs6Hj8NiM7bHY4Hk4VU3-oybZM2YP5iyQotNjdTyU7Q3Y7cP2Up20JlA0N9KQyCeLNQL8PP2Phdzp-Q3c4eRCI_PbL9ieOczf3NL_KrqHxvBbD4lE5K)*. To get a sense of the magnitude of this effort, not only on tariffs but across the board: When Tom was in China last week, a number of people asked if America was experiencing its own cultural revolution, like the one that wrecked China in the 1960s."*
* *“If America is still America, these tariffs will represent the turning point of the Trump presidency,” writes the columnist*[*David Brooks*](https://nl.nytimes.com/f/newsletter/e6FefSMuzGz6SCp8WKYBwQ~~/AAAAARA~/btAUj1GXbVMKg7diPJ_soYLxm_ZN397ILPAryucRzVuGejxHOASCuZKnVKHoneT3rtU4SKxmEmpk5jmTQyy3D0LFS9z8K8lq3Fcee1-QLXDMe1eh7ZrbhjSh52ClcxGuo0FSw_YZ0HvR_E2x9LvC7f12HJ0oGhcWL6dzYp_Hz3YNLgNWxXD-kNaglkt-8VN5dkbuUwucaEUiKnXJeCerBzvU9Y355vmieGsF7UFknT1NwwGz4ry06o_RPFi6DUcDTmPecjfMeuRfx6zzrIBVHF7NasFl64yHTDo5mX4qeQXBo5gKEjejzSX-JZomOkvF-lT31bLegAa4DGhMR71sRlpUyxxk36uMSiAgVQ4iaBM~)*. What unites great civilizations? Athens, Florence, Vienna, New York — they were all united by openness to the flow of ideas and people. Trump’s trade war corrodes that spirit, replacing America’s place at the crossroads of the world with a zero-sum mentality demarcated by walls, David argues.*
* *Of the tariffs specifically, he adds: “People will be outraged by the useless economic pain they are causing and, more subtly, revolted by the cowardly values they represent.”*
* Lastly, some Hope from Ringo ... <https://www.bing.com/videos/riverview/relatedvideo?q=look%20up%20Ringo%20song&mid=61759FEDF55603DD206061759FEDF55603DD2060&ajaxhist=0>

There is so much more to talk about, but I'll leave it at.

As more details come out about April 19th, I'll shoot a note out ... VERY important to spread the word on that national protest so begin to spread the word.

Peace ... Bill