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Food Security is National Security

Henry Kissinger reportedly said, "You control the food, you control the people. You control the energy, you control nations, and you control money, you control the world." Each of these topics has been addressed in the Economic War Room®, but it seems like there is a force multiplier driving multiple scenarios at once. This is why we created the Economic War Room. It is your war room and a chance for Americans to see what is happening, stand together, and develop your personal game plan.

For today's briefing we wanted to continue our conversation around food security. Already, we see that the downstream effects of what's happening with food in Ukraine. It is going to hurt the Middle East, North Africa, and Europe. This is especially true for those countries that depend on food imports because they can't produce it themselves.



The US is also at risk as it relates to our food resources, and it is part of our national security that

is not effectively being addressed. Traditionally, we have had abundant food supplies for the world, but as those tighten it can also impact our ability to positively effect foreign policy.

"In the last six months, it's become clear that we need to do a deep dive on food security. And so, one of the things that we're producing right now is a report titled Food Security is National Security." -Lt. Col. Tommy Waller (U.S. Marine Reserves)

Lt. Col Tommy Waller joins Kevin Freeman in the Economic War Room® to explain where we are headed today and solutions that we should be adopt to restore America's food security. Colonel Waller will soon publish an updated report through the Center for Security Policy.



ALERT: Food Security is National Security.

Your briefing this week looks at the food situation today, what is causing it, and things you should be considering now.



WARNING: Most people in Washington do not understand and take our food supply for granted.

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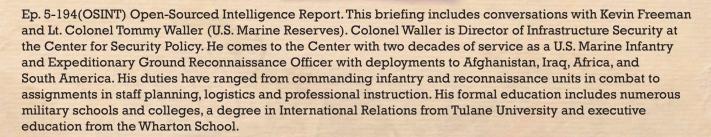
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Your Mission: Get the latest Center for Security Report Titled Food Security Is National Security.

- Think about local sources for food.
- Power Grid protection needs to stay a priority.
- If you have not done so already, consider having some extra food supplies on hand.

Goal: To have a localized game plan on food for your family. Also, to start to understand areas where America can invest in to protect our food supplies while helping others globally.

Proverbs 27 (paraphrased) explains: "A person who sees danger and prepares for it is wise, but the fool goes blindly on without preparation and suffers the consequences."



As Director of Infrastructure Security, Tommy performs a wide range of duties for the Center for Security Policy. These duties include working daily with renowned national security experts to help educate policymakers at all levels of government, providing them with an unconstrained analysis of the current threat environment and helping them craft workable policy solutions to address these threats. Colonel Waller's research and analysis ranges from critical infrastructures to hostile ideologies where he maintains a consistent focus on helping communities understand and defend against all hazards, and all enemies – both foreign and domestic.



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1. Food Scarcity, what it means for the world and you!

"Only 2% of our population farms and is producing the food that the other 98% of our population consumes. This is life or death survival. Often, we take for granted both the people who do that food production and all the complex systems that undergird it. Everything from production to its transportation to its distribution to our consumption is important. And it's massively complicated – it's a blessing that we have this system." –Tommy Waller



There are major vulnerabilities to our supply chain now:

Look for baby formula and it's not on the shelves, you can have one glitch in the supply chain, and it means that there's not food available.

- There's a huge glitch when you look at Russia invading one of the world's largest bread baskets-Ukraine.
- It's obvious that Vladimir Putin is using food as a weapon. He recently destroyed the third largest grain terminal in the Ukraine, a place where grain is stored and where it's exported via ship from this major breadbasket.
- That makes it clear that he's going to be holding hostage a resource that people need for their survival over the rest of the world. And that's something that we have to take notice of.

"I did a study of this for the Pentagon. The reality of it is, is that the number one thing you can do to disrupt a society is remove food. That's where the Arab Spring came from, food shortages." –Kevin Freeman





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If you want to cause people to go nuts and go crazy, take away food for their family. And that will cause anyone to go do whatever necessary to get that food.

Henry Kissinger reportedly said, "You control the food, you control the people.

You control the energy, you control nations. You control money,

you control the world." What you're going to see is that the downstream effects of what's happening in Ukraine are most immediately going to hurt the Middle East, North Africa and Europe, and especially those countries that they depend on food imports because they can't produce it for themselves. -Tommy Waller



This is where we really need to have a lot of prayer, we need as much support as possible to get ahead of potential famine.



ATTENTION: The second- and third-order effects of this kinetic warfare against food infrastructure globally is going to impact the world. When you have scarcity of food, you have conflict, you have migration. And so, Europe's going to feel it first. But we're not going to escape that ourselves. -Tommy Waller

The US is insulated some, but this is a global issue and it's a part of an ongoing global economic war that we're facing. And Putin knows it's a weapon.

2. A 607% Increase in Malware attacks against the Food and Agriculture Sector. What is driving this?

This is economic warfare. And that's something Economic War Room covers every day. We talked a little bit about the kinetic war. There's also cyber warfare with a massive increase in attacks.



WARNING:

- Malwarebytes Laboratory reported that between 2019 and 2020, there was a 607 percent increase in malware attacks against the food and agriculture sector.
- » Every other sector that they observed had at most about a 60 percent increase.
- » Recent FBI bulletins make the case.



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The FBI actually did a great film titled Made in Beijing that talked about communist China and their pursuit of economic dominance.

"The FBI had a case study there where Bayer Crop Science discovered, with the FBI's help, Chinese spies were targeting their seed science. And so, it's a full range



of both cyber espionage, economic warfare, and now, what I also worry about is sabotage."—Tommy Waller

Sabotage must be considered!

We've seen more than 30 MAJOR fires in the last 16 months. It's important to note that this is not necessarily a surprise that the food sector has fires. Food is fuel. We eat it. It's fuel for us and it burns easily.

"The National Fire Protection Association said, 'in 2019, there were 2,000 fires across the whole sector.' They wrote an <u>article</u>, with the title *Nothing to See Here*. But thank goodness, we're paying attention to it now. When we have all these other things affecting the food supply, we can't afford to have major headquarters burning to the ground, losing major storage facilities in this country." –Tommy Waller

"In the more than 30, we're not counting the small ones. These are the ones that made the news. And then we have planes flying into facilities, it does get a little eerie." -Kevin Freeman

NOTE: America can't afford to lose this infrastructure.

- » Only 2 percent of the American population produces the food.
- » By and large, Americans (just like they take for granted electricity) take for granted the fact that they can go to the grocery store for food.

In Texas last year during the winter storm, shelves were empty. The average American makes 1.6 visits to the grocery store every week and that tells you that they don't have much stored in the pantry.



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"The average American consumes five-and-a-half pounds of food per day. You push that out over a year, that's over 2,000 pounds of food. And so, think about a population of 330 million people and how many pounds of food it would take to feed them for a duration."—Tommy Waller

AMERICA USED TO HAVE A STRATEGIC
NATIONAL STOCKPILE THAT CONTAINED
FOOD, IT DOESN'T ANYMORE.



Today, Americans are unprepared to go without food on the grocery shelves.

3. American Agri Women Warn of significant vulnerabilities in the US Food System.
Putin knows food is a weapon of war. Our foreign policy depends on it. Are you ready?

"Our nation has been blessed that we are a breadbasket for the world. So, we've kind of taken for granted, as a leader in food and agriculture, we've taken for granted the need for our own populace to be prepared." -Tommy Waller

Look at what is starting to happen in America:

- Institutions that would normally be there to help the poor in this country are unable to meet the demands just because of inflation.
- » If people don't have enough money in their own pocketbook to donate to the local food pantry, now the local churches can't support the population.
- On the foreign policy front our ability to help other countries with food will also be limited.

"America has been providing food, and it's also a weapon of war, as Vladimir Putin has acknowledged now. During COVID, we had Mitzi Perdue in the Economic War Room. And I know you actually introduced me to Mitzi. A great lady, phenomenal. And she was talking about COVID. And one of the implications of



COVID was the potential damage to our food policy." -Kevin Freeman



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At Issue:

- Our immigration policy is so important because we must make sure that we have enough labor for the food to be produced in the fields.
- There are different programs that sometimes the government will subsidize things for to be "environmentally friendly," particularly right now, where they talk about a "climate crisis."
- We have situations where the government is incentivizing farmers to not farm and produce food in certain portions of land, when at a moment we need to be producing more food.
- » Farmers plowed things under when they had nowhere to go with it during COVID.
- We see an expansion of these conservation programs where a farmer can get paid to not farm certain acreage.
 - o Now, is it good for the honeybees and the environment to have a certain amount of that land unfarmed and uncultivated? Probably.



 But you don't expand those programs at a time when you know that you're going to have a food shortage

"Our tax dollars are literally paying farmers to plow things under-- and that's been true since the 1930s because we had too much food in certain circumstances." -Kevin Freeman

"The Agri Women slogan is, 'We are a force for truth!' It was so refreshing to be in their presence, to hear the truth about these issues and to be able to see that they were in Washington, D.C. These women are going to be talking to their elected officials to make sure that they get the ground truth from the 2 percent of our population that are actually producing what it is that we need to survive." –Tommy Waller

There is a Paul Harvey video – Economic War Room aired it before – **And God Made A**Farmer in our <u>first episode on Food Security</u>. The farmers are true American heroes!

"I shared with the Agri Women about the electric grid and what needs to be done. I served overseas but when somebody introduces me as a Marine, I will always say, 'there's nothing I ever did overseas that could impact the day-to-day survival of the



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American people. But those who keep the lights on and that 2 percent that keeps us fed, they do.' "-Tommy Waller

Often important issues like the grid, food, and economic security just get left off to the side in DC and across America with the assumption that we're just going to be fine. We're going to have food when we need it.

OUR ADVERSARIES KNOW THAT IF THEY CAN CONTROL THE FOOD, AS WE SAID BEFORE, THEY CAN CONTROL THE PEOPLE. AND THAT FIGHT IS NOW HERE ON AMERICAN SOIL.

Lessons in History

We need to remember that over the last 150 years, while we have experienced in America a lot of bountiful prosperity, throughout the world, 128 million people have died of famine. And how did that happen? In some cases, it happened when you had systems, totalitarian systems take over a country and use food as a weapon.



You look at the Soviet Union and the Ukraine. You look at China and the Communist Party taking over there. We must recognize that those systems still exist on this earth. The Chinese Communist Party, for example, has precipitated starvation in their own country.



WARNING: There is nothing that would stop them. With unrestricted warfare, nothing is off the table. And so, we must recognize that those adversaries, the adversaries of freedom, the adversaries of America, seek our destruction. And this is one way they can do it.

"Part of the World Economic Forum crowd talks about the term 'useless eaters.' And what do you do with the useless eater? Do you just starve it?" -Kevin Freeman



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4. Food supply depends on electricity!

A case study on how vulnerable your food supply really is.

The sophisticated food infrastructure we have been discussing all depends on electricity.

If nothing else, make sure security factors are in place for key food and manufacturing supply areas.

Let your county elected official, somebody in a town, somebody in the police department, recognize in their region what food infrastructure could be vulnerable to a lack of power.

Case Study Example: Is your regional food electrical grid protected?

Tommy Waller shared this observation:

"There is an electrical substation, one substation, that supports a certain brand chicken processing facility, 650,000 chickens a day are processed there. Across the street are two of the regional hubs for refrigerated storage and distribution for two separate grocers. So, think about a regional hub. Two separate grocery store chains across the street. Right next to them is a massive regional dairy storage facility.



So, you get trucks in and out every day, massive refrigeration for dairy products, all these key food infrastructure facilities are tied in to one electrical substation that is completely unguarded."



Attention: At least at the local level, start to look at what do you have in your region and where does it get its power from, and how can we protect that?

That, by itself, would be one positive step.

"You cut out power and you sentence a lot of people to starvation." -Kevin Freeman

IMPORTANT: GET The Center for Security Policy Report! A whole region now struggles with this vulnerability. The report looks at it as a system and provides even more case studies:



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- The report further links food supplies and the relationship with electricity.
- Another case study is one that came from Ross Kennedy about foreign investments in agriculture, specifically in land that is near critical defense facilities.
- There'll be a wide range of case studies and then recommendations from the report Tommy Waller has developed.

"Stop and think about how our food supply is vulnerable. Electricity is one area. Ownership is another area. Another area, you mentioned chicken processing. They're wiping out entire flocks of chicken from one case of bird flu/avian flu."—Kevin Freeman

5. Solutions what can we do to make this a priority and then to act on it?

1. The biggest thing is anybody making a policy (whether it is federal, state, or local level) must bring the farmers and the food and agriculture people to the table. There's no more patriotic people than the American farmers.

"I cannot tell you how honored I was to be in the presence of the American Agri Women. I mean, you can just feel it. Their love for this country, they talked about a lot more than just food. About all the different ways that our freedom can be threatened and is threatened." -Tommy Waller

2. Get the specific recommendations from them about how to protect them. If we could expand from 2 percent, the number of people who are producing food, that would be a big plus.



agriculture people to the table. Consider, community-supported agriculture where you have restaurants and local businesses that invest in small farms to be able to harvest food to table. There is a demand for that in the restaurant industry.

- 3. To the extent that, at the county level, the local level, you can have businesses getting together, investing in small farms you add to our food supply.
- 4. Look at the regulations and work to incentivize that local food production.

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- **5.** Get rid of the red tape that's unnecessary. This is probably the biggest, fastest way to make an impact at the local level, because it provides a certain level of resilience.
- **6.** At the personal level, consider storing food at home. Remember the Victory Gardens of WWII, we are headed to WWW III and it is time to start thinking about that.

"We have chickens and rabbits, and a garden. Not everybody can do that. But if you can, it's worth doing." -Tommy Waller

"What if 10 million households added a garden? That would have an impact. I remember my grandmother growing potatoes and she would grow green beans. I remember snapping the green beans and all that with her. It would make a difference. We used to have a national security aspect to food. We've lost that."—Kevin Freeman

Get this important report! It will be on the Center for Security Policy's website. So visit www.securefreedom.org and look up Tommy Waller as a staff member, all the things that he writes are going to be there in the future. The report itself will be hosted at this link: https://centerforsecuritypolicy.org/tommy-waller-food-security-is-national-security/

Remembering the flag and the constitution, A personal reminder from Lt. Col. Tommy Waller and Kevin Freeman.

Economic War Room had a folded American Flag and a copy of the U.S. Constitution sitting on the table today in the War Room, Tommy Waller brought those and set those down on the table and we had him share... why?

"I bring them everywhere now. And I didn't before. So, this copy of the US Constitution was given to me by the parents of one of my Marines who died for us, who died from wounds sustained in combat. And he was their only child. And they said, 'look, never forget what he died for.'

And so, when you talk about the bad, the good, and the beautiful, this is beautiful. This was inspired by God. And this is what we are fighting for. And the reason why that I brought the flag is because that flag was with me everywhere that I deployed. I used to keep it folded in the top of my rucksack and I would only unfold it in a combat zone.

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It's been unfolded on the tops of mountains in Afghanistan, on top of the rubble of Saddam Hussein's palaces, on top of the city of Fallujah, September II, 2005. It did not get unfolded in Africa. I was there in September of 2012 when a consulate in Benghazi came under attack and thought for sure that the elements on the continent of Africa would have been called to respond. And of course, we weren't. So, it was never unfolded there.

When I got this job, my civilian job with the Center for Security Policy, I began to recognize the fight is here, the fight is right here. And so, whether it's the fight to secure our critical infrastructures like the grid or it's the fight to secure our food, that fight is right here in America. I keep that flag with me as a reminder that the fight is here and that we have to win it.

7. Tommy Waller shares a quote from Saint Augustine as a closing thought.

When we talk about different issues, particularly, things like the electric grid and people realize how vulnerable we are and how little actions have been taken, they get angry. That's okay. Because Saint Augustine said, "Hope has two beautiful daughters, Anger and Courage. Anger at the way things are, and courage to make sure that they don't remain that way."



As people figure out how vulnerable we are and they get righteously angry about it, they need to have the courage to take action. And when they do, it gives people hope.

Food Supply and the Economic War - We are in an economic war! What we see as a marketplace, our enemies view as a battlespace™.



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Why Should You Care?

It's time to have the courage to take action!!!

- Food supply and Domestic Production are at Risk in America and Globally.
- If a person sees danger, it is wise to prepare.
- » Even our electric grid is still not secured, and it is a critical part of our food supply.
- » It looks like we are facing a perfect storm as it relates to food supply issues.
- Two years ago, Economic War Room warned that food shortages would be a second-order effect, post the COVID Pandemic in our episode with Mitzi Perdue.
- » While the US will have food, there will be shortages and prices will continue to rise.
- » Other countries will have bigger food issues. Food is used in warfare.
- » It's time to develop your food game plan just in case of disaster.

Your Action Steps:

- 1. Get the forthcoming Center for Security Report, "Food Security is National Security at by downloading at this link as soon as it is available: https://centerforsecuritypolicy.org/tommy-waller-food-security-is-national-security/
- 2. If you live in an area that is a key producer of food or distribution, ensure local authorities get this battleplan and the report and are working to protect the grid supplying these facilities.
- 3. Power Grid protection needs to remain a priority.
 - Our food supplies depend on it. Look for the documentary David Tice produced, Grid Down, Power Up at https://griddownpowerup.com/ and be sure to click the action button to notify congress. Watch our episode with David Tice as well.
 - For the cost of less than 1% of the Biden infrastructure bill, we could protect our electric grid from certain collapse. Read about that <u>here</u>.
- 4. Encourage local municipalities and politicians to loosen regulations making it easier to source food locally.
- 5. Consider whether investing in small farms makes sense or is an option? We will review this in more detail with NSIC financial advisors in the future.

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- 6. Encourage you representatives to understand that US Food Security Is National Security. Encourage them to be working with our farmers for success.
- 7. Support the Center for Security Policy as they do more research and work around these important topics. https://centerforsecuritypolicy.org/support-us/

As we discussed previously in Economic Battle Plan™ 191.

- 8. Recognize the link between energy pipelines and fertilizers. The Biden Administration's current policy seems to be ignoring this. Let your representatives know it is critical they support pipeline projects and lowering energy costs. It not only impacts gas prices but literally in some countries, lives could depend on this.
- 9. Centralized processing is a problem. America needs to have more local options for food. Look in your community to identify and partner with local suppliers.
- 10. Let you representatives know that we need to make it easier for local farmers to work together to build their own small-scale meatpacking plant.
- 11. Does it still make sense to use food to produce our energy?
- 12. It may be time to start growing your own Victory Garden.
- 13. Stay tuned to more Economic War Room shows on this topic as we look for proactive solutions to decentralize food supply and develop back up plans in case of disaster or an emergency.

Also,

Food Security is a National Security Issue. Is your financial advisor considering this in your portfolio? Financial advisor NSIC classes at Liberty University have now begun.

Encourage your financial advisor to participate in our next class. We are building a waiting list now.

Make sure your financial advisor has your values and interest at heart. Make certain they really understand what ESG investments mean for our future. Suggest that they become part of the NSIC institute and nominate them to participate in our online certification at **EconomicWarRoom.com/advisor**.

Financial Advisors go <u>www.NSIC.org</u>. Be sure to sign up for more information at <u>https://www.nsic.org/nominate.html.</u>

If you do not have a financial advisor, now is a good time to get one. We will publish a list this summer of NSIC advisors who have participated in the training and elected to become part of the NSIC Institute.



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ATTENTION: Again, if you have not contacted your financial advisor, it is time to make it happen! If you don't have an advisor, it's time to consider getting one.

Weaponize your money toward principles that support Liberty, Security, and Values (LSV). You control your giving, spending, and investing. Nominate your financial advisor to attend our NSIC online training at Liberty University.

- Investing. We suggest you get a like-minded financial advisor. We've done surveys and a clear majority of investors want an advisor who matches with their political and cultural beliefs. Unfortunately, Wall Street is pushing for you to just take what they offer in order to force a leftist agenda on you.
 - o "If your advisor isn't willing to match your investments with your values, send them to us for training and education. If they won't do that, I can promise you that there are lots of other advisors looking for new clients." --Kevin Freeman
 - o If you are following Economic War Room you will be on the leading edge as it relates to global threats, geopolitical analysis, and how you can weaponize your money to strengthen America. Your money, livelihood, and way of life are at risk and these tools are designed to mobilize America to protect their economic liberty.



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In the **Economic War Room®**, we encourage Americans to be the "small ships that make the difference." You cannot solely rely on the government or the president to solve America's problems. You have to make a difference. It is up to you to help take our country back and create a voice for economic liberty. [The small ships are based on Churchill's Operation Dynamo that rescued the British Expeditionary Forces in the Miracle of Dunkirk

Shareable Quote:

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"Only 2% of the American population produces America's food."

-Lt. Col. Tommy Waller (USMC Reserves)

Note: Farmers today are facing record inflation, fertilizer, and fuel costs. America cannot afford to let our farmers fail.

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The EWR Collection Deck – From Kevin Freeman (List of resources and external links for more information)

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