

Early Warning Survival Habits

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1. Read News You DISAGREE With

We all get sick of hearing biased news that we don't agree with, but resist the urge to consume only those news outlets that you "like."

- Make a habit of listening to all kinds of news, especially the news that makes you angry.
- Learn to read between the lines. Compare the news you don't like to the news you do like. What aren't they telling you? What are they leaving out?
- Most importantly, in between those lines, what patterns are emerging that point to what's coming? For example, when two politicians from the same party argue about policy, that tells you something about what to expect.

2. Read International News

We often know very little about other countries, and we laugh when neighbors like Canada follow our news closely, but international news is great intelligence. They often cover stories our news does not, and there again you can "read between the lines" to see what our press is deliberately hiding.

3. Look For Product Shortage News

Product shortages during the pandemic ALL had warning markers beforehand.

- The pandemic happened overseas before it happened here, and the reaction of folks in other countries pointed to what we would eventually be facing.
- When surgical masks sold out in the UK, that was a great early warning to start buying masks and respirators here. That

eventually turned into a dust mask shortage in hardware stores across America.

- People didn't want to believe our grocery store shelves could empty out, but after the meat departments got cleaned out, the meat processing supply chain broke. Prices spiked and some items became very scarce, not just from panic buying, but from genuine shortage.

4. Overbuy And Resist "Normalcy"

During the pandemic, people started buying any survival gear and supplies that weren't nailed down. Survival food companies started seeing backlogs of MONTHS.

- If you aren't still stockpiling food, toilet paper, and other items that sold out during the pandemic, WHY NOT? Panic buying starts again any time there's a lockdown.
- Any supplies you buy on a regular basis should be things you buy too much of. That way you always have a rolling surplus of extras to get you through those lean times when you can't find certain items.
- Invest in equipment that makes you "hardened" against shortages. For example, I bought an alcohol distiller that I use to distill my own water for a CPAP machine.

5. Gamble On Possibilities

If you THINK a shortage or a problem is looming, invest a little disposable income. Buying a case of bee spray for the "murder hornets" might not have panned out, but it very well might have, depending on circumstances.

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