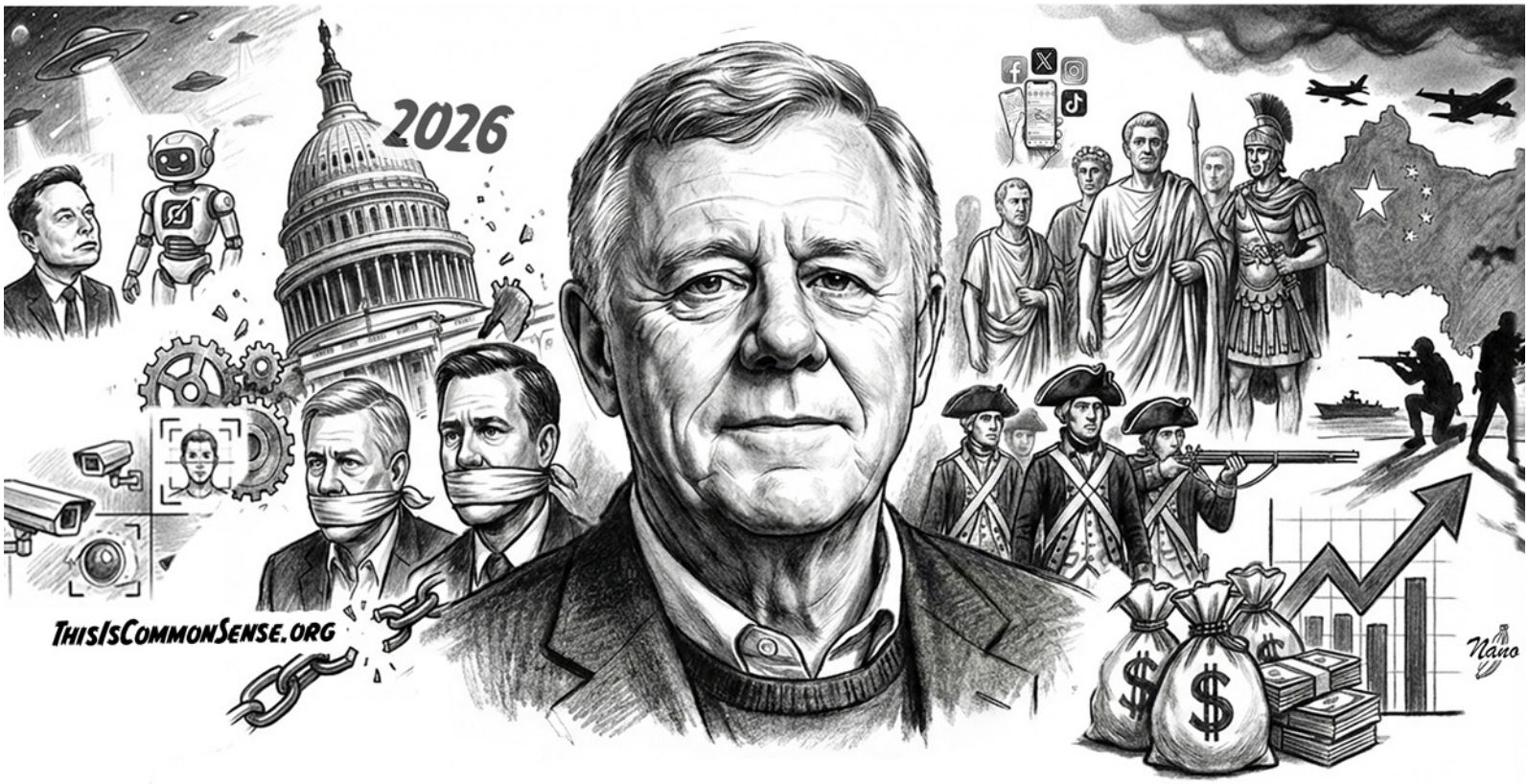

Have an Endurable New Year!

January 1, 2026

So that was A.D. 2025.

We made it.

Endured.

What must we bear in 2026?

Most of us, I think, would prefer "more of the same" to something entirely new. Especially if the "something new" can be interpreted as reaping *all the consequences of bad choices* all at once.

So what was 2025? Going by stats on this website, here's what I've covered:

- Fiscal Irresponsibility: 15% of coverage.
- Free Speech/Censorship: 20%.
- Political Scandals/Elections: 15–20%.
- Government Overreach: 25%.
- Representation/Local Issues: 10%.

Grok did the analysis, and added another category, "Historical Reflections," at 10% of content—but this likely reflects the "Today" feature on the website, highlighting the most important event(s) concerning human liberty occurring on each date.

I do like to think that I have a sense of history, which informs what I do here. In 2023, a meme spread around the Internet, where women asked the men they knew how often they thought about the Roman Empire. "The results will surprise you," for men tend to think about the past generally, and the classical Romans in particular, a great deal indeed. The meme played out as a "gender" issue, with women finding men's apparent fixation inexplicable.

Truth is, for me, I think a lot more about the Revolutionary War. I suppose it's possible to identify people's ideologies by which historical war they think about most. This last year and earlier—really since the 2019 protests in Hong Kong—I've developed this strong suspicion that we are already in a war and just don't quite know it.

Wishing you the best in 2026. And girding for what comes.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.