

Alexander Franz: Surge of unreason 1940

When cult values rapidly decl in Eur
just begin devel here - felt freshness of
youthful world, full of energy, yet
unsure itself, hectic competit., always on
trial, dormant colossal mass of except.
potential - Leletarski's attempt is Kishinev
- Compare regress. mental of disill. tired
old man, living on forced review
of 2nd. childhood with the
ambit but insecure abilit. of
perchiles, when phys. org. is mature,
but unsure of powers + their use

diff in motivation of criminals - Great,
unconc factors contrib everywhere to
crim. - Crimes to appear "tough guy"
indep doming person, cr. to avoid
necessity of asking for help ^{or accept char.} Moral
Common here - Deep longing for
unaided personal succes, high estim
place on court + daring, fear of
being coward, paras. or sissy or a
weak intellectual - not restricted to
criminals

These obsrv lead to study of
inner culture with other anthrop. +
soc sc's who find in psy. an.
instr for underst. person's factor
in soc. life - Earlier auth's dealt
w primitive soc's, findings little
static.

value - and contempt US is dynamic +
change's

Accentuated value attached to personal
accompl, success index - only understood
from Amer hist, Am hist fascin -
in remark those time econ cong of
part within completed + a highly effici,
loosely org. soc became a closely knit
industrial civiliz -

Infl. of frontier upon format
of amer. char explained by own
psych. obs. observations - Am
never trained to admire indiv. achiev
as ancestors did - yet living
in a standardized industrial civil
giving uneventful routine +
no real security.

Pres. era char'zd by deterior.
of internat. relat's by defeatist
pessimism ab. dem. principles +
faith in violence as ultimate arbiter

Analysis of emot. struct. of democ.
+ totalit. systems + esp. of Amer

Spent 20 yrs in psych. work during
era of instabil. after WWI - which
era started - acc. to some - dissolut. of dem.
insecurity gave greatest impet. to this
defeatist worry ab. future of dem.

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Youthfulness + dyn. nat of Am assures
him of vict - old world is in
death struggle

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environ they found strong ally in Am
where civitz repres all races of Eur +
transf in brief period into near + diff
personality - Children of immigr
under favor. could lose distinct
nat'l charact'ics of parents, adopt
Am ways + manners - Prepond of
envir infl over heredit made impres
on sc. thought + envir inst of
hered became watchword

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Emot. Structure of dem.

dem. easy in small communities

Aristot.
worried
ab problem
of assemb
of people

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vast numb. in cities, no community life
no contact with rep's, but - essence
of dem. in not so much the ballot
but spirit of willing to settle
differ's by mut' deliber + readiness to
make sacrific's for comm good

Monarchy + Arist need only mature
leaders, dem. needs mat people -
Survives not thru techn. accomplish of
excell. of polit. leaders but bec. of educators
& should take good care of them

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The more diff'ic life, the more feeling of insecurity.
Dem. relies thereon on maturity of cit. suppts.
they have capcy for decis, eqm. to polit
responsib. - Dem offers little (econ protect
- (but in practice remedies this thru
Soc. legislat - Soc. Sec. etc.)

Mature man supp. to able provide for
himself, this true as long econ. Syst.
functions well -

When polit. responsib. accump by
econ insec., dem is threatened

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secur to cit.'s without sacrif. basic
principles of dem. - If not, people
bec. suscept. to total appeals -
Enthus. for free dem. syst can be
preserved only if people enjoy
at least a min. of security

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maint. of soc'at ord within a nation
& a dem. league of nat might bring
internat peace

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