

WE'RE ALL DETROIT, MI NOW



A while back, I wrote a post called We're all Flint, MI now. Mitch Albom just wrote a story that might as well be called We're all Detroit, MI now (h/t Leen and dakine). He called it "The Courage of Detroit." It's long—so to induce you to read it, I'm going to give you an almost-spoiler.

Because we may be a few steps behind the rest of the country, but we're a few steps ahead of it too. And what's happening to us may happen to you.

Do you think if your main industry sails away to foreign countries, if the tax base of your city dries up, you won't have crumbling houses and men sleeping on church floors too? Do you think if we become a country that makes nothing, that builds nothing, that only services and outsources, that we will hold our place on the economic totem pole? Detroit may be suffering the worst from this semi-Depression, but we sure didn't invent it. And we can't stop it from spreading. We can only do what we do. Survive.

And yet we're better at that than most places.

Go read the whole thing.

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