

# CHARTS IN THE NEWS

with commentary by Elisabeth Grace

**Viktor Orbán**, May 31, 1963; 2:00 p.m. CET; Székesfehérvár, Hungary (47°N12', 18°E25'); A: from memory. Source: Astrodatbank.

As Olympic athletes from 206 countries competed in Tokyo in August, Fox News personality Tucker Carlson was broadcasting from Budapest, presenting Hungary's "illiberal democracy" to his viewers "as a model for America's future."<sup>1</sup> It was an apt reflection of that week's opposition between the Leo Sun (leaders) and Saturn (controls), and Sun square Uranus (shocks), as it included an interview with Prime Minister Viktor Orbán, which was hot in the headlines days later. Senator Chuck Grassley (R-IA) stated that he "didn't have 'the slightest idea' what Orbán had done in Hungary," but was left with "a favorable opinion."<sup>2</sup> Others expressed urgent concern over Carlson's "fawning,"<sup>3</sup> noting that, in less than a decade, Orbán turned a young democracy into a dictatorship, affirming the European Parliament's 2018 declaration that Orbán's authoritarianism is "a systemic threat to the rule of law."<sup>4</sup>

Orbán's Gemini Sun is in the 9th house, driven by a perfection-seeking Virgo Moon. (See **Chart 1**, at right.) With the Moon in the 12th, ruling the Midheaven (MC), he needs to use his insider's perspective to gain professional status, likely in a diversity of 9th-house concerns: law, media, sports, higher learning, religion, foreign affairs. With the Sun and Moon both disposited by Mercury, its condition is key. Mercury is in the 8th house (other people's money and values), ruling the 9th and the 12th. It is *stationary* in Taurus and at the apex of a fixed T-square with a "get away with murder"<sup>5</sup> Mars in Leo militantly opposing Saturn. Mercury square Saturn suggests a conservative, controlling mindset, yes? Once Orbán's mind is made up, there's no room for debate, and with Jupiter in me-me-me-first Aries on the Descendant, he knows what's best for everybody. Right?

A partite Sun-Pluto square is his closest aspect, with Pluto in the 11th house, ruling the 2nd house (of values, assets, and self-worth). Squares, conjunctions, and oppositions are hard aspects — with greater power than soft sextiles and trines. Orbán's Pluto square *supercharges* his Gemini Sun and the houses they occupy and rule *in the extreme*.

Sun rules the 11th house — his friends and helpful associations — and we expect those entities to have the flavor of the Mars-Uranus-Pluto stellium therein. Daring, ruthless, and empowered, perhaps?

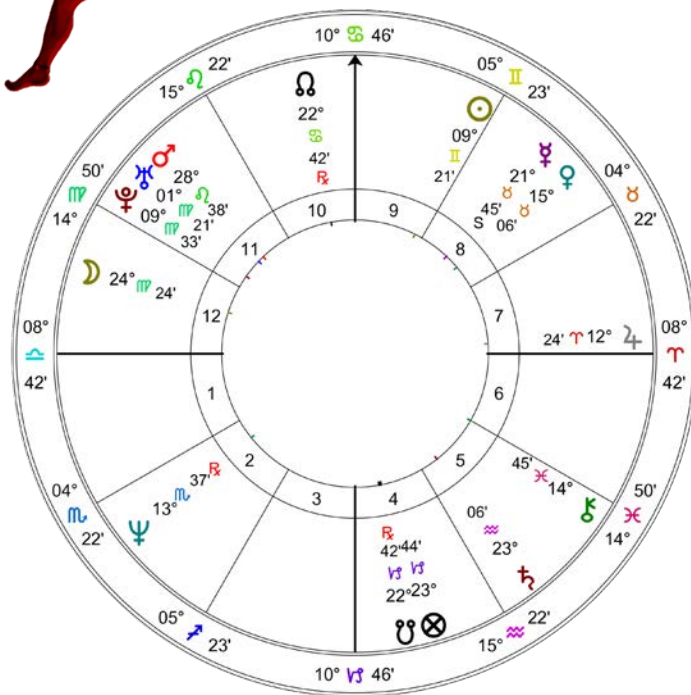
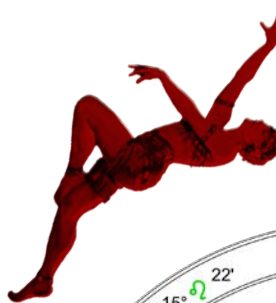


Chart 1: Viktor Orbán

A Libra Ascendant (ASC) suggests that he needs to be seen as popular and fair. In my experience, anything in Libra seeks to avoid unpleasantness. ASC ruler Venus is strong in Taurus, but locked away in the secretive 8th house, opposing nebulous Neptune in the 2nd house. Neptune in a challenging aspect to the ASC ruler suggests that his image is not that of the typical autocrat. *Fun fact:* Unlike other authoritarians, Orbán does not jail or murder political opponents. The subtle threat of financial ruin, using corrupted laws and economic policies, appears to keep them in check.<sup>6</sup>

Orbán got into politics in the late 1980s, co-founding Fidesz ("the party of youth") in 1988. Fidesz was initially a "radical liberal student organization."<sup>7</sup> In 1994, with solar arc (SA) Pluto = ASC and SA Sun = ASC, he seized "total control" of the party and moved it to the right.<sup>8</sup> He was first elected prime minister in 1998, governing "as a conventional European conservative."<sup>9</sup> But in 2002, he lost to the Hungarian Socialist Party. Given his horoscope, how do you think he felt about that, hmm?

Orbán blamed the media. His party cried election fraud. SA Uranus = ASC was exact in July 2002, so the timing of



Charts use Placidus Houses and the Mean Node.



this “fresh start” was on target. He became a nationalist, launching a movement called “Forward, Hungary,” but the time wasn’t right.<sup>10</sup> In 2006, with SA Neptune = Moon (ruler of his MC) suggesting a career wipe-out, Orbán lost again. But in 2009, with transiting Uranus shaking up MC ruler Moon by opposition, he gave a renowned speech in a closed-door (!) party meeting, proposing the creation of a “central political force field” that would govern the country for “up to 20 years.”<sup>11</sup> It would eliminate the need for “ordinary democratic political debate” in favor of “getting stuff done,” and he would know best what to do.<sup>12</sup> See how the patterns in his horoscope are brought to life?

Thanks to anti-establishment sentiment and a corruption scandal in the Hungarian Socialist Party, Fidesz won a stunning supermajority in 2010.<sup>13</sup> Orbán again became prime minister, and the supermajority enabled him to move quickly on his 9th-house concerns. The constitution was rewritten, weaponizing the law to maintain control. Election districts were gerrymandered to disenfranchise the more populous, liberal cities, enabling minority rural rule. Judges and civil servants were forced out, replaced with loyalists. Private media companies were “encouraged” to sell to the state or to Orbán’s allies, who together now control 90% of Hungary’s media. Cronies now control universities and their funds.<sup>14</sup> Orbán is a football fanatic, and in 2014, a luxurious stadium — allegedly built with corrupt monies — opened in his tiny hometown.<sup>15</sup>

In 2015, in response to a migrant crisis affecting much of Europe, fences were built along Hungary’s southern border. Five years later, the migrants are long gone, but the fences — and fear-stoking — remain.<sup>16</sup> The state-owned media consistently publish stories of perceived threats, but in recent months, with no actual immigration crisis, Orbán created a new “bogeyman” in the LGBTQ+ population.<sup>17</sup> Recent anti-LGBTQ+ laws sparked protest marches in Hungary and condemnation from the EU last summer, but for folks sharing Tucker Carlson’s mindset, Orbán’s social policies are laudable, exemplifying “traditional values, religious uniformity and ethnic homogeneity.”<sup>18</sup>

Orbán is up for re-election in early 2022, and this time, a coalition of six opposition parties from across the political spectrum is determined to defeat him.<sup>19</sup> The first hit of Orbán’s second Saturn return is in April, followed by the first of three oppositions of transiting Neptune to MC ruler Moon. Remember that he lost in 2002, with SA Neptune = Moon. As for Saturn, astrologer E. Alan Meece observes that candidates having a Saturn return tend to lose.<sup>20</sup> Time will tell, but even if Orbán is defeated, it would take an extremely unified Parliament to undo what he has done to Hungary’s 9th-house systems.

*Karl Marx, May 5, 1818; 2:00 a.m. LMT; Trier, Germany (49°N45', 06°E38'); AA: BR/BC.*

*Abraham Lincoln, February 12, 1809; 6:54 a.m. LMT; Hodgenville, KY, USA (37°N34', 85°W44'); B: bio/autobiography. Both sourced at Astrodatabank.*

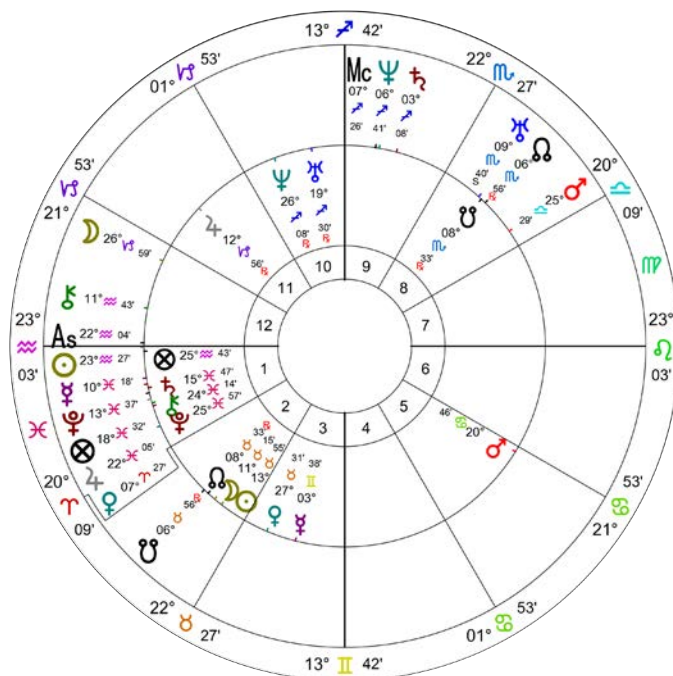
Viktor Orbán’s Saturn sits right on Karl Marx’s 23° Aquarius Ascendant, creating a “rather heavy atmosphere within which any sense of fun and pleasure seems unlikely,” says astrologer E. W. Neville.<sup>21</sup> In contrast, Abraham Lincoln’s Sun is at 23° Aquarius, suggesting “a sense of kinship and essential world view”<sup>22</sup> relative to Marx — and guess what? They had mutual friends, and even exchanged letters in 1865. What other connections between their horoscopes do you find? (See **Chart 2**, below.)

Turns out Lincoln was an avid reader of the *New York Tribune*, the paper “largely responsible for transmitting the ideals and ideas that formed the Republican Party in 1854,” according to the *Washington Post*.<sup>23</sup> In 1852, Marx became the *Tribune*’s British correspondent, penning hundreds of articles over a decade. Many of these were unsigned columns, published on the front page as the paper’s “official position.”<sup>24</sup>

The things you learn when researching “Charts in the News”!

Born at a Taurus New Moon Solar Eclipse, Marx’s Sun–Moon blend needs to create material security in ways that are “supposed to be” or preserve a status quo. “Energy demands authority,” says astrologer Noel Tyl. Building “a monument to the self” would be fulfilling.<sup>25</sup> A focus on money, values, and worth is echoed by the Sun–Moon placement in the 2nd house. Jupiter trines Sun–Moon and its midpoint, suggesting optimism.

Marx has a bucket horoscope (a term coined by astrologer Marc Edmund Jones). Singleton planet Mars functions as the bucket’s handle, and it drives the individual’s life experience



**Chart 2: Bi-wheel.**  
**Inner wheel and house cusps: Karl Marx**  
**Outer wheel: Abraham Lincoln**

(because you can't carry a bucket without grabbing the handle, observes Tyl).<sup>26</sup> Marx's Mars is in Cancer, suggesting a need to assert himself in ways that create nourishment and emotional security. Mars on the cusp of the 6th house adds a focus on cooperative systems, work, and enslavement (!). Mars rules the 2nd house, and it is semi-square Marx's high-functioning 3rd-house Mercury in Gemini, which in turn is quincunx (165°) ASC ruler Uranus. Taken together, these patterns reflect Marx's energetic mind, obsessed with communicating revolutionary ideas about work and worth! Note the midpoint picture Uranus = Saturn/Pluto (which Viktor Orbán shares): "brutal efforts to start a new order."<sup>27</sup>

Saturn in Pisces squares Uranus in opinionated Sagittarius; both are angular, boosting their impact. The Saturn-Uranus square suggests a need to wrestle with old guard vs. avant-garde concepts, perhaps ultimately reinventing the wheel. Along with Uranus, Neptune is in the 10th house and within arc minutes of an exact square to Pluto. We have an image of Marx experiencing "Neptune themes" in the extreme, especially with respect to profession and reputation. He could be seen as a visionary or grossly misunderstood, as he was in mid-August (when this column was written) by a news anchor who wrapped up a discussion of Critical Race Theory by mentioning that when he was 20, he was in Trier, Germany, trying to find Marx's birth home "... cuz, y'know, 1848, he wrote *Mein Kampf*."<sup>28</sup> Neptune in the 10th can be so bewildering!

In fact, *Mein Kampf* was published in 1925 and written by Adolf Hitler. In 1848, Marx (and his collaborator, Friedrich Engels) published *The Communist Manifesto*, their seminal work on class struggles, capitalism, and communism. Its memorable rallying cry, "Workers of the world, unite! You have nothing to lose but your chains!"<sup>29</sup> is a perfect expression of Mars driving the action in Marx's horoscope. With SA Sun = MC exact that February, the time was ripe for a once-in-a-lifetime achievement. Solar arcs between the Sun and MC or ASC always alert us to potential success. Make good use of them (as you recall Viktor Orbán did in 1994).

It doesn't matter that Marx is no longer walking the earth. The horoscope lives forever, as longtime TMA readers know!<sup>30</sup> Transiting Uranus conjoins Marx's Sun-Moon three times between May 2021 and April 2022, suggesting opportunities for his material security-seeking agenda to shake up the system. Marx first experienced this transit in 1854, the birth year of the Republican Party (whose original anti-slavery, pro-worker platform he apparently influenced).<sup>31</sup> The second Uranus conjunction with his Sun-Moon was in 1938, the year Congress passed the Fair Labor Standards Act,<sup>32</sup> which established the 40-hour work week and the minimum wage. On this third transit of Uranus, the Biden administration has made increasing wages and improving working conditions a priority.<sup>33</sup> It seems we should anticipate disruptions and innovations that reflect Marx's values during this time, as well as ambitious advances (which will reflect transiting Saturn's square to Marx's Sun and conjunction with his ASC). What do you see in Lincoln's horoscope for 2022?

*Lina M. Khan, March 3, 1989; time unknown (noon UT used); London, England (51°N30', 00°W10'); X: various internet sources.*

President Biden appointed Lina Khan to the Federal Trade Commission just after her 32nd birthday. Upon her Senate confirmation in June, she became the FTC chair. There must have been spectacular patterns to the angles of her horoscope, which we'd see with an exact birth time.

Khan's rise began in January 2017, with SA Pluto = Sun. (See Chart 3, facing page.) Translation: Ego identity undergoes an empowering change in perspective. That month, the *Yale Law Journal* published "Amazon's Antitrust Paradox," her legal treatise in which she observed that, for decades, antitrust regulations were enforced only when monopolies jacked up prices. Khan argued that, even though consumers may love Amazon for its convenience and low costs, the ginormous structures and information databases of such mega-companies are harmful to the marketplace and should be controlled.<sup>34</sup> Her argument is in line with the anticipated aftermath of the 2020 Great Mutation of Jupiter-Saturn in Aquarius and the likelihood of controls imposed on tech behemoths.<sup>35</sup>

Khan's Pisces Sun and Capricorn Moon make for a "feeling businesswoman": visionary and practical.<sup>36</sup> Those qualities are reinforced by Saturn (practical) and Neptune (visionary) almost exactly conjunct in Capricorn (business). If Neptune dissolves whatever it touches, Neptune on Saturn in Capricorn might be inclined to dissolve a big corporation. We can appreciate why Amazon and Facebook filed petitions for her recusal from FTC investigations into their companies soon after she was appointed chair. Grab your June/July 2021 TMA and check out the charts for Amazon and Jeff Bezos. With respect to the former, can you now see how the company was likely experiencing a squeeze as transiting Saturn in Aquarius squared Amazon's Scorpio Venus in July?

Khan's Moon is between 8° and 22° Capricorn. We don't know whether it is closer to conjunctions with Uranus, Neptune, and Saturn, or trine the expansive, enduring energy of her Mars-Jupiter conjunction in Taurus. I suspect it's closer to the former, within orb of sextiles to her potent Sun-Pluto trine. Meanwhile, Khan's Venus is in a nearly exact sextile to Uranus, the mark of a potential trendsetter bursting with innovative values and creativity.<sup>37</sup> Is that why her critics call her theories "hipster antitrust"?<sup>38</sup>

When this column hits the stands in mid-December, Jupiter will be at the end of Aquarius, entering Pisces on December 28. As it travels through Pisces, it aspects every one of Khan's planets except her original-thinking Mercury at 19° Aquarius, which will instead be conjoined by streamlining Saturn three times, starting in March 2022. Still, we anticipate expansive experiences in the early part of 2022, especially as Jupiter conjoins her Sun. The latter half of 2022 is marked by two challenging solar arcs: SA Saturn = Pluto and SA Neptune = Pluto. The former suggests hard, hard work against a threat of loss;<sup>39</sup> the latter can be downright weird or wonderfully creative.<sup>40</sup>

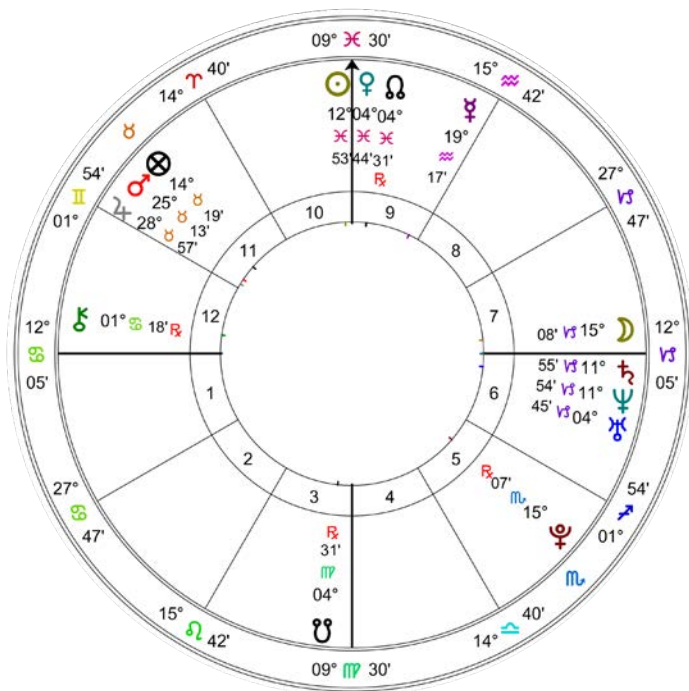


Chart 3: Lina Khan

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