## The Breakdown of Law and Order: certain implications by Phillip W. Weiss

Violent street crime is not a mere academic issue confined to discussions in classrooms. It is the top domestic issue in the United States today. It affects everyone. No one is immune to crime. Anyone, without warning, can become a crime victim. Crime is a social disease, an epidemic if you will, that runs in cycles but never completely disappears. What makes the problem even more alarming, however, is that there are public officials, people who have sworn their allegiance to the US Constitution and to defend us, who want to defund the police and make the crime problem worse. And if that isn't enough, they are using race to incite division and hatred, and erode confidence in the nation's commitment to fairness and justice, and in law enforcement in general. It should be noted that before a nation collapses, it is preceded by a period in which there is a breakdown of law and order. This is a historical fact that we cannot afford to ignore. Each person must judge for themselves whether the United States is already following in the path of those other nations, many of which were major powers, whose names are noted in history books but are now no more.

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