

A Warning

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Powerful nations decline and disappear. The Soviet Union, the Roman Empire, the Austro-Hungarian Empire, and the Ottoman Empire are just a few of the long list of nations that have succumbed and are no more. While the conditions that led to each individual nation's decline are unique, all have one feature in common: each was preceded by a breakdown of law and order. In every case the government lost its ability to enforce its own laws. This is now happening in the United States, as localities across the nation defund the police and decriminalize and legalize acts that for decades were illegal. The breakdown of law and order is a gradual and insidious process. At first, it is barely noticeable. Enforcement of laws becomes lax and conduct once considered taboo is embraced as a new norm. Some people even welcome these changes as something good. Then one day a crisis erupts that puts the survival of the nation at risk, and the government discovers that the resources available to defend the nation no longer suffice to keep the nation intact. Then that nation, racked by internal divisions, fragments and collapses and in the ensuing chaos, people suffer. The collapse of the Roman Empire, which was dismantled and destroyed by barbarians, was followed by the Dark Ages. The collapse of the Russian Empire, incited by a SMALL GROUP of determined fanatics, was followed by Bolshevik totalitarianism. The collapse of the German Empire was followed by a

socialist regime which spawned Nazism. In each case, there was a resulting power vacuum that was filled by political factions who, lacking legitimacy and using brute force, grab power and impose a new order, with catastrophic results. The Pax Romana was followed by a thousand years of chaos; the French monarchy was followed by the Jacobin Terror and Napoleon; the Chinese Imperial Empire was followed by decades of civil war and the triumph of Communist totalitarianism. Out of the ensuing post-collapse chaos emerges new nations controlled by political factions who crave power at all cost and tolerate no opposition and will act without restraint to consolidate and protect their power. Such a fate could befall the United States if we let it happen. You have been warned.

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