

The Breakdown of Law and Order: a Threat to National Security

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The New York City subway system is part sewer and part circus, except that this circus is anything but entertaining. Attached are pics of persons laying on the floor of subway cars. This kind of erratic behavior is now a commonplace occurrence in the New York City subway system and is further evidence of the breakdown of law and order caused in large part by politically driven policies that place political expediency ahead of public safety.

Please understand that other nations see the breakdown of law and order going on in the United States and are drawing their own conclusions about the credibility of the United States as a world power. Can other nations have confidence in a country that can't control its own crime problem? This lack of confidence is most evident as nations, concerned about their security needs, turn away from the United States and establish closer relations with other nations now considered more reliable partners than the United States. For instance, according to published reports, India, Brazil, Saudi Arabia, and Russia, all four of which are major nations and are of key strategic importance to the United States, are moving closer to Communist China, a nation whose influence is steadily growing as conditions in the United States become more chaotic.

What is at stake is democracy. When other nations see the vicious political infighting and violent street crime happening inside the United States, these nations correctly question the viability of democratic political institutions as an effective method for providing security for their people and wind up repudiating the American democratic model in favor of more authoritarian forms of government that reject democratic values. As a result is the emergence of regimes that are openly hostile to the United States and that are willing to brazenly challenge the United States and try to replace the United States as the world's leading nation.

Is the United States becoming a weaker nation? Let us examine some facts. To date the United States 1. has failed to bring an end to the Ukraine War following its precipitous withdrawal from Afghanistan which left the Taliban in power, 2. failed to respond quickly and boldly to the Chinese spy balloon, 3. has failed to effectively police its own borders and clean up its own subway system, 4. failed to prevent the failure of two US banks, and 5. has failed to end continued US dependence on imported oil. These failures send a massive unambiguous signal to the entire world that US power and influence is waning.

The situation for the US today is a far cry from what existed in 1942 when the US, operating with a small fraction of the resources available today, quickly recovered from the attack on Pearl Harbor and sent large military forces to the Western Pacific and North Africa simultaneously to successfully defend US interests around the world. In the ensuing eight decades, the world has changed. New nations have emerged, technological innovation is available to all nations, and some nations have grown stronger, militarily, culturally, and economically. The United States is still the main player on the international stage but is no longer the only player. This weakening of the US position has placed the security of the American people at risk and this risk is made substantially worse by and is directly linked to the breakdown of law and order inside the United States.

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