The Breakdown of Law and Order – an existential threat by Phillip W. Weiss

The Biden administration is playing a dangerous game in the Mideast, and it is moving the United States closer to the brink of an all-out war in the region. Biden's equivocating policies are causing Hamas and other terrorist organizations in the region to become more aggressive. The Houthis are firing more drones at US warships and Hamas refuses to agree to a ceasefire. Also, there are rumors that Hamas and Hezbollah are planning a coordinated attack against Israel. All of this is occurring as Biden continues to pander to the anti-Israel group in his own party.

President Biden is the first US president to openly work to stop Israel from defending itself. He is providing material aid to Gazans, which means to Hamas who are embedded in the general population. He is airlifting supplies and soon will be installing a floating dock at Gaza through which to provide more humanitarian aid. How the US will secure this floating dock the Biden administration has yet to reveal to the public. Biden has assured that he will not deploy US troops to Gaza.

Whatever the case, President Biden is aligning himself with the enemies of Israel. Israel is fighting for its very survival. The collapse of Israel will place at risk the security of the United States and the world. It will be the worst defeat in the US history. It will mean the triumph of terrorism and the total worldwide breakdown of law and order. It will embolden other nations to act against the United States with impunity. It will mean the collapse of the United States as a world power. Nations such as Iran and North Korea will extort concessions from the United States. The defeat of Israel will also create a new humanitarian crisis for Jewish people around the world. It will mean the triumph of anti-Semitism and the purging of Jews from positions of leadership and authority in the United States and elsewhere. It will create extreme conditions that will destabilize the entire world as the forces of lawlessness and terror rise to wipe away the political institutions that shield the people from totalitarian barbarism, such as that already exists in the streets of the United States today.

The fact is that the predators are out there, ready to attack anytime and without warning. The predators are merciless; they lack the ability to restrain themselves from attacking others. They possess a propensity to violence that places the security of the entire community at risk. The presence of these predators poses the top threat to the survival of civilized society. Nothing deters them. Use of force may disperse predators and drive them underground, but there is no getting rid of them. Sooner or later, they reemerge and renew their reign of terror. And if they do disappear, others emerge to take their place.

It seems that the presence of predators is a permanent defect in the structure of US society. Any society that produces a person who can accost a woman and then pull down his pants and expose his genitals in the middle of crowded subway car, or a person who can commit a wanton and VIOLENT random attack against someone on a street in Midtown Manhattan in broad daylight, or a person who can brazenly and with no restraint steal thousands of

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dollars of merchandise from a store in FULL VIEW of security cameras after being told directly and IN WRITING not to show up in the store again is a society that is in deep trouble.

What is even more troubling is that there are politicians who, to promote a political agenda, are OPPOSED to taking measures to protect the public from these predatory acts. These politicians want to defund the police and let the predators act out with impunity and NO RESTRAINT. This is a FACT. These politicians have no problem placing the security of the community at risk to promote a political agenda. This is just the way it is, and no amount of editorializing will change the situation. These politicians will say and DO anything to grab power or keep power. This is perhaps the most glaring flaw in the political system that exists in the United States today.

The republican system of government virtually guarantees the emergence of political parties that place the interest of the party ahead of the interest of the nation. That is consistent with the very nature of political parties. Political parties are the direct result of factionalism, which promotes divisiveness and disunity. Factions vie for power, each faction seeking to gain just enough votes to win elections and force the other factions to the sidelines, rendering the losing factions powerless – until the next election.

Other nations reject this kind of factionalism altogether in favor to dictatorships dominated by one political party that hold permanent power and suppress all challenges to its power. These nations include Iran, North Korea,

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Vietnam, Cuba, Saudi Arabia, to a degree Russia, Yemen, Syria, and most significantly mainland China. Hence, today billions of people live under dictatorial regimes. They reject democracy in favor of dictatorship. They opt for stability, even if it means the suppression of political liberty. For there is no way that these nations would long tolerate dictatorship if the bulk of the people did not want it.

It must be understood that political liberty is a product of Western liberalism and therefore may not resonate in regions that historically have been hostile to or exploited by the West. For instance, both Russia and China have a long history of political rule by emperors. Their attempts at democratic government dominated by political factions failed, leading to the emergence of totalitarians regimes that in the case of Russia lasted for over seven decades and in the case of China is still in place today. In the case of Germany, that country's rejection of democracy was even more extreme, so much so that the democracies were forced to act to destroy the Nazi regime that openly sought through UNRESTRAINED VIOLENCE to enslave its neighbors, exterminate entire populations, and impose a new world order dominated by the Nazis.

Now, there is new challenge to western-style democratic politics. They reject western-style democracy in favor of a theocratic model that politicizes religion, making affiliation with a certain religion a condition for power. While those in the west reject the theocratic model as reactionary and a violation if fundamental human rights, including freedom of religion, in other regions of the world the theocratic model is embraced and offered as an alternative to

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Western-style democracy which the theocrats excoriate as decadent, divisive, and depraved.

Currently, both systems are clashing in the Mideast where radicalized theocrats and their proxies have launched a direct attack against democratic and Western oriented Israel. The outcome of this war may determine which system will win. The existence of Western civilization is on the line. Only time will tell the outcome.

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