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Chapter One: Confronting the Multifront War

merica is fighting World War III. But our leaders do not seem to know it. Moreover, this war is being waged on a multitude of distinct fronts—internal and external. It is a multifront war that we must confront.

Internally, the country is under attack along an array of distinct fronts. First, we see play-to-win "big government" and "deep state" progressive leftists. Second, isolationists want to constrain our role in a world teeming with our adversaries. Third, foreign-oriented globalists want to dilute and weaken us from within. Fourth, 2020 saw a well-planned anarchic, revolutionary, Marxist, socialist hijacking of peaceful protests over the excruciating videoed police murder of George Floyd. Quickly, the marchers were subsumed by organized arson, insurrection, looting, and infiltration of local governance by calculated anarchic subversion.

Fifth, our biggest internal challenge, both culturally and physically, arises from political Islam, waged domestically but often a proxy for synergistic forces abroad. Political Islam—Islamism—represents the politicization of a religion, and we have eschewed any strategy to deal with this threat. Knowledgeable people realize that the religion of Islam is one of several Abrahamic monotheistic belief systems, and one that is protected by our Constitution. However, the politicization of Islam through the imposition of Sharia and jihad is not pro-

tected. It is, in fact, subversive to our laws, our country, and our very way of life.



History teaches that religion has from time to time melded and morphed into political extremism and military adventurism—from the Crusades that swept across Europe and the Middle East to Northern Ireland, where nationalists clashed in the years of unrest euphemistically called "The Troubles." The world has seen such manifestations often enough to differentiate between religious practice and religious militarism. Ironically, most Arab and Muslim-majority countries have long ago drawn a clear line between the Islamic religion and Islamic extremism. Many Arab and Muslim countries worldwide have outlawed Islamist groups.

Externally, we are challenged by Communist China's undisguised party primacy coupled with Vladimir Putin's authoritarian vision masquerading as a democracy in Russia. Simultaneously and unfortunately in 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic has consumed, and will continue to consume, huge governmental time and financial resources. As devastating as any armed conflict, the virus has unleashed another front, a permeating, omnipresent front, which must be combated everywhere at once by every scientific, economic, and good governance resource available.

Yes, America is racing to combat individual threats with various independent strategies. Yet, it is still not facing up to them as combined challenges and developing the integrated strategy to repel and prevail in the multifront war now devouring and destroying the United

States. The nation barely knows that it is fighting for its life on simultaneous multiple fronts. All of these wars are being fought separately instead of seamlessly. Our elected leaders seem to ignore that the multiple integrated threats we face are but facets of a many-sided menace. Instead, we treat them as separate unrelated challenges.



US economic growth has hovered at one to two percent annually during most of the twenty-first century. Just as good fiscal policy and governance were returning growth to a range of two to four percent, COVID-19 acid washed the economy into contraction. Thus, our economic wherewithal to muster defense and countermeasures was substantially eroded.

At the same time, the Constitution has suffered systematic undermining from within, especially in the era of COVID-19. Response to the health emergency has justified a gamut of patchworked local emergency decrees and invasions of personal rights, often dispensing with due process, often resembling a decree-based authoritarian state.

With menacing synchrony, the US is now threatened by the very enemies that our country's past leaderships worked hard to appease. As we roll out one defense measure and reaction after another, America's enemies have not hesitated to accelerate their attacks or plot them on the world's chessboard. During the profusion of multifront threats in 2020, the Trump administration has failed to formulate a comprehensive and integrated global or domestic strategy to save us.



How did we get here?

Obama administration strangled economic growth from 2008 to 2016. For those eight years, the government targeted the banking system by levying fines on banks of nearly \$150 billion because they had complied with various federal home ownership laws and regulations passed since 1992. Those laws and regulations compelled loaning money to high-risk home buyers, a practice which eventually collapsed the real estate market. Further attacks on the banks were channeled through excessive Dodd-Frank Act regulations. Those regulations, many arbitrarily and poorly thought out, bank profitability. kneecapped Corroded multiplied merger madness spurred on by federal mandates or market necessity. Thus, healthy institutions were injected with toxic or declining organizations that were damaged by the expensive regulation and poor management that ignited the process.

Adding to the banking disaster was a massive attempt to nationalize the health insurance industry and thereby control the American people through President Obama's Affordable Care Act (ACA), often derided as "The Unaffordable Care Act." Many saw this hodge-podge of policy overreaches as redistribution of economic resources masquerading as vast and sorely needed improvement in healthcare delivery. As it robbed most people of affordable healthcare, it triggered a spiraling rise in costs facing insurance companies, providers, and industry professionals, who gamed the system with unconscionable price escalation and selective market abandonment.

Trebling down on its destructive policies, the Obama administration also attacked the coal and the natural gas fracking industries through more onerous Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations, with unionized companies receiving rough handling by the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB). While this undermining was underway, corporate investors were battered by an excessive 35 percent tax rate, the highest in the industrialized world. The economic warfare waged on the private sector resulted in an abysmal, sub-par economic recovery of only one to two percent growth from the Bushera recession, triggered by the 2008–2009 financial crisis.



Every deleterious economic impact that has struck the system has been worsened by a public education and university system that sadly impairs and subverts rather than elevates our culture. The Bush administration's "No Child Left Behind" program might have been wellintentioned, but it forced the Federal government into local school oversight. The Obama government further imposed its own local education policy by threatening to cut their federal funding. To be specific, the Obama administration imposed the Federal Common Core Curriculum to foster false narratives about US history, its laws, free speech, civics, socialism, climate change, identity politics, religion, and political Islam. Regarding grades K-12, the government deprived parents and children of school choice through a scarcity of voucher programs and insufficient numbers of charter schools. On the cultural front, the Obama administration promoted political correctness and victimhood as well as attacks on Judeo-Christian values through the ACA's birth control

mandates and so-called "transgender bathrooms." All these self-wounding policies were aided and abetted by academia and co-opted major media outlets. Obama's foreign and domestic policies combined corrosively to leave us at the precipice of World War III, yet without a strategy for defense or victory.



The radical Islamic threat began in 1928, when the Muslim Brotherhood was born in Egypt to promote Islam as a political movement, determined to challenge and replace Western civilization. The first successful Islamic revolution since WWI took root when a Muslim theocracy seized power in Iran in 1979. Iran openly declared war on America when it captured the US Embassy in Tehran. The success of the Islamic Republic of Iran showed the vulnerability of America. The Islamist notion of "civilization jihad" is a pre-violent tactic deployed against infidels, those who disbelieve the tenets of Islam. This form of jihad has achieved different stages of success across the world. Even now, continuous attacks in various countries are launched by al-Qaeda, ISIS, the Muslim Brotherhood and its proxies, and their Iranian counterparts.

Iran was decisively secured in the driver's seat of the Islamic revolution by the Obama administration with the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), which facilitated the mullahs' nuclear weapons agenda. As a consequence of the JCPOA, it was granted the right to produce nuclear weapons by 2025 even as it furiously continued development of ICBMs. In the process, Iran was provided \$150 billion by the Obama administration to finance that nuclear program, thereby bypassing the

Nuclear Proliferation Treaty through its heretofore illegal nuclear development activities.



How do we meet our key converging challenges? The US must focus on re-emphasizing its traditional values of "Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness." Here is the three-pronged outline:

A. "Life" means "Enhancing US national security":

- 1. Stop the nuclear programs that are fast advancing in Iran and North Korea.
- 2. Countercheck Iran's penetration of Latin America and Africa.
- 3. Increase defense and related spending by at least five percent annually; upgrade out cyber offense and defense as well as cultural war strategies.
- 4. Defend our energy infrastructure, particularly our electrical grid.
- 5. Regain control over borders and immigration.
- 6. Replace the UN with a "Covenant of Democratic Nations." (Private initiatives have failed, and the effort can only succeed with US governmental action.)

B. "Liberty" means "Protecting and reviving Judeo-Christian values":

- 1. Promote individual liberties as well as states' rights as they comply with the US Constitution.
- 2. Enact legislation precluding any admission of Sharia principles into the US judicial system.
- 3. Reform the entire educational system, ensuring that Western values survive while expanding school choice.

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- 4. Ensure election integrity and guard against gerrymandering and hurriedly-implemented mass mail balloting.
- 5. Protect religious liberty in the US and worldwide.

C. "Happiness" means "Maximizing economic growth":

- 1. Repeal and replace the ACA/Obamacare and its individual mandate.
- 2. Reform all major entitlement programs.
- 3. Stop intergenerational confiscatory taxing.
- 4. Reform national energy policy, maximizing production.
- 5. Enact right-to-work statutes in every state.



Currently, the US and the entire western world are failing on all three of these defense vectors. When the US finally executes strategies that succeed on all three platforms, its citizens, the country, and all of Western civilization will be strengthened. These three challenges are the building blocks of any successful society. For good reason, our Declaration of Independence exalted the phrase "Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness."

Our current defense ineptitude calls for a new, invigorated, all-encompassing, always-adapting master plan. In 1982–1984, President Ronald Reagan devised a strategy to defeat the Soviet Union that drew upon economics, military development, science, and diplomacy. The fragmented, non-integrated strategy now bubbling up will never deter our enemies. No one can deny that our plans must constantly recalibrate due to the battle with COVID-19.

But careful refocus, intrepid clarity, and galvanized comprehension can defeat our adversaries and save our civilization, which is now being assaulted in a multifront war.





Further Reading

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