

US Rage for Dominance Driving Its Economic and Social Decline

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Throughout the post-WW II era, the US demanded and continues demanding that other countries bend to its will — by pressure, bullying, intimidation, threats, naked aggression and other hostile actions.

The strategy weakens ties with allies, making lots of enemies at the same time. Pompeo and Bolton are a virtual geopolitical wrecking ball, the most destructive duo ever in charge of US foreign policy and national security, despite having stiff competition from earlier extremists.

In recent remarks, Pompeo lied about Russia, China, Iran, Venezuela, and North Korea. He threatened to cut off Britain's access to US intelligence if it grants Chinese tech giant Huawei access to its 5G network, falsely claiming it'll help Beijing spy on nations doing business with the firm.

Days earlier, former US diplomat **Charles Freeman** accused the Trump regime of "trying to dismantle China's interdependence with the American economy, curb its role in global governance, counter its foreign investments, cripple its companies, block its technological advance, punish its many deviations from liberal ideology, contest its borders, map its defenses, and sustain the ability to penetrate those defenses at will," adding:

Trump recklessly "declared open season on China...unleash(ing) an undisciplined onslaught" — biting off more than he can chew, picking a fight he can't win.

He's got a tiger by the tail able to give as much as it takes, unwilling to be unfairly pressured or bullied. The same goes for Russia, Iran, Venezuela, North Korea, and Cuba.

The harder US regime hardliners push, the more determined its adversaries are to hold firm, and in China's case, push back hard, able to inflict considerable damage to the US economy in response to unacceptable actions it considers intolerable.

The massive trade deficit between both countries isn't Beijing's fault. The US bears full responsibility for relocating much of its industrial base to China and other low-wage countries, for replacing millions of high-pay skilled jobs with menial ones paying poverty and sub-poverty wages, for thirdworldizing America, a nation increasingly resembling Guatemala.

The nation I grew up in long ago no longer exists, replaced by global wars on humanity at home and abroad, by wanting planet earth colonized, controlled and exploited, by police state laws, by making America unsafe and unfit to live in, including inner cities nationwide transformed into battlegrounds, militarized killer cops making things unbearable for its poor

and disadvantaged people of color.

The US is governed by its war party with two extremist right wings, by a bombastic geopolitical know-nothing MAGA president, an embarrassment to the office he holds.

Freeman believes we're entering a "post-American...post-Western era...China (to) play a larger and the US a lesser role" on the global stage, undermined by its hubris and arrogance.

It's the same dynamic dooming other empires in history, pursuing self-destructive policies, being unwilling to change, what's self-defeating over time.

It's the path the US is taking, stubbornly sticking to it, toughening its policies instead of responsibly stepping back from the brink and charting a new course based on peace and mutual cooperation with other nations.

US hostility toward China, Russia, Iran, Venezuela, North Korea, Cuba, and other nations bodes ill for what lies ahead. Ruinous military spending persists while vital homeland needs go begging, social justice on the chopping block for elimination.

Believing endless wars and other hostile actions can turn things around is reckless thinking. Just the opposite is true and worse if nuclear war is waged by accident of design, mutually assured destruction if things go this far.

What's possible may be inevitable given US rage for global dominance, wanting no other nations standing in its way.

America is a nation in decline, failing to acknowledge its weakening condition relative to other nations.

Despite spending countless trillions of dollars to remain the dominant global superpower, Russia, China, and other nations are rising, America declining politically, economically, financially and militarily.

The myth of American exceptionalism, the indispensable state, an illusory moral superiority, and military supremacy persist despite hard evidence debunking these notions.

The US was at the height of its power post-WW II, maintained for some years in the post-war era, decline beginning and continuing in recent decades, notably post-9/11.

Washington repeatedly blames China and other countries for its own wrongdoing. MAGA is an "assault on the international status quo," said Freeman, adding:

It's "undermining both US global leadership and the multilateral order...put in place...decades ago." America breaches international law time and again — not China, Russia, Iran, North Korea, Venezuela, Cuba, or other independent nations.

Along with waging endless wars of aggression against nations threatening no one, its actions proved time and again it can never be trusted by breaching international laws, treaties, conventions, and other agreements, operating solely by its own rules — to the detriment of world peace, stability and security.

Washington's aim to undermine the development of China and other major nations is an agenda doomed to fail.

If pursued by war, mushroom-shaped cloud denouement may doom us all.

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