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Who Or What Is America's Biggest Threat?

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Recently, several news stations proposed the following question, "Which country is the biggest threat to America, Russia or China." Of course, Russia was on the list because the media is constantly accusing President Trump of colluding with them, and, apparently, Russia consistently attempts to hack America's computers and influence our elections. China made the list because of their ever increasing role in the Western Pacific and their threat of a trade war after Trump's attempts to level the playing field. Surprise, surprise...in both cases, the media has Trump as the "culprit" and the underlying cause of the problem.

But, as usual, the media missed the point.

In fact, the question should have included a third, even more imminent threat. It is not a threat that might happen or could happen; it is happening RIGHT NOW! Our country is currently in the midst of an unarmed invasion. It is an invasion perpetrated by other countries and it is happening right under our noses. Make no mistake, this invasion is just as deadly to the heart and soul of America as if we were facing armed troops attempting to come over our borders and change our customs, traditions and way of life. There are no shots being fired, no tanks rolling down the streets or legends of troops goose-stepping their way through our cities and towns. Although it is being accomplished without firing a shot, the outcome will be the same - to destroy the United States of America and change it forever.

According to immigration statistics, America receives approximately 150,000 illegal immigrants every three months. Because of our porous borders and ineffective immigration policies, hordes of illegal immigrants have been flooding our southern border primarily one of many Latin American countries in order to claim "asylum." These "fleeing" illegals are requesting asylum based upon the assertion that they are being mistreated by their own governments and leaders. They claim to be escaping gang violence, drug cartels, domestic violence and "collapsing governments." Therefore, they have no choice but to escape the violence experienced in their homeland. But, don't we, as a sovereign nation, have the right and responsibility to ask the following questions: (1) What, if anything, should America do to protect itself from the turmoil occurring in these neighboring countries? (2)

Does the Monroe Doctrine still apply regarding our responsibility to protect the welfare of other countries in the Western Hemisphere? Therefore, (3) Should President Trump request that our Secretary of State invoke the Monroe Doctrine to intervene in these "out of control" Latin American countries in 2018?

In most cases involving the Monroe Doctrine the United States Secretary of State made the official announcement. In 1902 Canadian Prime Minister, Wilfrid Laurier, (prime minister from 1896-1911) acknowledged that the doctrine went beyond expansion by Europe and was essential to his country's protection. The doctrine provided Canada with a "de facto" security guarantee by the United States, the US Navy in the Pacific, and the British Navy in the Atlantic.

The Monroe Doctrine has been re-interpreted and



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applied in a variety of instances. As the U.S. emerged as a world power, it assumed a sphere of influence. When President Theodore Roosevelt added the Roosevelt Corollary in 1904, he asserted that it was the right of the U.S. to intervene in Latin American countries if "... flagrant and chronic wrongdoing" threatened the safety and stability of America and/or the Western Hemisphere.

So, let's take a look at the Monroe Doctrine and its history. First, the initial reason for the Monroe Doctrine, as written by John Quincy Adams, was to announce to the Europeans that the Western Hemisphere was now "off limits." It would no longer be open for expansion by their respective countries. However, if European countries had already established colonies in the new world, the United States would not interfere with them. But any new expansion was, without exception, prohibited. The United States would take any new European efforts to expand in the Western Hemisphere as a personal affront to America. This announcement also included the areas of Canada, Greenland and all countries and territories in North, Central and South America.

After introducing the Monroe Doctrine, the role

of the United States grew beyond its initial authority to keep European colonization at bay in the Western Hemisphere.

In 1904 the "Roosevelt Corollary" initiated the greatest expansion of the Monroe Doctrine, which resulted in some critics of President Roosevelt complaining that he was expanding his role as President and acting as a "hemispheric policeman."*

But if Canada believed at one time that the Monroe Doctrine provided a necessary security guaranteed to them by the United States, is it not reasonable to offer that same security to include citizens of Latin American countries when their governments have already collapsed and have been taken over by violent gangs, and criminals? If the people are being oppressed in these countries, should the United States invoke the Monroe Doctrine in 2018? Does the United States have a moral obligation to also assist these countries located in the Western Hemisphere to overcome their plight, and eliminate the need to leave their homeland and seek asylum in America?

Whether through invoking the Monroe Doctrine once again, building a border wall and developing additional means of border security, enforcing current

laws and passing new comprehensive laws to close the loopholes that allow the abuse of our sovereignty, it is imperative that the United States Congress immediately address this ongoing crisis that threatens our very existence, our freedoms, our liberties and our constitutional identity. It should be obvious to every American citizen who values our past and desires to secure our future that we must stand together on this issue. If we do not, this "silent invasion" will destroy us. 🇺🇸

God bless,
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