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Keeping America Free and Safe

The brutal attack on Israel by Hamas offers Americans a few lessons.

First, don't be naïve and think this couldn't happen here. While Israelis have a certain level of familiarity with rocket attacks by Hamas terrorists, very few expected what occurred on October 7. As documented in the video *No Place to Hide: The Strategy & Tactics of Terrorism* produced by the Western Goals Foundation in 1982, the United States saw plenty of attacks by mostly domestic, but some international, terror groups in the 1960s and 1970s, a time when leftists were trained and organized for violence hoping to kick-start civil wars on several continents. Where will the violence of war in the Middle East now take us?



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The 2020 riots involving Black Lives Matter and Antifa provided a more recent example of how quickly widespread violence and destruction can occur when the perpetrators are organized. A great cause for concern are terrorist “sleeper cells” within the United States, especially since our borders are wide open. Many of the recent migrants are of military age. No one knows for sure who they are, why they are here, or where they went — and local police are often prevented from finding out, especially in sanctuary cities.

A hallmark of liberty is the concept of local police protecting and serving the communities in which they live, as opposed to national police enforcing central-government dictates. Prior to the 1980s, many police departments in large metropolitan areas had their own intelligence squads that tracked violent groups. Today that is no longer the case, as the federal government has usurped that power and unconstitutionally transferred it to federal agencies, which have unwisely spawned fusion centers in all 50 states and many U.S. territories. Fusion centers officially link federal intelligence agencies with state and local police departments. This relationship is fraught with danger, as can be seen in the most recent example of the federal Department of Justice focusing its attention on political opponents of the Biden administration instead of actual threats. A government weaponized against its own citizens leaves no place to hide.

Another lesson we can learn from the attacks in Israel is the importance of an armed citizenry. Heroic examples are just starting to come out of Israel. Inbal Rabin-Lieberman was alarmed by the first wave of rockets, so she armed 12 others and set them up into ambush positions; they repelled Hamas forces, killing at least 25 terrorists. No one in her community was killed, while other nearby communities took heavy losses. This is the answer to the question of why anyone needs an AR-15. Not only should citizenry have unfettered access to firearms, but they should have full access to military arms. Where do you draw the line? Well, what can you afford?



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Finally, the concept of American exceptionalism must be understood, maintained, and protected by citizens in order to keep this great experiment of self-governance and freedom going. This exceptionalism is our system of government that provides for the common defense and general welfare of the United States.

The Founding Fathers finely balanced freedom with government. They knew that too much government would bring tyranny, and too little government would bring anarchy. They also understood how government gets tyrannical when loosed from its constitutional moorings, and how damaging foreign entangling alliances could be. These entanglements now constitute the main tool globalists are using to merge blocs of countries under regional government, stripping away sovereignty.

President George Washington said it best: “The great rule of conduct for us in regard to foreign nations is in extending our commercial relations, to have with them as little political connection as possible.... It is our true policy to steer clear of permanent alliances with any portion of the foreign world.”

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