The face of defeatism

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 They stick to the rhetoric of the past 20 years of being in Afghanistan, but dodge and divert from the point of the hairy here and now when asked direct questions in how the administration had five months to develop a proper evacuation plan instead of the pile of crap the world watched for the past couple of weeks. Biden saying, he communicated with our allies, but all reports show he did not communicate with our allies prior to our evacuation only to call Britain’s Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, 24 hours later after he screwed up the evacuation process. Too little too late. Instead of being proactive in his actions, Biden’s actions have all been reactive to the emergency situation he created.

 Chris Wallace and others asked if Biden was talking with the Taliban. Depending on who answered the question he may or may not have been. The National Security Advisor, the Pentagon, and the Press Secretary said yes daily. The spokesperson for the State Department, Sean McCormack, said no. So, who was Biden talking to? He must be talking to somebody, or he is just walking around in the White House talking to himself as individuals with dementia do.

 The Republicans point out how is the US going to keep up with all the Afghan refugees now entering the US, but the Democrats and the administration do not give a concern about all the illegals they are allowing crossing our southern border and shipping all throughout the US. The precedent has been set and they have no focus on the pressing issues. Biden conducts a press briefing update, but it is on the economy and what he has done since taking office but does not talk about the pressing events occurring in Afghanistan and the botched evacuation.

 Biden gave the order to withdraw not Bush, Obama, and not Trump. Biden only gave the order, but he and his administration spoke pieces continue to proclaim the problem of the evacuation stemmed from Trump’s negotiation deal to take effect on May 1. Trump may have had a part in America’s 20 year stay in Afghanistan, but Biden created the problem of the evacuation. His “ over the horizon” statement might as well be Dorothy’s “Over the Rainbow” from the “Wizard of Oz”. It is nonexistent with no assets on the ground now in Afghanistan or no neighboring countries to Afghanistan allowing the US to maintain a base of operations to keep an eye on the Taliban, Isis-K, and Al-Qaeda now within the borders of Afghanistan.

 It is worth noting that the Iraq troop withdrawal was also under Biden when he was VP under Obama and he worked with then General Lloyd Austin who was a four-star general commanding the troops at the time in 2011. The article “*Iraq troop withdrawal was Austin’s failure and Biden’s*” was published December 9, 2020, by Eli Lake on [www.bloomberg.com](http://www.bloomberg.com) Politics and Policy division. Subsequently, due to multiple failures, US had to send more troops back into Syria. Austin was promoted to Commander of Central Command for his actions. Now Biden is in charge of the evacuation of Kabul, and he is now the President of the United States. Both draw downs, Iraq, and Afghanistan, were major cluster f\*\*\*ks performed by Biden and Austin.

 “We are going to stay as long as it takes to ensure every American is out of Afghanistan” was Biden’s statement but we must be gone out of Afghanistan by August 31, 2021, a deadline set by Biden not by the Taliban but since he, Biden, said it they will hold him to it. Psaki stated, “We had to strand Americans to save and protect our troops.” I wonder how well that comment sets with the families in the US who still have loved ones left behind and stranded in Afghanistan by this administration. After January 6, 2021, Nancy Pelosi requested and received 25, 000 National Guard Troops to surround the Capitol in Washington, D.C. to protect Congress from an unknown threat that was not apparent, and they were stationed there for about three months when Biden only deployed a total of 5,000 troops in a feeble attempt to secure the Kabul airport after the initial draw down took place. Which situation was more life threatening and critical Mr. President? Actions of the one, overshadow the lack of concern of the other. Now this administration continues to provide a legitimate existence to the Taliban by treating them as a recognized government for the country and within the international community. Legitimizing a terrorist organization to whom the US has been in conflict with for 20 years is not a show of logic, intelligence, and strength to our allies and citizens. They are not a government but a terrorist organization. On Fox News Special Report with Bret Bair, a panel member Leslie Marshall, a Democratic Strategist, in her explanation of the situation indicates the Taliban will soon come to realize the challenges of running a country and “they will need money.” I wonder if she is implying that the Taliban will be approaching the US for funds. How low will this administration and others who support this President stoop to continue to exhibit their disdain for this country.

 The only action this man has perfected to any degree is turning his back on Americans. “Turn Your Back Biden” has since he has taken office turned his back to American countless times refusing to answer any question posed to him on Afghanistan. So numerous have these occurrences been that it is doubtful that he even realizes what he is doing by this show of rudeness. In some cultures, it is offensive for an individual to turn their back to someone. Even in the 2000 movie, “Gladiator”, the character Maximus was called out by the character Commodus, the Emperor, for turning his back to him. If it is considered rude in the movies to perform such an act, how much more so is it in reality? Biden is also recently shown taking a knee when the US Women Soccer team went to the White House in solidarity to support the team’s action of taking a knee during the 2020 Summer Olympic games held in Tokyo. Biden is the President of the United States for God sakes, and it is time he is called out for his improper and rude behavior towards Americans. Constantly checking your watch during the ceremony of receiving our 13 fallen heroes at Dover Air Force Base that arrived from Afghanistan is a complete insult to the memory of those in the flagged draped coffins and the families present. This should be more than enough evidence to show that Biden never has and never will consider Americans as important and significant as himself.

 Biden’s continued fall is one of the most disrespectful acts that any one person can be doing on a constant basis, and these are being performed by the President of the United States, how humiliating. The citizens of this country deserve far better from a President, and I am certain if those who voted for him in this last election were surveyed today, they would be asking for a refund of their vote. Can it be perceived that this President does not love this country? When you turn from addressing their actions to providing the enemy a place on the world stage of recognition while ignoring not only your citizens but our allies who sit back and see the failures, all have questions that need to be asked and answered but all he can do is turn his back. This action of Biden resembles one done by Bowe Bergdahl in 2009 when he deserted his post and walked away towards the Taliban while in Afghanistan. This was under the Obama-Biden administration.

 A recent article dated August 27, 2021, posted on the NY Times website by Joseph Wulfsohn details the exchange that occurred between Jen Psaki and Michael Shear, a NY Times correspondent. Shear asked Psaki a direct question concerning there are some Democrats who have expressed concerned over Biden’s actions of the withdrawal, Psaki snapped back in her normal sarcastic and condescending tone and said, “*It is easy to throw stones or be a critic from the outside.*” It is quite obvious that Psaki’s response follows the normal responses of the administration that questioning the actions of the administration is not welcomed and will be met as critics from the cheap seats. The people deserve complete, honest answers from those who were elected and subsequently, appointed to act as leaders. When actions exhibit lack of concern for American lives, then the people have the right to question their leaders no matter what this official distractor of the truth thinks. So, more controversial questioning of Psaki is warranted.

 “If the enemy of my enemy is my friend,” then what does that make the Taliban now to the Biden administration, a friend?? Surely not for they have been the major focus of this country since the events of September 11, 2001. In a telephone conversation between Biden and former Afghan President Asharf Ghani on July 23, Biden told Ghani the perception of how Afghanistan is handling the war needed to be changed even if it was not true. This instruction by Biden at that time in July acknowledges and confirms the fact that Biden knew that the Afghanistan army would not withstand and holdout a direct onslaught by the Taliban. Nevertheless, the withdrawal of the US leaving Americans behind and not communicating with our allies that the US was leaving is the biggest debacle by the US administration in modern times. The only person to be reprimanded so far is Lt. Colonel Stuart Scheller, a US Marine commander who lost his command for calling out the poor decisions of the US Military leaders on the withdrawal, he subsequently has resigned his commission. As all US Military leaders understand, the manner in how a military draws down its forces and leaves a campaign, is just as important as to how and why they entered the campaign. The pictures of Biden taking a knee in the White House and the cover picture from this NY Times article of Biden resting his head on his hands at the podium is the image the US now shows to our allies and enemies of North Korea, Russia, and China. They do not take us seriously anymore.

 Taking a victory lap by this President and administration on how this was the biggest airlift of people since the Berlin airlift is really showing a lack of focus and missing the mark completely as to why this evacuation had to take place. The emergency evacuation was solely due to the cause of the administration and its failure to operate a timely evacuation months prior. As this administration has laid down with the Taliban and refuses to call them the ‘enemy’, then the perception provided by Leslie Marshall indicates that the US will probably be confronted by the Taliban for assistance. If the Taliban wants money to operate the country, I suggest they need to reach out and contact Ashraf Ghani. He ran away to United Arab Emirates with $169 million. The US has given enough to this country.

 It is not that Biden does not get it it is he never had it. If “America is Back”, as Biden has been promoting for months then because of this defeatism in Afghanistan, then America is at the back of the class not at the head of the class as in years since World War II.