

Over the Horizon and Other Topics

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While this week's commentary covers several different topics they are all interrelated.

Over the horizon

During the Afghanistan debacle, Biden used the phrase "Over the Horizon" as our means for continued fighting against terrorists. The problem is that such a combat mode sounds very applicable until you look closely at what actually happens.

From a nautical perspective, if you are on a ship and look out at the sea, you will see where the sea meets the sky. This is the horizon line and you are able (maybe with assistance) see everything between you and the horizon line. The horizon line at sea-level is about 10 miles out from where you stand.

Since the earth is curved, you cannot see anything beyond the horizon line unless you gain elevation. The higher you go, the more you can see.



So what does Biden mean when he talks about "over the horizon capability?" Is he talking about 10 miles out along the Afghanistan border? Most of Afghanistan lies between 2,000 and 10,000 feet above sea-level with an average of 6,000 feet. With an average of 6,000 feet elevation, the horizon line is about 95 miles away. At 10,000 feet it is about 123 miles away.

Assuming a 10,000 ft elevation at the Afghan border, over the horizon military forces can be as close as 124 miles away.

Afghanistan is bordered by 6 nations, none of which is friendly to the US. The closest US forces now to Afghanistan are located several thousand miles away in the Middle East. Hence, there is no "over the horizon capability" as Biden asserts. Why, because the 6 nations surrounding Afghanistan would alert the Taliban and terrorists with sufficient time to prepare for any "over the horizon" attacks.

The addled mind

It is not surprising that many people believe that Biden is being managed by a "handler." In 1988 Biden suffered two brain aneurysms in different parts of his brain. According to the American Federation for Aging Research, Biden has a 79% chance of living through his current term as president. According to Dr. Richard Dupee, Tufts Medical Center, Biden's medical history makes him a prime candidate for vascular dementia or Alzheimer's disease. On more than one occasion we have seen Biden's inability to

deal with fast moving political and foreign relations issues with his addled brain. Not only has the public observed poor decision-making, but have also observed his off-the-wall political statements involving government overreach in the affairs of We, the People.

As Biden's ratings are dropping in the polls, Democrats are now questioning his ability to lead.

Given the above, it is no wonder that the public is starting to ask who is behind the "Manchurian Candidate" of a president.

Gitmo giveaway

In 2014, Obama exchanged 5 Taliban terrorists being held at Guantanamo Bay (Gitmo) in exchange for Bowe Bergdahl, an Army deserter serving in Afghanistan.

It is very conceivable that Biden may "trade" 1 to 35 of the Gitmo terrorist detainees for the Americans who were not able to evacuate Afghanistan.

Where have the people gone?

According to the Washington Post, from Aug. 14 to Aug. 30, the US military evacuated 120,000 people from Afghanistan. Of that number only 5,400 were Americans. It is unclear if the 54-hundred people were civilians or military personnel. Curiously there have been very few of these rescued Americans interviewed by the media. Under such circumstances it is questionable that this number is even remotely accurate.

Biden touted the rescue effort was the biggest rescue success in American history.

Withdrawal a success

As mentioned above, Biden called the withdrawal the biggest wartime success the US has ever had. On the other hand, the Secretary of Defense and Joint Chiefs of Staff call it a colossal strategic failure. It was more than that

The Afghanistan withdrawal, despite what others may think, had no successes. In other words the event was a total failure. To understand why it was a failure you need to understand the concept of military operations.

There are 6 stages to every military operation. The first three are listed here and the last three are at the bottom of this commentary.

	Trump	Biden
1. Vision	Both Trump and Biden had the vision to withdraw troops from Afghanistan.	
2. Mission	To withdraw all U.S. forces	To withdraw all U.S. forces

In February 2020 Trump had negotiated a withdrawal agreement with the Taliban to

withdraw troops from Afghanistan and a May 1, 2021 date for the final withdrawal.

However Trump was defeated in the 2020 presidential election and Biden vowed to undo everything Trump had done.

3. Goals	Withdraw troops by May 1, 2021	Withdraw all U.S. forces by Aug 31, 2021
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The military and intelligence agencies provided Biden with information to make an appropriate decision. From recent disclosures it appears that Biden, totally ignored the information and suggested actions and just stated the Aug 31 deadline.

On April 14, 2021 Biden announced his decision withdraw troops by Sept 11, 2021. However, on July 8, 2021, Biden moved the date up to Aug 31, leaving the military just shy of 8 weeks to develop plans for a major operation.

Although this new deadline was moved up by only 11 days, it radically changed the objectives, strategies and tactics that the military was developing. In other words, the military had to revise all of its plans to carry out the mission.

After Biden's announcement, the Taliban declared the date as a red line that would not be changed. Even though Biden would ask for an extension, the gutless, spineless president would not fight against the red line date. We saw in the Obama administration the lack of courage to enforce the red lines that Obama set.

In his entire career prior to being elected president, Biden never served on any of the armed services committees in Congress. He rejected the advice of the intelligence community and the Department of Defense regarding the withdrawal. While he did serve on the Committee on Foreign Relations, his past diplomacy efforts with other countries has been overwhelmingly fraught with disaster. Even as president, Biden has not been able to develop good relationships with our allies.

Given no military experience at all and being a diplomacy failure, Biden took it upon himself to know what was and is best for the American public. While the words he speaks may be considered eloquent by some, his actions are definitely deplorable to most Americans. Even Democrats are disgusted with Biden and his cowardly actions regarding national health, commerce and security.

Even though Biden calls this to be a great success, all it comes down to is that it was an evacuation of people. It was not a rescue! When you look at other evacuations around the world, even the number of people evacuating from Afghanistan, pales compared to many other evacuation.

Commander-in-Chief Failures

No Military Objectives Defined
Total Strategic Failure
No Tactics Carried Out