

# Is World War Three Coming?

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**"Cry 'Havoc!', and let slip the dogs of war".** Shakespeare

There is far too much saber rattling these days between Israel and Iran to be ignored or dismissed. Talk about igniting WWII is already in the air. In these already charged times, talk of this nature is most concerning.

In one way, it is good to have weak governments. Weak governments bend over backwards to keep their nations out of wars. Yet, in another way, it is terrible to have a weak government in the face of a strong opposition that seeks the destruction of that nation which is led by its weak government.

Prior to WWII, the world leader Britain, was led by such a weak government. It sought to avoid war and the appease its enemies. Yet, as Britain remained weak, it stood frozen before Hitler's Third Reich's growing might. Eventually, Britain's weakness came back to haunt it. It was dragged into WWII unprepared. Indeed, if not for the intervention of the United States in 1941, Britain most likely would have fallen to an eventual Nazi invasion. What would the world have looked like if the Nazis had won WWII is a vision most would never wish to contemplate.

So, are we today repeating history? Are we now in the days before WWII? Is the United States the great weak government frozen before the growing "Fourth Reich" of global, extreme Islamism? Are we facing today the same confusion that was faced in the United States prior to WWII?

Prior to WWII, there was a strong pro-German movement in the U.S. Indeed, there were many good, patriotic American citizens of German origins. Many supported Hitler, whereas many did not. Many supported Hitler culturally before he was exposed as a virulent enemy of the U.S. After the U.S. entered WWII, public popular support for Hitler among Americans of German descent declined rapidly.

Today we have a strong pro-Islam movement in the U.S. Indeed, there are many good, patriotic American citizens who practice the Islamic faith. Many of them today do not support Islamism, whereas many do. Many support Islamism religiously and do not see it as a direct military threat to the U.S. Now, what is going to happen, if and when, the U.S. is dragged into WWII? Will the American Muslim community rally around America, or will it rally around Islam, at the expense of America? This is a problem and a challenge that America is going to have to deal with.

Two years into WWII, Britain had its "tail" saved by the American intervention. Now, with WWII pending, who stands to intervene to assist America, if and when, like Britain before it, America is forced to face the consequences of tolerating such weakness and betrayal among its ranks?

The U.S. probably has the greatest arsenal of weapons in the world. China and Russia also each have a tremendous amount. And, although small in size, the arsenal and reach of the State of Israel should not be underestimated. Although the next world war might begin with the exclusive use of conventional weapons, it will not take long before either a terrorist force, or government, turns to the use of chemical, biological or nuclear weapons of mass destruction.

Once the first weapon of mass destruction is used, the door will be opened for them all to be used. Once this happens, casualties of WWIII will dwarf the casualties of WWII. In WWII, we lost 60 million. In WWIII, we might lose 6 billion.

With a world population now at 7 billion, the loss of 6 billion will be felt, and they will be missed, but no more than the 60 million after WWII. In other words, government WWIII planners (in the U.S., Iran, Israel, Russia, China and elsewhere) are already thinking ahead to the period of rebuilding after the war. They have already foreseen that even in the worse case scenario of total world collapse and destruction, there will still be enough of humanity left to rebuild, and in a few short decades, put all the troubles of pre-WWIII behind them.

The planners know that however bad the destruction of WWIII, the human race will survive and rebuild. They are thinking this way right now and are planning accordingly. This is why the hype and talk of WWIII is so dangerous.

Those preparing for WWIII know that in one way or another, they will survive it. They are willing to take a hit, on the chance of bettering their position in the post-war era. This is exactly what Hitler did with WWII. He gambled and lost. Certain world leaders are today, following in his footsteps, and are preparing to make the same gamble.

War is unpredictable at best. When Japan invaded Pearl Harbor, they thought that they could deliver a decisive blow to cripple the U.S. Navy in the Pacific and thus prevent any significant American intervention to Japanese expansion. Their gamble boomeranged on their heads and is best expressed by the legendary quote attributed to none other than Admiral Yamamoto who led the Japanese attack, *"I fear all we have done is to awaken a sleeping giant and fill him with a terrible resolve."*

If America is attacked, with something bigger and far more terrible than 9/11, America will have no choice but to respond in a way far more meaningful than to attack insignificant Iraq or Afghanistan. A nuclear terrorist attack on American soil is not out of the question, and neither is an all-out invasion by one of many of America's enemies.

If Israel is attacked, and its fundamental survival threatened, as we have seen with previous wars, Israel will strike with vicious resolve. If Iran were to launch a nuclear bomb, on or over Israel, Israel can retaliate by launching hundreds in retaliation against Iran. While Iran can wipe out half of Israel with one or two nuclear weapons, Israel can, in turn, wipe out more than half of Iran with its nuclear arsenal and totally destroy its oil-based economy, as well.

Don't think that war planners in both Tel Aviv and Tehran don't know this. This is why there is a stalemate at this moment. Yet, the first country to blink, and to launch a preliminary strike, will unleash "the dogs of war." And regardless of all the plans and all the secret agreements, in

war, Murphy's law rules supreme. If something can go wrong, it will go wrong, and in the worst way, and at the worst time. War is unpredictable, and while there will be survivors, there is no telling how heavy will be the casualties and how heavy will be the general losses.

If WWII were to break out in the Middle East between Israel and Iran, it is not inconceivable to think that both countries and almost all around them will be terribly devastated, possibly too devastated to be rebuilt in their present form.

If WWII were to break out in the Middle East, it is a sure bet that Iran will attack the United States and its allies other than Israel. Saudi Arabia and the other Arab states are American allies and they are just as much targets of the Iranian regime as are Israel and the U.S. If the U.S. is drawn into a war, rest assured that their European allies will follow in short order.

China may use the confusion as a pretense to occupy Taiwan, a long-held desire of theirs. America might then be faced with a second front having to defend a Pacific ally. China has no love for the Arab world, but neither do they have any love for the U.S. China is an up and coming world power who might want to use WWII to catapult itself into singular superpower status, just like the U.S. did after WWII. Countries like Australia have long feared a Chinese invasion, as has Japan. Under the cloud of a world war, these two nations would be in serious jeopardy of invasion. And both have defense pacts with nuclear allies. As for North Korea, who knows? North Korea is a "wild card" that cannot be underestimated.

What will Russia do in such a scenario? Time will tell, but many are watching the Russian bear and are very wary of its movements. If a nuclear war ever breaks out, rest assured that the large Russian nuclear arsenal will not lie back silent. Russia can be attacked by terrorists seeking to force their entry into any war. Indeed, there are those who claim that Russia has its own territorial interests, and axes to grind, if and when the world falls into upheaval, and a new world order is being carved out.

In WWII, the continental United States did not serve as the arena of combat. Most are convinced that in WWII combat and invasion will indeed hit these shores. The details of this are subject to much speculation. However, in light of the present unrest throughout the U.S. many predict that the U.S. could essentially collapse into civil war, and self-destruct into a number of break away republics, some more traditionally American, and others more radically different.

So, what does the future hold? No one knows! War is inevitable, all the major parties already know this and are making their plans. Yet, like the Scottish poet Robert Burns, said, "*the best laid plans of mice and men oft go awry.*" Even the best of plans become subject to the worst of forces, beyond anyone's control.

I do not see a good outcome of any war to come. In my opinion, the best way to win the next war would be not to fight it. Differences can be worked out. Yet, differences can only be worked out amongst strong and defiant partners, where one has good reason to fear attacking the other. Without the fear of terrible reprisal, there is no motivation for peace. Peace through strength works! And just in case it doesn't, victory through strength is the only way. No one has ever achieved victory through weakness.