Don't, Don't, Don't

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First it was Biden, then it was Russia, followed by China and many other countries who told Israel to "cool their heels," and act with restraint to exercise Israel's right to self defense.

Most of the world's population probably believes that such comments are being made with the hope that Israel will try to seek peaceful diplomatic solutions to Iran's unprovoked attack on Israel. Interestingly, such comments were not made with Russia's outright attack on Ukraine. Internationally, foreign leadership is calling for a de-escalation of hostilities between Israel and Iran. But are these comments truly a call for diplomacy and peace, or are they calls for something else that governments and people do not understand?

If we were to study world history, we would note that while the players and outcomes may change, the "events" however tend to be repeated. Israel's history of is fraught with conflict and war ever since the Jewish people settled in their promised land. <u>Numbers 34:1-12</u>, **Bible**, defines the gift of Israel that God promised his chosen people. But the Promised Land encompassed more than physical land. It is a promise of salvation, followed by entry into the eternal Promised Land – Heaven, providing God's commandments are followed.

From its inception, Israel and its people have cycled between freedom and slavery. They have been under the rule of Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome, Arab tribes, Fatimid, Seljuk Turks, Crusaders, Egypt, Ottoman Empire, Islamist groups, and others. Israel's history tells us that conflict will not end as long as terrorist groups, supported directly and indirectly from countries such as Iran, Yemen, and others, keep attacking the nation and its people.

But Israel's history does not tell us why Biden told Israel – "Don't," after Iran and its proxies recently attacked Israel with an excessive amount of missiles and drone bombers. The "why" of Biden's edict can be found in a microcosm view of situations similar to Israel's but not necessarily on the international stage.

We need to accept the fact that for centuries warring nations have colluded to attack a "common" enemy. We have also seen this behavior on a corporate and political level. In fact it even exists on the individual level. On an international level, we, meaning the "West" refer to such collusions as the "Axis Powers." During World War II, the Axis

Powers included Nazi Germany, Italy, and Japan. Today, Iran, Russia, China, North Korea, and their proxies (terrorist groups and other countries) have formed a coalition of cooperativeness to take down and defeat the "West."

The microcosm of the world stage can be found at the local level by exploring the relationships between gangs and the communities they reside in. The outcomes of studies on gang psychology simply reinforce common sense and thought, and historical annotations.

Every gang starts with one individual with a propensity of wanting to harm, humiliate, and/or control those who are perceived as smaller, weaker, appears vulnerable. Such individuals attract others of the same ilk and a gang is formed. When a gang moves into a neighborhood, the local residents become fearful of retaliation if they go against the gang. In other words, the residents become cowards with their tails between their legs, when in fact the real cowards are the bullies.

When someone in that community decides that enough is enough and is willing to stand up against the gang, the other residents, implore him/her not to do anything. These other residents fear retaliation by the gang, thus Biden's cowardly "**Don't!**"

Pure Element 5, an Australian website lists 17 signs of a "complete coward." (https://pureelement5.com/17-signs-you-are-dealing-with-a-complete-coward/)

How many of these signs apply to Biden?

Cowards:	
Fear honesty	Minimize your feelings
Avoid strong people	Argues about the argument
Pretend they don't know	Guilt tripping and pity stories
Take the easy way out	Spend too much time "getting ready"
Take advantage of others	Mental clutter keeps them from noticing
Focus on distractions and chaos	Are a massive drama queen
Are master manipulators	Constantly blame others
Do not apologize	Are closed-minded
Refuse to balance head and heart	

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"We can easily forgive a child who is afraid if the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light."

Plato