

# History Repeats Itself

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Some readers may be familiar with George Santayana's famous aphorism arguing that ***"Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."*** Since the second half of the 20th Century, the *"Democrat leadership"* has consisted of individuals who were frequently condemned to repeat past disasters after failing to learn from history.

Just as the *"Democrat"* Party today controls both Houses of Congress and the White House, they also controlled these two branches of government during the Carter Administration from 1977 until 1981. The common denominator between these two *"Democrat"* Administrations has been **weakness and equivocation**, which precipitated the failed presidencies of both.

Weakness and vacillation defined the Carter Administration, conveying a clear message to our friends and enemies that America had lost its resolve to lead the West's efforts to **contain Russian expansionism**. Recognizing this lack of will, the Soviet Army invaded neighboring Afghanistan in 1979, where it executed the central government and installed a puppet regime friendly to the USSR. Likewise, Putin's Russian Federation is currently attempting a similar invasion of the Ukraine owing to the weakness, incompetence and vacillation of the Biden Administration.

Similarly, many of the 1.9 Million foreign nationals who took advantage of the Biden Administration's *"open borders"* immigration policy -- and illegally crossed our southern border in 2021 -- are **criminals released from foreign prisons** who were encouraged to immigrate to the U.S. America has become a dumping ground for the undesirable criminal

element of Latin Nations. This mirrors the late 1970s, when Castro took advantage of a confused and ineffectual Carter Administration to open his jails and send America 150,000 dangerous criminals in what was termed the "*Marief Boatlift*."

Likewise, "*Democrats*" declared a "**war on energy**" in the 1970s, just as they've done today. Carter's "*Democrats*" waged war on oil companies by assessing a "*Windfall Profits Tax*" and imposing vast new regulations on the oil industry. (They also effectively ended the construction of nuclear power plants.) This caused petroleum products to spike in price, while bureaucratic incompetence precipitated long gas lines all across the nation in 1979. Meanwhile, Biden and his "*Democrats*" have recently precipitated a similar disaster: they cancelled the *Keystone XL Pipeline* from Canada and prohibited further oil and gas exploration on federal lands. This has doubled gasoline prices and ended the U.S. energy independence that was achieved during the Trump Administration only a year earlier.

Moreover, profligate federal spending during Carter's and Biden's Administrations resulted not only in the waste of federal tax revenues, it generated nearly **unprecedented levels of inflation**, eroding the savings of working people and robbing them of the dollar's purchasing power. During the Carter Administration, inflation continued to grow until it reached a *Consumer Price Index* above 13%, while Biden's current *Wholesale Price Index* is at 10%, with double-digit inflation an absolute certainty. (Meanwhile, Biden and his "*economists*" claim that reducing inflation will require even **greater** federal spending!)

Finally, in 1978, the Carter Administration made no effort to oppose the Soviet ***Trans-Siberian Pipeline*** intended to deliver natural gas to Western European nations such as Germany. Serious people recognized that the Soviets would eventually **manipulate it to divide NATO** by blackmailing Germany and other NATO countries using their dependence on Soviet

gas as leverage. This concern has come to full fruition with Russia's ***Nord Stream Pipeline***, which Donald Trump **OPPOSED AND SANCTIONED** as president, but Joe Biden **APPROVED**. Dependence on Russian natural gas clearly explains Germany's initial, squeamish refusal to offer assistance to the Ukraine after it was brutally invaded by Putin's Army in late February of 2022.

**As President Trump would later do, the adults in the Reagan Administration opposed Soviet plans to build the "Trans-Siberian" natural gas pipeline, AND THEN ACTUALLY DID SOMETHING ABOUT IT! Reagan's intelligence community set up "dummy" corporations to clandestinely sell gas-pumping turbines to the Soviets containing design flaws, causing them to explode and burn once they were installed. Not only did this slow the construction of the Trans-Siberian pipeline, it also drained the Soviets of vast amounts of hard currency used to purchase those turbines.** (Peter Schweizer. ***Victory: The Reagan Administration's Secret Strategy that Hastened the Collapse of the Soviet Union***. Atlantic Monthly Press, 1994.)

The weakness and equivocation that defined the Carter and Biden Administrations have been the cause of the many disasters that have befallen them both. Sadly, Biden and his administration consist of the very same kinds of arrogant, radical, foolish and disloyal incompetents that staffed the Carter Administration. Consequently, few if any were able to learn from their predecessors in Carter's Administration, and so quickly precipitated many of the same disasters.