

Make no mistake: some nations are working against us, trying to reshape the global system in a way that pushes America to the sidelines. If they don't like our methods, we may have to let them walk—and endure some real discomfort while they learn the cost of that choice.

But here's the harder truth: not every threat is foreign. A deeper issue lies within. There are Americans who don't want to endure, who don't want to sacrifice or wait. They just want the payout—the comfort, the stimulus, the shortcut. No discipline, no understanding, and no desire to gain either. They've been trained to expect ease, and anything that challenges that is seen as unfair or oppressive.

That mindset is dangerous. Because no matter how strong a nation is on paper, it crumbles from within when its people lose character. If we're going to stand through the pressure from abroad, we need resolve at home. We need leaders who tell the truth, and citizens who are willing to face it.

Comfort can be a trap. And if we're not careful, the desire for ease will sell out the very things that once made this country worth fighting for.

