## **Putin Knows Biden Is Weak**

President Biden's virtual meeting Tuesday with Russian President Vladimir Putin might be thought of as a final check-up before Russian troops invade Ukraine. Biden has displayed nothing but weakness since taking office. Even his threats of "consequences" sound weak. The president of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelensky, sounded bolder than the U.S. president when he threatened to "derail" any invasion of his country by Russian forces.

Look how different the world appears after Donald Trump left office. Biden ordered a precipitous withdrawal from Afghanistan and all the administration could do is brag about what an efficient job it did in moving so many troops out so quickly, despite the 13 U.S. service members killed in the last days and the translators and Americans left behind.

China for the first time is building a naval base in the Atlantic Ocean, off the African coast. Beijing is also ratcheting up military flights over Taiwan and again threatening to invade the democratic island nation. Biden's response is to announce that he will not send government officials to the 2022 Beijing Olympics. That isn't likely to put fear into the heart of President Xi Jinping.

Iran appears to be proceeding with its program to build nuclear weapons. Why shouldn't it, given the belief by the religious regime that Allah wants them to have one in pursuit of the destruction of Israel and eventually the "great Satan," which would be America.

As a Wall Street Journal editorial accurately put it: "The Biden administration's problem is that it came into office believing that the main threat to world stability was Donald Trump." The editorial adds: "China is buying Iranian oil in violation of U.S. sanctions, but the U.S. is also doing little about that. (A) Biden official said that was best handled 'diplomatically' and that the President had taken it up directly with Chinese President Xi Jinping. Mr. Biden weakened Mr. Trump's maximum pressure campaign against Iran's nuclear program and has put nothing but diplomatic entreaties in its place."

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