

America Alone

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In *America Alone*, Steyn points out that Western countries are literally dying as they do not have birthrates high enough to replace older citizens as they die every year. On the other hand, countries with the highest growth rate are ones with large Muslim communities; they are also some of the youngest societies.

Steyn also makes it clear that many of this growing minority does not want to integrate but rather segregate itself in the host country, preferring Sharia law to the laws of the land. Of course, this situation is self-inflicted whether it be by Western leaders always making Muslims out to be victims even in the face of Islamist attacks like 9/11 & 7/7 (and rushing to Mosques rather than to the families of the victims), or by the self-defeating drive for multiculturalism and the bloated welfare state. This is far more advanced in Europe, especially on the Continent, than it is in the US. Yet there are Americans on the left who look to Europe for their ideas on society, culture and inter-faith community relations.

The book is a testament to the lack of will in the West to confront Islamism wherever it raises its head. However, Steyn does not merely bleat about the state of affairs but liberally peppers the book with his wry, direct humor. This is a sobering tome that does not merely state the bleeding obvious in a prediction of doom - it also offers solutions to the problems facing the West. In fact he has a list of 10 suggestions to help Islam reform itself. For instance, he suggests that we should "Cease bankrolling unreformable oil dictatorships by a long overdue reform of the energy industry."

America Alone is a wake up call for America and it is a must read for all Americans.

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