

U.S. Sen. Johnson: President Biden blames others for debacle, but he is its root cause

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OSHKOSH — On Monday, U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.), member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, released the following statement regarding President Biden's remarks on Afghanistan:

"As Obama administration defense secretary Robert Gates said, Joe Biden 'has been wrong on nearly every major foreign policy and national security issue over the past four decades.' The first six months of this administration has been one disaster after the other: The border crisis, out-of-control deficit spending and inflation, cancellation of the Keystone XL pipeline and the union job losses and rising gas prices that followed, conceding completion of the Nord Stream II pipeline to Russia, begging Iran to come back to the negotiating table to double down on a really bad deal, refocusing our military on wokeness instead of readiness, and, now, the unmitigated disaster in Afghanistan. There might have been a way to withdraw - this obviously isn't it.

"It is shocking to witness the stunning collapse and growing chaos, and the predictable public executions, subjugation of women, and flourishing of terrorist groups in Afghanistan will likely soon follow. Scenes of desperation at the Kabul airport are heartbreaking, especially for those who served and sacrificed to prevent this from happening. President Biden claims to stand squarely behind his decision, but then blames others for a situation he inherited. Once again, President Biden is the root cause of this debacle. This didn't just happen, President Biden and his team created this disaster."