

U.S. Rep. Gallagher: Says failure to stand up to Tehran will further damage American deterrence

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – Rep. Mike Gallagher (R-WI) today slammed the Biden Administration for pinning its failures with Iran on the Trump Administration and warned that failure to stand up to the terrorists in Tehran will further damage American deterrence.

In a video, Gallagher said, “When it comes to Iran, and when it comes to a lot of issues around the world, the Biden team seems to believe that diplomacy is an end, in and of itself. It’s like they want to live in this Model UN world where everything is solved with sternly worded press releases and diplomatic deals in Geneva. And unfortunately, that’s not the world we live in. Davos is not the real world. We live in a world where — or at least in certain parts of that world — where hard power is still paramount. And if you’re not willing to fight, if you don’t have a credible military deterrent, your enemies are going to walk all over you.”

Watch the congressman’s video [HERE](#) or read the full transcript below:

"In President Biden's Inaugural Address almost one year ago to the day, he said, 'Today, on this January day, my whole soul is in this — bringing America together, uniting our people.'

"Now, Biden has had many critics lately, but this week, he took a huge step forward in fulfilling that promise and uniting the country against himself and his agenda. I mean, the latest polling numbers show almost 70% of Americans do not approve of the job that Biden is doing. It is very difficult to unite 70% of Americans around the idea that the sky is blue. But yet, Biden has done the impossible. And whether it's the disgraceful retreat in Afghanistan, whether it is the complete failure to shut down the pandemic, whether it is these pernicious lies about voting rights, just complete gaslighting on display, he has given Americans something they can all agree upon, which is that he has failed the commander in chief test.

"So now the question I think all Americans have to ask themselves now is will President Biden do what is necessary to turn this thing around and start governing from the center, as opposed to governing from the radical Twitter obsessed left. Or are Biden's handlers so entrenched in their delusional self-regard that they can't admit that they've been wrong? If that's the case, then this can actually get worse. I genuinely hope that's not the case. As I said on Friday, I think it's in the interest of all Americans to have a strong, sharp, energetic president, regardless of which party he or she belongs to. We don't have that right now. And that's a problem. And I fear that emerging crises are going to further test this feeble, confused administration.

"It's not just with the Russia conflict, which is on the forefront of everyone's mind. It's not just with sort of the looming competition with China. I'm also particularly worried about Iran. There's a lot of gloating going on right now in the Iranian press by their officials, which suggests that something is coming. And my guess is we're going to see some sort of interim agreement, which the administration has floated. You can imagine they agree to stop 60% enrichment or something, and we pay them a lot of blood money in return, which would be a total cave. But you can bet that whenever the Iranians are bragging, and our side hides behind these phrases like, "many details remain to be decided." It's time to hide your wallet.

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"As I said on Friday, we may have witnessed the collapse of the Biden presidency. But in the coming weeks, especially with Iran, I just hope we don't see the complete collapse of American deterrence."