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As this issue goes to print, the war between al-Qaeda and the United States is beginning to take a back seat to the debate between the Administration and Congress. Unfortunately, the loser is America itself.

There is an audience out there watching this American debate. It is made up of al-Qaeda, Hezbollah, and Iran. It is also composed of Russia and China. And then there are those who have cast their lot with us. They too are watching, but for very different reasons.

Our internal bickering sends a clear message to both. It emboldens the former, and discourages the latter.

All of which begs the question: what would it mean to lose?

Every day, our media bombard us with images of death and carnage. Yet seldom is there a reference to the reasons we are engaged in this war. And never is there any mention of the potential consequences of our failure.

During the first and second World Wars, we had a clear understanding of the nature of "the Hun" and the Nazis, and we knew what would happen if they were to succeed. Not so now. It has become politically incorrect to portray the enemy as barbaric, even though the consequences of our failure in the fight against radical Islam would have consequences at least as grave as those posed by the "Huns" and even the Nazis in their day.

Yet how can we expect people to sacrifice if we don't put a face on what it is we are trying to prevent from happening? Once we do, we will learn whether America will rise to the occasion, or if we—not willing to fight for any reason—are well and truly doomed.

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