
WORLD ORDER AND DOUBLE STANDARDS

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For the second dramatic year in a row, the world's political system has rocked and shaken on its axis. Even before the Cold War was finally interred, a major new challenge to world order had opened up in the Persian Gulf, and the whole world was scrambling to design and maintain an appropriate response. This second "year of living dangerously" at the global level has revealed how primitive is both our understanding of world order and our institutions for managing it. We must wind down the Cold War, deal seriously with conflict and arms races outside the East-West arena, and seek a more coherent definition and ideal of international and world order.

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