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Civilized society under threat from callousness

In these contentious times, many Americans are suffering a disorienting assault on our sense of reason, justice and empathy. It is not an exaggeration to suggest that we are experiencing a national epidemic of ruthlessness, a disheartening depletion of kindness and compassion.

Our anguish is intensified by reports of hundreds-of-thousands of innocent lives being ruined, aided by the sanctimonious corroboration of U.S. officials who deliver massive misery by supplying lethal weapons while withholding crucial life-support, and thousands of immigrants being illegally abducted, beaten and deported by unidentified masked teams outfitted with military-grade weapons and combat equipment.

The majority of us not yet physically threatened are endangered by the risk of becoming callous to the escalating upheaval of civil society. If complacent, we bear the added burden of shame for passively supporting unlawful and immoral government-authorized cruelty.

Instead of this horror being a deranged nightmare from which we escape upon awakening, this summer's reality has itself become the agitated nightmare, permeating daily life with a dreadful delirium.

These circumstances impose an unprecedented challenge on our sense of purpose, requiring resolute commitment to restoring the common good. This can only be achieved by uniting with others sharing the obligation to honor human rights by expressing opposition to such abuses. Non-violent opposition, whether through participation in public demonstrations, writing letters to editors or voicing concerns with elected officials, is essential to reestablishing humanitarian principles by honoring the rule of law.

Upholding these principles is vital to the future of civilized society, now profoundly threatened.

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