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NEW WORLD DISORDER: The Decline of U.S. Power

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The political and economic crises that rage around the world cannot be attributed to simply a “great recession” The global system is in a deep crisis that has appeared historically again and again. David Ranney lays out the source of this “new world disorder” and explains its historical precedents. He then raises critical questions about the future. Players around the world are lining up to knock the U.S. out of its self-proclaimed position as “the most powerful nation on earth.” What are some possible outcomes? Are we doomed to live through a long period of narrow political bickering, a deteriorating environment, declining living standards, permanent war, and government surveillance? Will super global corporations enforce a new and possibly brutal form of capitalism that is removed from the reach of any particular government? Will we see the frightening emergence of 21st Century fascism? Or will we find a way toward a global system based on liberty, equality and environmental sustainability that aims to meet the needs of humanity and the planet?

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