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EDITOR'S NOTE

WHO SHAPES THE GULF?

The world is going through a period of major change. Global powers are competing for influence, traditional alliances are under pressure, and nations are finding it harder to balance their interests with changing geopolitical realities.

Our November edition, "Who Shapes the Gulf?", examines the changing balance of power in the Gulf following regional conflicts, shifting partnerships and growing competition among major powers.

Beyond the Gulf, this edition explores the challenges facing the Commonwealth, China's growing strategic influence, ASEAN's regional importance and the changing nature of modern warfare.

We also examine India's efforts to maintain strategic independence through multiple partnerships, the challenges of energy security, and the growing influence of climate diplomacy and emerging technologies, particularly quantum computing.

Together, these articles highlight a simple reality: military strength alone no longer determines global influence. Economic resilience, technological progress, diplomatic relationships and the ability to adapt are equally important.

At The News Analytics Herald, our aim remains to provide balanced analysis, informed perspectives and a clearer understanding of global developments.

As the world becomes more uncertain, understanding how nations protect their interests and shape the future matters more than ever.

Jai Hind!

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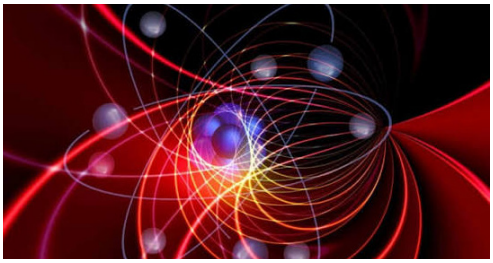

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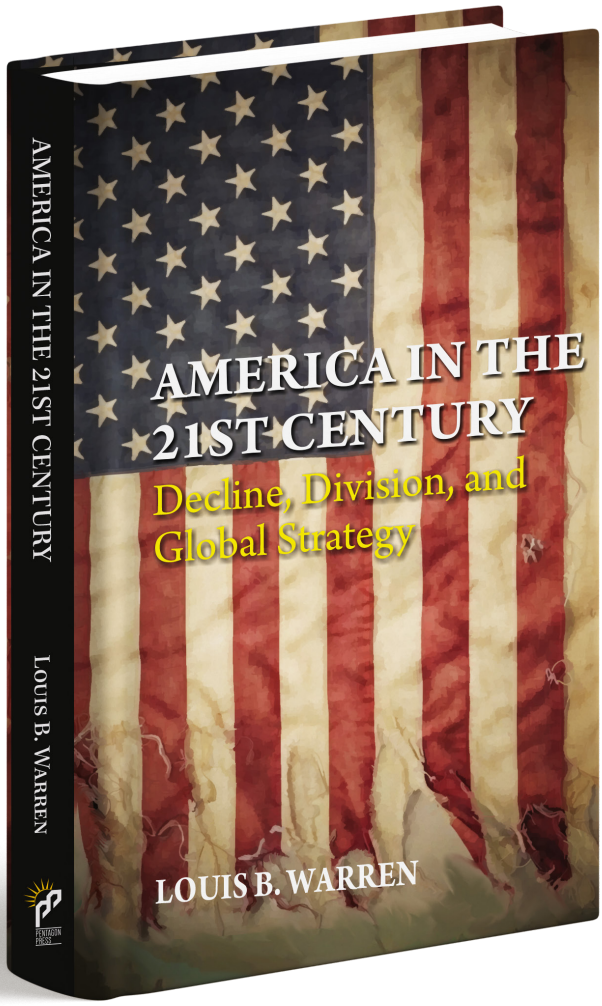

AMERICA IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Decline, Division, and Global Strategy

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Louis B. Warren's *America in the 21st Century* asks a question with consequences far beyond Washington: can the United States sustain international leadership while its domestic political consensus weakens? Written from the perspective of a former American diplomat and naval officer, this book links America's internal divisions to the erosion of its once-unquestioned global dominance.

Warren begins with the transition from the post-Cold War unipolar moment to a more contested international system. China's industrial and technological ascent, Russia's strategic challenge and the erosion of long-held assumptions about globalisation form the external backdrop. Yet his deeper concern is domestic: political polarisation, cultural conflict, institutional distrust and the influence of technology companies on public life.

The book traces the origins of contemporary ideological disputes,

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> **America's strategic credibility abroad is increasingly tied to its ability to restore political coherence at home.**

the Vietnam War's lasting political effects, the rise of Donald Trump and the policies of the Biden administration. It then examines the second Trump presidency, including tariffs, alliances, defence priorities and the United States' approach to Europe and the Middle East. Warren argues that sharp reversals between administrations complicate long-term strategy and weaken confidence among partners.

His strongest contribution is the connection he draws between internal political stability and external strategic credibility. The chapters on defence, foreign policy and the movement towards multipolarity offer a useful framework for readers concerned with the future of American power. Warren's experience in diplomacy gives particular weight to his discussion of how allies and competitors interpret Washington's choices.

The book is also unmistakably interpretative. Warren openly describes his standpoint as moderately conservative. Some judgements about political opponents, social movements and presidential decisions are expressed with greater certainty than the supporting analysis warrants. Readers should distinguish the author's assessments from settled historical conclusions. This is not a detached textbook, but an informed and frequently forceful argument about American decline and possible renewal.

For India, the subject is immediate. New Delhi must work with Washington on technology, defence and Indo-Pacific security while preserving room for independent decisions on trade, energy and relations with other major powers. American political volatility can complicate precisely those long-term partnerships on which strategic planning depends.

Warren's account is valuable because it encourages Indian readers to look beyond individual US presidents and examine the domestic pressures shaping American foreign policy. Its conclusions invite debate, but its central warning is difficult to dismiss: a country's influence abroad ultimately depends, in part, on its capacity to govern coherently at home.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Louis B. Warren brings decades of experience in military affairs, diplomacy and international economics. A Harvard graduate and former US Navy officer, he spent nearly three decades in the US Foreign Service, serving across Asia, the Middle East and North Africa. His appointments included Economic Counsellor in New Delhi, Consul-General in Mumbai and senior Washington roles involving nuclear non-proliferation, strategic technologies and development finance. His professional experience informs this assessment of America's political divisions and changing global position.

TNH TAKE

A provocative insider-informed assessment of America's domestic strains and changing global role. Its strongest insight is the connection between political cohesion and strategic credibility; its sharper partisan judgements deserve critical reading. For India, the book helps explain why partnership with Washington must be both ambitious and carefully calibrated.

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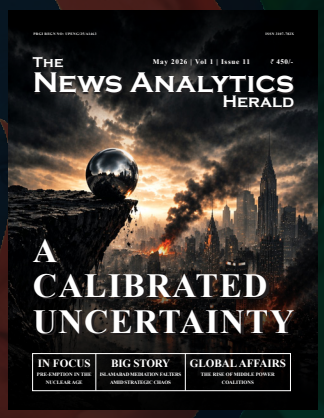

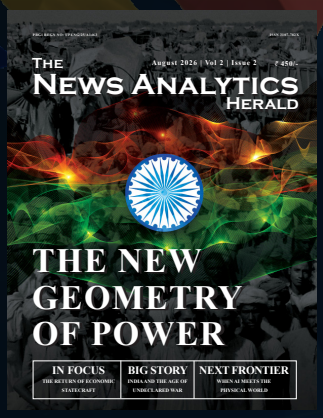

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