

AG Barr Reveals Biggest Threat To 2020 Election, And It's Not Russia

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In a wide-ranging interview with Fox News' Laura Ingraham last week, Attorney General William Barr discussed, among other topics, threats to the upcoming November election.

Barr, along with U.S. Attorney John Durham, already know that there was a threat to the last presidential election, but it came from within: The FBI's fabricated "Crossfire Hurricane" 'counterintelligence' operation in which James Comey, no doubt with President Obama's full knowledge and permission, sought to undermine then-GOP nominee Donald Trump's campaign.

The fabrication was that the Trump camp was working in conjunction with Mother Russia to "steal the election" from Hillary Clinton. It was a hoax and thinking, rational people know that now.

But in 2020, Barr doesn't see the same kind of internal threat to the campaign of Trump's political rival. And he doesn't see Moscow as posing much of a real threat, either.

Rather, he says China is our biggest concern.

"In my opinion, it's China. And not just to the election process, but I think across the board there is simply no comparison. China is a very serious threat to the United States geopolitical-ly, economically, militarily and a threat to our institutions given their ability to influence things," he told Ingraham.

The Washington Times adds:

The attorney general said the Justice Department is working to crackdown on Chinese intellectual property theft. Companies across the United States have

complained that the secrets to their top technology have been pilfered by Chinese spies.

He said some companies that do work in China are seeking a short-term economic gain at the expense of national security.

“A lot of American businesses just for short-term profit ... they know over the long run it’s not going to be a long-term benefit to their business, but just for short-term gain they are perhaps not doing what is necessary in the long-term interest of the United States,” he said.

As for the rising China threat, the Pentagon has been tracking it for a few years now. And in February, Defense Secretary Mark Esper told the House Armed Services Committee the Pentagon’s “highest priority remains China, as its government continues to use — and misuse — its diplomatic, economic and military strength to attempt to alter the landscape of power and reshape the world in its favor, often at the expense of others.”

In particular, China is investing heavily in military modernization and especially in areas of space, cyberspace, undersea warfare, electronic warfare, and long-range missiles as well as upgraded submarine capabilities.

“What is most troubling is that China is pursuing these objectives by any means necessary, including forced technology transfer, intellectual property theft, cyber espionage and commercial acquisitions,” Esper said.

“Once Beijing obtains and develops these technologies, it leverages them to intimidate or coerce smaller states, while simultaneously narrowing the United States’ competitive advantage.”

As for Russia, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, which oversees all 17 U.S. intelligence agencies, has said it doesn’t appear as though Moscow has picked a side.

“The IC has not concluded that the Kremlin is directly aiding any candidate’s reelection ... nor have we concluded that the Russians will definitely choose to try to do so in 2020,” the ODNI said, the Washington Examiner reported.

The intelligence office also named addition threats, including China.

“This is not a Russia-only problem. China, Iran, other countries like North Korea and Cuba, and non-state actors all have the opportunity, means, and potential motive to interfere in the 2020 elections as a way to achieve their goals,” the office said in a statement.