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The video has analyzed the book "Exit from Hegemony" by Daniel Nexon and Alexander Cooley. My biggest takeaway from the video is how the authors utilized an erudite theory to explore how the international order is undermined and the breakdown of how the order contestation is done. This has come to the attention that the current world has put the liberal order developed by the United States is under amplified challenges. Countries have emerged and are now focusing on power transitions hence working to eliminate the United States. For instance, countries such as China have focused on the small countries securing their economic and political dominance and controlling the state over others.

The United States needs to understand the fundamentals that make them exit from hegemony. As stated in the Reimagining World Order (2020), the United States exits from dominance in three different ways. The first way is through the great-power challenges which come from above. Powerful countries are emerging, such as China and Russia, and aim for the order, thus aligning themselves as progressive powers by developing different regional foundations and eliminating counter-values. The second method of transforming the international order is where weaker states are moving out of the order and looking for support and security from countries that are not in the order. This has made those countries such as China obtain relevancy and create a partnership with the weaker nations. Hence, the countries' increased associations will not have similar liberal economic and political situations like the ones engaging with the United States and their democratic associates. Finally, is the counter-order drive. This exit method comes from the United States and their partners because they stress illiberalism and patriotism, thus causing anti-authoritarian liberal global systems problems.

The United States has had unrivaled power for several years through liberal democracy. However, there is increased power reposition and contestation that make the American administration counterattacked and challenged. The challenge of liberal dogma that reinforces its plan to maintain international associations, security and standardized interest does not require great-power war. The challenge has made the world to be less liberal and hence less American. These exits are causing significant influence that may result in history repeating itself because the weak countries continue to seek security through obtaining partnerships with those nonordered countries like China. The United States is facing substantial challenges of power overturn. More economic and political aspects that the United States has enjoyed are taken away.

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