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US plays policeman of the world: Former US Senator

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"All you have got to do is just to travel around the world and you realize the amount of hatred that Americans are incurring as a result of wantonly feeling that we're the policeman of the world and we can go kill, subjugate and intimidate anybody in the world," said former US Senator Mike Gravel.

The ex-diplomat added that Washington has lost the ability to "morally participate in world affairs" amid global condemnation over its aggressive foreign policies, particularly concerning its illegal drone program.

"The use of drones and this change of morality that the American leadership has experienced is the change of morality that we experienced with the use of atomic bombs," Gravel said.

The former Congressional representative cautioned Washington for what may prove to be the "greatest problem for the United States that we have ever had because we go around the world killing people arbitrarily - I say arbitrarily because all you have to do is to have some bureaucrats in government make the charge and that person's life is forfeit."

"You are going to find that the back draft on what we're doing is going to create more terror, put more Americans at risk than if we paid attention to our own defense, rather than being around the world with our 700 plus bases, that we feel threatened by people who dislike us," Gravel said.

The United States must "withdraw from these parts of the world and let these people and these various countries address and solve their own problems, rather than thinking that we can intimidate and kill them into submission to our will as the American empire," Gravel concluded.	