

Five years later, are we any safer?

We are approaching the five-year anniversary of 9/11. With midterm elections on the horizon, we are being told that any candidate who is a Democrat will not protect us from terrorism. Meanwhile, the infrastructure of our country is in disrepair.

The oil pipeline in Alaska is deteriorating, and little is being done to look for alternative energy sources. Our public education system needs restructuring to deal with the influx of immigrants who need to learn our language, jobs that pay a living wage are scarce for our young college graduates and tax breaks are given to the wealthiest while the national debt is at an all-time high and growing every second. The list goes on.

The diversion is the escalating unrest in the Middle East. The facts are we are not safer, our country is getting weaker from within and it is time for a change in the leadership. Fear-mongering does not change the facts, and the real issues that need attention are being swept away by the politics of fear.

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