

San Francisco Crony Corruption Destroys City By The Bay

San Francisco locals say the city is still suffering from a drug and **homelessness** crisis despite the new mayor's crackdown on **crime**.

Mayor Daniel Lurie took office in 2025 and promised to run San Francisco in a common-sense, centrist way after years of **woke** excesses saw the **quality of life slump**.

Eighteen months later, residents insist that the city is still crumbling due to **rampant drug use and out-of-control homelessness**.

'The reason we have a homelessness epidemic is that, essentially, progressives got it in their heads that the incentives for good behavior and the consequences for bad behavior were bad,' journalist and author Michael Shellenberger recently told **NewsNation**.

Host Bill O'Reilly interviewed former Mayor Willie Brown and other activists fighting to change the city for a special called The Decline and Fall of San Francisco that is set to air at 9pm ET on Thursday.

In his first **year as mayor**, Lurie has reportedly decreased crime by 40 percent in Union Square and the Financial District.

However, overdose deaths in the city hit nearly 600 in 2025, according to the Medical Examiner's Office.

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'San Francisco **has an organized drug dealing problem.** It's mostly undocumented immigrants from Honduras that are brought up here by the cartels to sell drugs on our streets,' Wolf said.

'They control about 95 percent of the drug trade on the streets right now throughout the city.'

Wolf said that drug dealers are armed with 'guns, knives, machetes, whatever you can think of.'

'They used to have baseball bats and steel poles stashed around the corner next trees and all that. But these days, because everything is so much more volatile, most of them have guns,' he said.

In February, it was revealed that a 'dream team' of influential California power brokers had been meeting to find ways of rebranding San Francisco's crumbling reputation.

The movement, code-named SF Identity, has been spearheaded by Lurie as a plan of action to improve the city's image.

Quiet meetings with the likes of philanthropist Laurene Powell Jobs, former Apple designer Jony Ive and Gap CEO Richard Dickson have taken place over the last couple of months.

It comes as business owners say the rampant drug use and homelessness has driven away foot traffic and prompted their decision to shut up shop.



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Lurie announced his 'Heart of the City' directive in September, which aimed 'to turn San Francisco's downtown into a vibrant neighborhood where people live, work, play, and learn'.

He leveraged more than \$40 million to support clean, safe streets, public spaces and support small businesses.

'To continue accelerating downtown's comeback, we are prioritizing safe and clean streets, supporting small businesses, drawing new universities to San Francisco, and activating our public spaces with new parks and entertainment zones—all while mobilizing private investment to help us achieve results,' said Lurie in a statement on his initiative.

'We have a lot of work to do, but the heart of our city is beating once again.'