

Obama's brilliance opened the Middle East to Putin

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According to Barack Hussein Obama and his lackeys, our president is so brilliant that even his colossal foreign policy flops vindicate his genius.

On the CBS News magazine "60 Minutes," Steve Kroft asked Obama about the total failure of his Syrian strategy's centerpiece. The plan was to spend a half-billion dollars training and equipping 5,000 crack soldiers who would then overthrow the Syrian dictator, Bashar Assad, all the while holding off the revolution's more radical elements, such as the Islamic State. In the end, the scheme only trained about 50 recruits. And most of them are either dead or have defected to the Islamic State, taking with them their U.S.-provided equipment.

Obama answered, "Steve, this is why I've been skeptical from the get-go about the notion that we were going to effectively create this proxy army inside of Syria."

The scheme wasted \$500 million and ended up delivering weapons to the enemy. But Obama would have us believe that he knew that it would fail all along, and so his brilliance was proven right again.

What a guy! Aren't we lucky to have him?

Obama and his entire administration have been in delusional overdrive lately. For generations a central goal of U.S. foreign policy was to keep Russia out of the Persian Gulf. During World War II, Stalin had his eye on seizing the gulf and its oil. The U.S. and Great Britain didn't just have to beat the Nazis, we had to simultaneously prevent our "ally" from seizing the world's greatest known oil reserves.

Obama's reluctance to exercise America's civilizing influence in the region has left a vacuum that Vladimir Putin has eagerly filled. We now have Russian, Iranian and Syrian armies fighting alongside each other against the violent, radical Islamic State.

From the start, Obama considered America's calming influence in the Middle East to be a manifestation of our arrogance. But since Obama withdrew American influence from the region, the Middle East has descended into a chaos not seen for generations.

But this too is proof of Obama's brilliance!

According to Obama's State Department, Russia's intervention proves that Obama was right once again. During a meeting with concerned Syrian-American advocates, Obama's Special Envoy for Syria Michael Ratney explained that the "Russians wouldn't have to help Assad if we didn't weaken him."

According to the Daily Beast, the explanation of Obama's brilliance shocked the room into silence. One of those who heard this lecture explained that "the U.S. should not take Russian intervention as a sign that their policy to weaken Assad has been a success. Instead, it shows that we have not been able to lead and our half-measures have led the Russians to believe there are no consequences to attacking our allies and helping Assad kill and displace civilians."

When Kroft inquired of Obama's surrender of Middle East leadership to Putin, Obama dismissed it as inconsequential. "My definition of leadership would be leading on climate change, an international accord that potentially we'll get in Paris."

For some reason, I'm reminded of Charlie Sheen: "Duh! Winning!"

Earlier this week, Obama's National Security Advisor, Susan Rice, tried to bolster Obama's case arguing that global warming started the Syrian civil war in the first place. She called global warming "an advancing menace" that would destabilize other parts of the world.

Even Iraq, with which we had a good working relationship until Obama took office, is now coordinating its defense with Russia and Iran. Russia has now gained influence in two major Persian Gulf countries. Franklin Roosevelt must be spinning in his grave. And Stalin must be gnashing his teeth because he didn't have such a malleable rube in the White House in 1945.

Since long before he ran for president, Obama has held to the view that peace would come to the Middle East only after U.S. disengagement from the region. Interference in Muslim affairs by the U.S., he argued, destabilizes the region and motivates extremists to commit acts of terrorism.

What has actually happened is that far more radical elements have gained large swaths of land and declared a caliphate. They were the ones that Obama dismissed as the jayvee team even after they had conquered major Iraqi cities.

Obama's legacy will include Russia in the Persian Gulf and a humanitarian crisis worse than anything we've seen since World War II.

Heckuva job, Barry!

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