

Are Obama and Clinton trying to help Trump win?

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At times, it seems as if the fates themselves want a Donald Trump presidency.

As the president of the United States was doing the wave with dictators during a baseball game in Havana, Cuba, authorities in Brussels, Belgium were zipping victims into body bags, collecting body parts and mopping up blood after the latest terrorist attack.

Trump undoubtedly touches nerves when he says that he'll bring back water boarding and other torture techniques to extract intelligence from captured terrorists. Our elites react with horror at the thought that someone who would commit mass murder might suffer a little discomfort while in custody. And, as fate would have it, a terrorist captured by the Belgians shortly before the latest bombing reportedly had direct information about the upcoming attack and was just starting to share that information when the bombs went off.

Trump naturally claimed that, had the suspect been subjected to enhanced interrogation techniques, the information might have been developed fast enough to intercept the bombers and save dozens of lives. And who's to say he's wrong? We do know for certain that polite questioning did not develop the intelligence in time to save those lives.

Republican presidential candidate Ted Cruz was excoriated by the elites for suggesting that law enforcement and counterterrorism agencies should give extra attention to Muslim neighborhoods. This makes every bit as much sense as Willie Sutton's reply when he was asked why he robbed banks. "Because that's where the money is," he answered.

If you want to find terrorists, then you should apply Sutton's logic and go where they are.

It makes perfect sense that extra attention should be given to Muslim neighborhoods and mosques because that's where terrorism festers. In fact, most terrorist attacks against European nations come from one small neighborhood in Brussels - Molenbeek. The neighborhood has a little more than 90,000 residents, roughly 40 percent of whom are Muslim. It makes sense that this area receives a little more attention than the rest of Europe.

Meanwhile, our current president and his designated successor have both parroted the line that "Islam has nothing whatsoever to do with terrorism." This attitude explains why terrorist organizations have prospered under Barack Obama and can look forward to a nurturing environment should Hillary Clinton win this year's election.

With so much manure spread around, whomever the Republicans ultimately nominate should find fertile ground to germinate a successful campaign.

The Islamic State claims to have sent 400 suicide bombers into Europe to commit atrocities similar to those in Brussels. There are only 166 days until the November elections. That means

that between now and then, there are enough suicide bombers to detonate about 2.5 bombs per day.

If Obama, Clinton and the European elite adhere to their strategy of making peace with Muslims by pretending that Islam is an inherently peaceful faith, then the mood of the electorate is likely to overlook even Trump's oafishness if he promises an anti-terrorism strategy that is not founded upon fantasies.

It's clear the Democratic Party does not take terrorism seriously. Recall that Obama's former attorney general, Eric Holder, seriously considered bringing criminal charges against the George W. Bush administration for its use of "enhanced interrogation" techniques. And Obama and Clinton still insist that anthropogenic global warming is a more immediate threat than terrorism.

In fact, Clinton was promised that she would address "white terrorism" if elected president.

At a Democratic Foundation Forum earlier this year, Clinton was asked, "Do you think white terrorism and police violence are just as big a threat today as ISIS?"

Answered Clinton: "You know I think that, uh, we have all kinds of threats in our country and I wouldn't discount any of them. I think we have to take them all seriously. And many of those threats are fueled by the gun violence that we face every day. ... When you have police violence that terrorizes communities, ... that can feel terrorizing."

A responsible person would have rejected the premise of the question. But Clinton seemed to accept that "white terrorism" is indeed a threat on a par with the Islamic State.

Whoever represents the Republicans this fall should have an easy time simply replaying Clinton's assertion that "Islam has nothing whatsoever to do with terrorism" as men named Mohammed blow themselves up around Europe.

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