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[Inquistitr.com](#) runs the story of how the Red Cross raised half a billion dollars for Haiti disaster relief and built six homes. Sounds like heading up that organization will be a perfect fit for The Real Good Talker when he is done with creating havoc in our country and the world.

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To make up for missing a day and running too many items on President Trainwreck, we close with a double dose of Late Night Humor from Andy Malcolm.

*Meyers: Hillary Clinton's Super PAC has reportedly been struggling to raise money. It's gotten so bad, they may have to start reaching out to Americans.*

*Fallon: The rapper 50 Cent said that he is going to be supporting Hillary Clinton for president. Hillary would be excited, but she doesn't even get out of bed for less than a million cents.*

*Meyers: Vladimir Putin reportedly scored eight goals during a hockey game in Sochi recently. And the goalie only had one save: His own life.*

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## **Contentions**

### **Obama's Contemptibly Casual War on ISIS**

by Noah Rothman

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It was deplorable that an American commander of the armed forces did not have a plan for victory after the fall of a major Iraqi city to a terrorist organization, but it is simply reprehensible for the president to continue to cling to a failing war plan even amid cascading losses. Obama may, however, benefit from Americans' reduced expectations of him. 20 days into the new campaign against ISIS, it was revelatory to learn that Obama had no strategy. Today, after so many setbacks, that might not come as much of a shock.

The president did his best to shift blame for his failure of leadership onto Pentagon commanders. Obama claimed that Defense Department officials had [not yet presented to him a "finalized" plan for victory](#) in Iraq that consists of relying on Iraqi Security Forces to serve as the primary ground combat forces. But what if the plan that the president wants is simply unfeasible? The U.S. was reportedly caught "[off guard](#)" by the spectacular implosion of the ISF in the summer of last year, as waves of ISIS forces poured over the Syrian border and sacked city after city including Mosul, the second largest urban center in Iraq. By November of 2014, U.S. troops [began speeding the training and equipping of Iraqi Security Forces](#) in preparation for an assault on that city that never came. Now Ramadi, the capital of restive Anbar province and a city located just 70 miles from the seat of Iraqi governance, has also fallen to ISIS. The return on American investment in the ISF seems a long way off.

And while it is simply inexcusable that the President of the United States has so far refused to craft an achievable strategic plan for victory in Iraq and Syria nearly one year after committing American personnel and material to the fight, it's perhaps more galling that his apparent intention is to bequeath his war to the next president. It would be a unique political failure if Obama, a president elected with a mandate to withdraw from Iraq, were compelled to again commit U.S. ground forces to combat operations in Iraq as a direct result of the premature pursuit of that agenda item. Obama appears content to do his best to contain ISIS insofar as it is possible and let the next president make the inevitable case that Western forces must again return to Iraq before the nascent caliphate can export terrorism abroad.

In this way, Obama does have a strategy that he has applied to fighting ISIS in Iraq. It is not, however, a strategy designed to achieve a victory.

**Examiner**  
**[Temperament counts](#)**  
by Noemie Emery

President Obama, wrote the Washington Post's Greg Jaffe in a recent story about the president's view of his country, articulates "his vision of a nation that can acknowledge and, learn from, its mistakes." Would that this vision applied to himself.

Not only does Obama never learn from mistakes, he doesn't think that he makes them, and he denies that they even exist. Any regrets for the way he passed healthcare? Not that you'd notice. Any regrets about leaving Iraq? Nope — he still thinks he "ended two wars," which the other side keeps on fighting.

The conventional view of what has gone wrong — that Obama lacked experience, and that first-term senators should be viewed with suspicion — is undercut by the fact that he has had six years of experience, and failed to learn from it. At home and abroad, Obama makes mistakes over and over, with the same result, and takes nothing from them. He disses his friends, placates aggressors and seems surprised that aggressors advance and whole regions catch fire.

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Presidents can sometimes repair their mistakes, but only after they realize they've made them, which is something Obama can't do. George W. Bush stayed with his failed Iraq strategy until a bloody year followed by a political bloodbath in the 2006 midterms forced him to change course dramatically. John Kennedy failed in the Bay of Pigs and then in his first face-to-face meeting with Nikita S. Khrushchev, when he compounded his first bad impression by seeming irresolute.

Sensing at once that he had made a grave error — "He savaged me," Kennedy said later of the Russian leader — he doubled the draft, increased defense spending and took Dwight Eisenhower's advice to have his councilors argue their cases before him and each other (instead of one at a time and in isolation), which led to the peaceful solution of the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962.

But admitting mistakes — and taking advice — are not the skill set of the current incumbent, who finds them demeaning. The learning curve of the 35th president between 1961-63 had been exponential, while, as Josef Joffe recently wrote in the Wall Street Journal, "the 44th president's learning curve has been flat for six years."

It's not lack of experience that hampers Obama; it's his refusal to learn a thing from it. That's the trait we can't have in the 45th president — and the one we must strive to avoid.

## NY Post - Editorial

### [From ObamaCare to ISIS: The president's fictions of the day](#)

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"The thing is working," the president insisted. "We haven't had a lot of conversation about the horrors of ObamaCare, because none of them have come to pass."

Somebody's having those conversations. A new Washington Post-ABC News poll shows 54 percent oppose ObamaCare, with only 39 percent — the lowest ever — in favor.

He also insisted that a big suit against ObamaCare, *Burwell v. King*, is so clearly based on a "twisted interpretation" that "it probably shouldn't even have been taken up."

Huh? Wouldn't that be the first time the Supreme Court had to settle a crystal-clear law?

In fact, that "twisted interpretation" is the clear language of the law. The hastily rammed-through legislation had so many "glitches" that it's been amended dozens of times — some unilaterally by Obama; some by new laws; some by the Supreme Court in past cases.

Obama's other big fib was touting "significant progress" against ISIS. He's not willing to admit that the Islamic State controls more territory in Iraq and in Syria than it did nine months ago, when he vowed to "degrade" and "destroy" it "through a comprehensive and sustained counter-terrorism strategy."

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Oy vey! What gives with this guy? If Obama says something, it's true. He's Obi-wan Kenobi employing The Force: "These are not the droids you're looking for."

At his [news conference closing the G-7 meeting Monday, Obama declared that ObamaCare's costs "have come in substantially lower than even our estimates about how much it would cost. ... None of the predictions about how this wouldn't work have come to pass."

Everyone here keep the doctor they liked? Anyone's hours cut to part-time? Premiums steady? Everyone get their promised \$2,500 health care savings?

On IS, Obama admitted that nine months after announcing his hastily written strategy to "degrade and ultimately destroy" the terrorist army, "We don't yet have a complete strategy." This is Obama speaking, so of course, it's someone else's fault: The Iraqis for not being trained fast enough.

Nothing prevents Obama aides from declaring his strategy a "success," even as Ramadi fell. That's a mere "setback," as in the Mosul setback and the Fallujah setback. We're setbacking ourselves to victory.

The setbacks occur because ISIS is "nimble, and they're aggressive, and they're opportunistic." No kidding. Wait till these JV guys play varsity come fall.

As opposed to, say, the brave pilots who venture out hunting IS targets with no ground support, then must circle an hour or so awaiting White House permission to attack each target. Three of four U.S. planes return with ordnance undropped.

Or take Obama's illegal executive order strategy on illegal immigration. Those darned federal judges pestering the imperial president to a halt. If only they understood the Constitution as well as the part-time constitutional law lecturer who clearly says they're legal.

A promising politician back in 2008 accurately spoke out on a major political affliction. Americans, he said, "are tired of hearing promises made and 10-point plans proposed in the heat of a campaign only to have nothing change."

That was Obama himself, whose disconnected, empty blather has now become a major American affliction.

## National Journal

### ISIS Is Not Just Iraq's Problem. It's Obama's.

*The president doesn't have a 'finalized' ISIS strategy because he's waiting on commitments from Baghdad? This challenge is so much greater than that.*

by Kristin Roberts

Iraq's army is a pathetic mess. Everyone inside the Pentagon knows this. The White House does too. And setting aside an official protest by Baghdad, the Iraqi government is so aware it's trembling.

But that's not why ISIS is winning. And to be clear, ISIS is winning.

The terrorist group too extreme for al-Qaida now controls 50 percent of Syria and an increasing share of Iraq. It's conducting [suicide attacks in Saudi Arabia](#) and [inspiring rocket launches from Gaza](#) into Israel. All this, ISIS has accomplished in one year. [Despite more than 3,800 airstrikes](#) against it.

On Monday, when asked about a U.S. strategy in the face of this frightening advance, President Obama said [the United States is studying how it can help](#) recruit more Iraqis to fight and get Iraqi soldiers better ready for war. "Where we've trained Iraqi forces directly and equipped them and we have a train-and-assist posture, they operate effectively," Obama contends. "Where we haven't—morale, lack of equipment, etc.—may undermine the effectiveness of Iraqi security forces."

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So as Obama's critics shout about the president putting politics, and legacy, ahead of security, the truth is that his ambivalence reflects the collective churning of the American gut. We think we've seen this movie before, and we didn't like the ending.

But we haven't seen this movie before because this one is not about Iraq. And after a decade of training Iraqi troops, a few more months of tutoring will not turn this force into one that can defeat what Obama today called the "nimble," "aggressive," and "opportunistic" Islamic State fighters.

It's about ISIS, a lethal, strategically smart, and tactically effective adversary whose intentions are not contained by Iraq's borders.

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There are certainly other plausible scenarios between these two extremes. But in any case, this is the debate America should be having. Wait it out and see what might be necessary later, knowing it could be more taxing and destructive than it would be now. Or engage yet again in a region that seems committed to conducting the intra-Muslim war that the world so desperately wants the Middle East to avoid.

No matter the answer, that's a more honest question to consider than whether the Iraqi army is trained well enough.

## NY Post

### [A new inside account of Obama's Israel ire](#)

by John Podhoretz

When it's released June 23, the new book by bestselling historian Michael Oren is going to be the talk of Washington and Jerusalem — not to mention everywhere people take an interest in the relations between the United States and Israel, which is to say, in many if not most places on the planet.

It's called "[Ally: My Journey Across the American-Israeli Divide.](#)" and I'm not sure that in the annals of diplomatic history there's ever been anything quite like this astonishing account of Oren's four years (2009-2013) as Israel's ambassador in Washington.

It's an ultimate insider's story told while all the players save Oren are still in place; the Israeli prime minister he served still holds office and the administration to which he was the ambassador will remain in power until January 2017.

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Oren also writes about bizarrely petty offenses. In 2010, Obama left Israel off a list of countries he mentioned as having helped in the wake of the Haiti earthquake when it was the first nation in the world to dispatch relief teams and get them to the disaster sites — because the president was angry about something having to do with the peace process.

Even when the administration is acting friendly, Oren senses it is doing so not out of genuine fellow feeling but to keep Israel close — hugging it to prevent it from acting, especially when it came to Iran’s nuclear program.

Only when Israeli diplomats were at risk of being killed by rampaging Egyptians during the Arab Spring, and when Israel’s north was engulfed by forest fires, did Oren witness acts of unmitigated support from the Obamans. And note, in both cases, that they came when Israelis were powerless or ill-equipped to act on their own.

Throughout his tenure, Oren believed he was uniquely well-equipped to explain Israel to Americans and America to the Israelis. But how to explain a president who recently said that the Israel he admires is the Israel of kibbutzim and Golda Meir — a ludicrously rosy and unrealistic image of the Jewish state on par with wanting to look like Disneyland’s Main Street USA?

There was and is no good way to explain the views of the man in the White House on this matter except to use ones Oren never uses but implies throughout:

For ideological reasons, Obama doesn’t like the Israel that exists. Period.

## **Inquisitr**

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According to ProPublica, much of the [Red Cross' failure](#) comes from their passing of monies to other groups with more expertise in building projects. This then results in fewer funds reaching those who are actually in need.

“Like many humanitarian organizations responding in Haiti, the American Red Cross met complications in relation to government coordination delays, disputes over land ownership, delays at Haitian customs, challenges finding qualified staff who were in short supply and high demand, and the cholera outbreak, among other challenges,” the Red Cross told ProPublica.

The failure to capably deliver relief after a disaster is something that the non-profit group has done on several occasions, including their response after [Superstorm Sandy](#).

Some current and past employees of Red Cross also added that another aid impediment in Haiti was caused by the language barrier between the Haitians, who speak French Creole, and the aid workers.

This exposé by NPR and ProPublica is not the first time Red Cross has been under scrutiny for the authenticity of their aid efforts in a disaster response.

Following the organization's relief efforts with Hurricane Katrina in 2005, many complaints were lodged, and they received sharp criticism for spending donated funds on internal [company affairs](#).

Since their grandeur claims of aid in Haiti were found to be greatly exaggerated, the Red Cross has yet to disclose the real details of how it managed to spend the hundreds of millions of dollars that were donated for the country's relief.

**IBD**

**[Late Night Humor](#)**

by Andrew Malcolm

Conan: The TSA is under fire for some major security lapses. Its airport agents have let through pipe bombs, knives and the last three Nicolas Cage movies.

Meyers: The dating website Adult FriendFinder suffered a data breach that has exposed the sexual preferences and fetishes of more than 3.5 million people. [Including six women.](#)

Fallon: Donald Trump is set to make his announcement on whether or not he will run for president on June 16th. Seriously? At this point, Donald Trump announcing he's running for president is like soccer's World Cup -- it happens every four years and no one in America cares.

Conan: Basketball commentator Charles Barkley said he'd like to shoot sports fans who act like jerks. Barkley was immediately reprimanded by the NBA, and recruited by the NFL.

Fallon: I'm happy to announce that everyone in tonight's audience is going home with a bribe from FIFA!

Conan: Kim Kardashian has announced she is pregnant again. Kim said it's been a difficult pregnancy -- she wakes up in the middle of the night craving publicity.

Meyers: Former Rhode Island Governor Lincoln Chafee announced a run for president and said he wants the U.S. to switch to the metric system. OK, I'll start. Lincoln Chafee won't get within a kilometer of the White House.

Fallon: Ex-Gov. Lincoln Chafee says he's running for president. He said it would help our economy to adopt the metric system. Finally answering the question, "What is the world's *WORST* campaign slogan?" By the way, he also believes in the Dewey Decimal system.

Conan: At a fashion award show last night, Kim Kardashian's dress caught on fire. But the fire was immediately put out by a fire hydrant that Lady Gaga was wearing.

Conan: A lawyer from Africa wants to marry Malia Obama in exchange for goats, sheep and cows. In response, President Obama said, "Don't be ridiculous, my daughter isn't marrying a lawyer."

Conan: A Michigan woman became the world's oldest person at 116. When the president called to congratulate her, she said, "[Tell McKinley I'm busy.](#)"

Fallon: Kim Kardashian says she and Kanye are expecting their second child. They don't care if it's a boy or a girl, just as long as it's famous.

Fallon: The movie "Jaws" is heading back to theaters to celebrate its 40th anniversary. Also because Steven Spielberg was apparently sitting on his yacht recently and thought to himself, "I'm gonna need a bigger boat."

Conan: A petition is circulating to revoke Caitlyn Jenner's 1976 Olympic gold medal. The petition was started by the guy who got the silver medal.

Fallon: Hillary Clinton will re-start her troubled candidacy this month. The event is free to get in. Which sounds great 'til you find out it'll cost you \$100,000 to GET OUT.

Meyers: A Maryland couple is suing their realtor because they say the agent knew the home was infested with snakes but sold it to them anyway. In fairness, what the realtor said was the place definitely didn't have any mice.

Conan: A new report shows that out of every 54,000 Google employee, only two percent are black. Today, the frustrated CEO said, "Well, how do you expect Google to search for black job applicants?"

Conan: Facebook has unveiled a new option to let users keep their private information secure. The option is called "Sign off of Facebook."

Fallon: The Scripps National Spelling Bee ended in a tie of two contestants again this year. Each of their parents said, "I told you not to go outside to play that one time."

Meyers: Jeb Bush criticized Hillary Clinton saying, "You can't script your way to the presidency." Clinton replied, "That accusation is completely...line please!"

Conan: The NFL suspends Patriots quarterback Tom Brady four games for Deflategate, making him stay in his mansion with his supermodel wife and think about what he did wrong.

Conan: Barbara Walters admits stealing a White House artifact. She said, "I was young and I didn't think President Lincoln would mind."

Fallon: Yes, Tom Brady was suspended four games in the playoff scandal. But the NFL says his punishment could be reduced if he commits a real crime.

Meyers: Hillary Clinton's Super PAC has reportedly been struggling to raise money. It's gotten so bad, they may have to start reaching out to Americans.

Fallon: The rapper 50 Cent said that he is going to be supporting Hillary Clinton for president. Hillary would be excited, but she doesn't even get out of bed for less than a million cents.

Meyers: Vladimir Putin reportedly scored eight goals during a hockey game in Sochi recently. And the goalie only had one save: [His own life.](#)

Fallon: Obama has encouraged the Patriots quarterback Tom Brady to be mindful of being a role model. Then Obama stubbed out his cigarette and went golfing at noon on a weekday.

Meyers: Chelsea Clinton has written a children's book "It's Your World Get Informed Get Inspired Get Going." It's a great book to read to your workaholic toddler.

Fallon: Survey says most popular time to have a serious conversation with your partner is 8:15 p.m. In a related story, the most likely time for couples to get into [a huge argument is about 8:16 p.m.](#)

Meyers: Obama telephoned three mothers on Mother's Day. I feel sorry for their kids who forgot to call. 'Do you know who *did* have time to call me?'

Conan: A Federal appeals court has ruled the NSA's monitoring of Americans' landlines is illegal. Now the NSA must settle with the five people who still use landlines.

Meyers: Dr. Oz recently helped people who were injured in a New Jersey car crash. And, thank God, he was there! Because some of the victims were pretty constipated.

Fallon: Hillary Clinton is adding campaign staff to prevent future scandals. They just follow Bill around and say, "*NO!*" Don't touch that! Put her *down!*"

Meyers: A 94-year-old man is graduating from West Virginia University after studying at the school on and off for 75 years. Though I'm guessing mostly "off."

Meyers: He's graduating from college at the age of 94. Just imagine how awkward it's going to be for the commencement speaker when he says, "You have your whole life ahead of you."

Meyers: Police arrested a naked Long Island man threatening Costco customers with a machete. Luckily, Costco customers were able to subdue him with a 50-pack of paper towels.

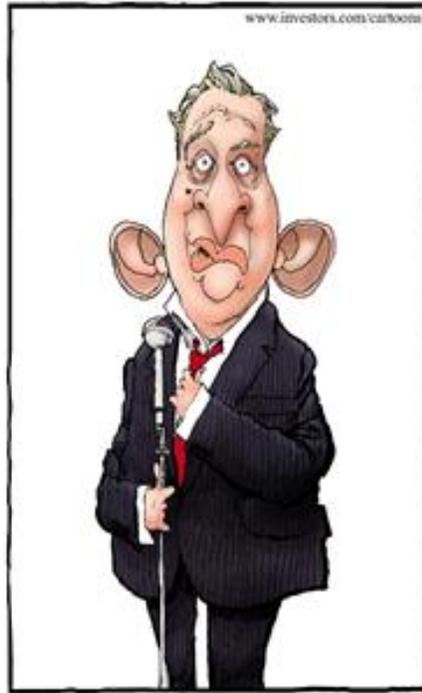






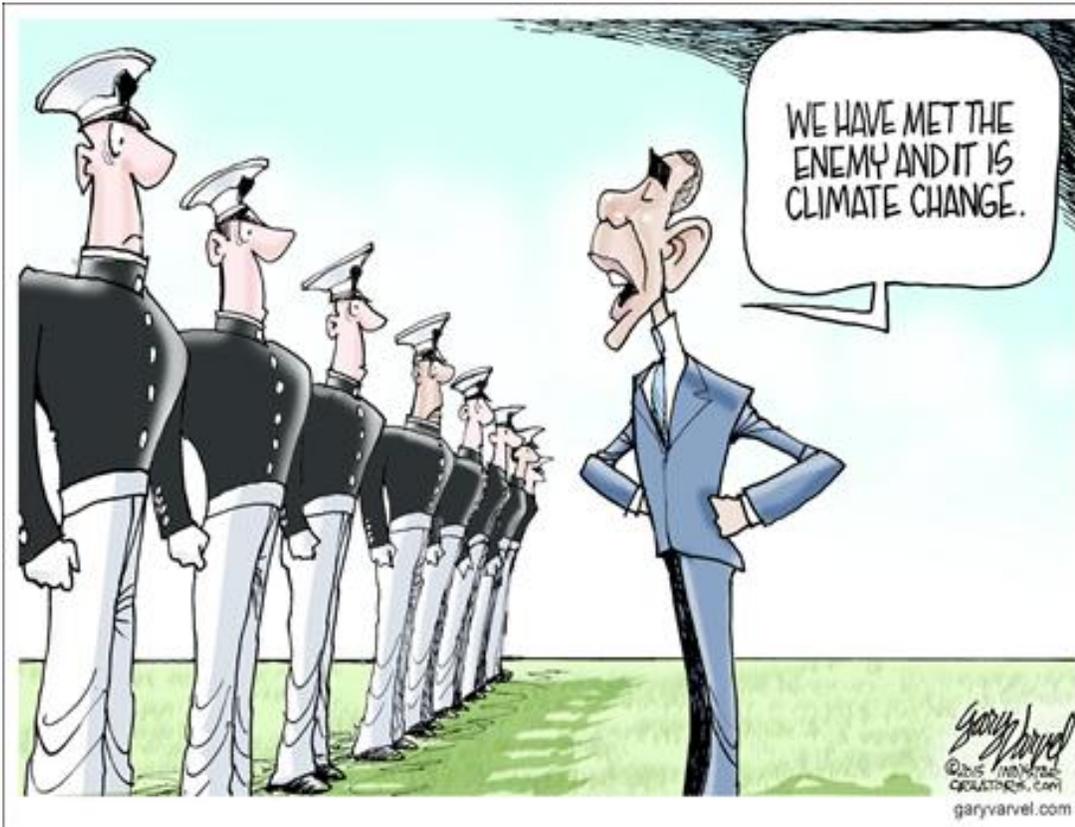
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WHEN I WAS  
YOUNG WASN'T  
ME...

THEN I BECAME  
CORRUPT--THAT'S  
TOTALLY ME.

