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Investor's Business Daily The President's Speech

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When the President of the United States asks the television networks to set aside time for him to broadcast a speech from the Oval Office, we can usually expect that he has something new to

say. But President Obama's speech Sunday night was just a rehash of what he has been saying all along, trying to justify policies that have repeatedly turned out disastrously for America and our allies.

This was not a speech about how the Obama administration is going to do anything differently in the future. It was a speech about how Obama's policies were right all along. Obama is one of those people who are often wrong but never in doubt.

The president struck a familiar chord when he emphasized that we shouldn't blame all Muslims for the actions of a few. How many people have you heard blaming all Muslims?

Even if 90 percent of all Muslims are fine people, and we admit 10,000 refugees from the Middle East, does that mean that we need not be concerned about adding a thousand potential terrorists -- even after we have seen in San Bernardino what just two terrorists can do?

The first responsibility of any government is to protect the people already in the country. Even in this age of an entitlement mentality, no one in a foreign country is entitled to be in America if the American people don't want them here.

Obama's talk about how we should not make religious distinctions might make sense if we were talking about handing out entitlements. But we are talking about distinguishing between different populations posing different levels of danger to the American people.

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The illusion that you can take in large numbers of people from a fundamentally different culture, without jeopardizing your own culture -- and everything that depends on it -- should have been dispelled by many counterproductive social consequences in Europe, even aside from the fatal dangers of terrorists.

Most refugees in the Middle East can be helped in the Middle East, and many Americans would undoubtedly be willing to financially help Muslim countries like Jordan or Egypt to care for these refugees in societies more compatible with their beliefs and values.

The history of millions of European immigrants who came here in centuries past was fundamentally different from what is happening in our own times.

First of all, those immigrants were stopped at Ellis Island to be checked medically and otherwise, and were allowed to get off that island to go ashore only after they had met whatever legal standards there were. Otherwise, they were sent back where they came from.

More fundamentally, people came here to assimilate into the American society they found, not to become isolated enclaves of aggrieved foreigners, demanding that Americans adjust to their languages, their values and their ways of life.

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Our only real choice is between destroying ISIS over there or waiting for them to come over here and start killing Americans. As in other cases, Obama has made a choice that reflects politics and rhetoric, rather than reality.

Streetwise Professor

<u>Can You Shave an Islamist's Beard With Occam's Razor?</u> by Craig Pirrong

Not if the barber is Barack Obama. Two days after it was blindingly obvious that the atrocity of San Bernardino was a terrorist attack carried out by Islamists, Obama clung to the possibility that this was workplace violence (yeah, of the Nidal Hasan variety). He also grudgingly admitted that it was possibly terrorism, but even then he would not speak its name. Rather than name the specific ideology that inspired this brutal act, Obama retreated to his usual circumlocution of "people succumbing to violent extremist ideologies." Then he descended into the vapidity of calling for more gun control: after all, no crisis should go to waste, right?

Truth be told: gun control will do nothing to impede people like Syed Farook and Tashfeen Malik, who broke numerous state and federal firearms and explosives laws, and who engaged in an attack that they knew would certainly result in their deaths. Such people (and I use that term loosely) are extremely infra marginal demanders of firearms and bombs. The increase in the cost of obtaining these instruments of mass mayhem caused by any even remotely plausible gun laws would still put that cost below their very high willingness to pay, and if they are not deterred by the prospect of violent death, the punishment for violating gun laws is clearly not going to deter them either.

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No doubt the administration's denial of reality and its attempt to suppress speech has many causes. For one, San Bernardino totally contradicts the administration's narrative on terrorism. For another, it creates serious problems for the administration's plans to bring in large numbers of Syrian refugees. Within a few hours of her being named, Tafsheen Malik's numerous family connections to Islamists in her home country of Pakistan and her adopted country of Saudi Arabia were documented. Pakistani intelligence said that the family had well known extremist connections: Now they tell us. Her father was an extremely conservative and rabidly anti-Shia immigrant to Saudi Arabia.

Yet the State Department and the immigration authorities failed to uncover these facts in their investigations of potential terrorism connections before granting her a fiancee visa. So yes, we can't vet someone who has lived in countries with functioning governments that are (allegedly) our allies, but we can evaluate the risk of tens of thousands of people coming from a country embroiled in a civil war, for whom it will be impossible to obtain any documentation whatsoever. And so much for the women pose no risk thing.

With Obama's obduracy, we can expect more of the same. The demonization of domestic opposition, and the turning of a blind eye to real enemies within and without.

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In fact, such Obama condescension fuels our fears, that he feels the need to share with us the obvious, belatedly, from within his towering intellect and fortified residence.

"The threat from terrorism is real," added President Sherlock Holmes. Imagine President Roosevelt informing the nation that Japan's Pearl Harbor bombing 74 years ago this morning was an attack. And waiting four days to do so.

That's the country's core concern right now. Obama keeps saying accurately the top priority of any U.S. president is protecting the people. No sensible person wants war. All presidents should be reluctant warriors, never committing -- or withdrawing -- American volunteers for mere political purposes.

But Obama seems so dim, so unwilling and/or unable to grasp the international reality of terror beyond rhetoric that there's now more fear about his military myopia. We expect arrogance from Harvard grads. But not stupidity.

And he shouldn't think us gullible either. That's fomented strong suspicion of his motives. Let's list a few examples: The Benghazi attacks concerned a video. ISIS is JV. <u>ISIS is contained</u>. The Paris terrorist attack killing 130 was a "setback." The <u>ISIS fight is going well.</u> Pentagon investigators probe cooking of intell reports to portray success against ISIS.



Obama films the most interesting man he knows.

ISIS does bad things, but so did the Crusaders in 1096. ISIS burns a Jordanian pilot alive, Obama stages a summit on extremism so important that he gives not one, but two speeches.

The provincial Iraqi capital of Ramadi, that cost so many American lives to capture, falls to ISIS; Obama golfs and <u>unveils his own Twitter page</u>. "Hello, Twitter! It's Barack. Really!" Pentagon generals list Russia, China, North Korea and ISIS as top national security threats; <u>Obama claims it's really global warming.</u>

Thousands of <u>Syrian refugees U.S.-bound can't be terrorists</u> because of careful vetting, which the FBI director says is impossible.

<u>Starting last year, polls show</u> growing distrust of Obama's handling of terrorism and his lack of a clear strategy. This year his job approval on that fell seven points to a new low, 40%. <u>Strong disapproval jumped</u> from 31% to 43%. On ISIS, 57% disapprove. Obama's Sunday remarks contained no new initiatives.

And Obama's optics are so consistently wrong, even perverse, connoting an unserious man. After four Americans died in Benghazi, Obama read a mourning statement, then summoned the strength to fly off to several Las Vegas political fundraisers.

When American James Foley was beheaded, Obama held a news conference, then continued on his golf outing. When terrorists killed 14 Parisians in January, world leaders flocked there to march in solidarity. Obama skipped.

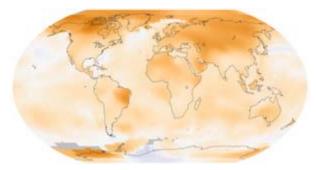
In his Sunday remarks, Obama as usual attempted to ignite a gun-control dispute as another distraction from his foreign policy failures, as if any more controls in the strictest state would have had any effect.

He also instinctively suspected the worst of Americans, devoting 26% of his words to plead against retaliation on Muslims, as if some pogrom was underway. In fact, just the opposite, even 15 years after the 9/11 killers of 3,000 were all found to be Muslim.

His terrorism chore complete, Obama quickly moved on. He donned a tux to rejoin celebrities at a Kennedy Center gala. And the White House, clearly in the interest of timely transparency, rushed out word that Michelle Obama's black-and-blue gown was by Oscar de la Renta.

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The proposed new ISIS flag

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Self-proclaimed Caliph of the Islamic State Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi announced today that the long-sought confrontation with the infidel West can only happen if the Western leadership – at its head the American president – joins the battle. A series of televised hostage executions accomplished little in that regard, and the organization began resorting to attacks on Western targets, either directly or by encouraging local terrorism initiatives. Following last week's deadly attack in San Bernardino, California, and Obama's failure to name Islamic terrorism specifically as the scourge to combat, al-Baghdadi said he and his henchmen realized a rebranding was in

order, with the aim of casting ISIS in the role of what the Obama administration does see as an imminent threat worth fighting: climate change.

"It is not enough that we traffic in fossil fuels to power our operations," explained the ISIS leader in a recorded video message. "It is not enough that our signature form of transportation is a fleet of gas-guzzling pickup trucks. We must do more to drive home the urgency with which this confrontation must take place if the End of Days is to come about in our lifetimes."

"Therefore," continued al-Baghdadi, "Western angst over whether to call us by our Arabic acronym, or by some bastardized translation, will soon be at an end, for we will take on the name of the force their leadership apparently fears most: global warming. They will have no choice but to fight, for this force represents everything they oppose."

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Analysts praised the rhetorical move. "It's nothing short of brilliant," gushed New York Times columnist Thomas Friedman. "I have so many misapplied, overwrought metaphors I could apply here, but let's just say this is Baghdadi taking the fight right to virtual Gettysburg with an exploding tuba. In one stroke, he's forced the Democrats to choose between their ecological values and their reluctance to fight actual wars properly. On top of that, now that he's renaming the group Global Warming, continued dithering by the administration will open it to charges of Global Warming denial, which is about as disgraceful an act a left-wing figure can admit, other than support for Israel."

CAP X

Barack Obama is weak and delusional in the face of terror by Nile Gardiner

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Even with the carnage on the streets of Paris in November, and the first major ISIS-inspired terror attack on the US homeland, President Obama simply doesn't have the stomach for the fight. He is highly energized on matters such as climate change and domestic gun control,

issues that have no bearing on the Islamist terror threat. Belgium, it should be noted, has some of the toughest gun control laws in the world (like many European countries), but <u>operates as a key hub of Islamist terrorism in Europe</u>, <u>and is flooded with illegal weapons</u> which have easily found their way into the hands of Jihadists.

The president is deeply passionate about sparring with his Republican opponents but completely lacking in energy and conviction when it comes to commanding what needs to be a global war against a vicious enemy. In addition to a striking lack of leadership from the White House, at the heart of the problem is Barack Obama's refusal to acknowledge that the West and its allies across the world are engaged in a global war with the Jihadists, and what British Prime Minister David Cameron has referred to as the "poisonous ideology" of Islamist extremism.

Mired in a culture of denial and political correctness, it took days for the Obama administration to even acknowledge that the San Bernardino massacre was a terrorist attack, and one carried out by Islamists. In contrast, the rampage at a London underground station on Saturday, by a knife-wielding assailant shouting "this is for Syria," was immediately identified and described by British authorities as Islamist terrorism. While the British government has pledged to increase defence spending, strengthen Britain's Special Forces capability, and significantly expand Britain's intelligence services in the face of the Islamist threat, the Obama administration has offered only platitudes in place of substance in the wake of the Paris attacks. Even France's strikingly uncharismatic Socialist President Francois Hollande looks tougher on terror at the moment than the leader of the free world.

The American people expect more from their president at a time of growing fear and uncertainty. President Obama's overall strategy appears to be one of leaving the ISIS mess to the next occupant of the Oval Office. It is no coincidence that under his watch the Islamists have seized control of vast swathes of Iraq and Syria, have spread their tentacles through Libya, and are now making major inroads in Afghanistan with the withdrawal of most US forces there. At the same time, Moscow is flexing its muscle in Europe and in the Middle East, as the Obama presidency has dramatically reduced America's footprint in both continents. Barack Obama's foreign and national security policy has been an unmitigated disaster at a time when the enemies of freedom have become increasingly emboldened.

National Journal

The Fish Rots From the Head in Chicago

Why aren't President Obama and Hillary Clinton demanding Rahm Emanuel's head? by Ron Fournier

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The most logical conclusion is that police wanted to duck accountability and Emanuel wanted to avoid losing his Feb. 24, 2015 reelection amid national unrest over a police shooting in Ferguson, Missouri.

The mayor narrowly won a second term after an April 7 runoff. Eight days later, the city made public a preemptive \$5 million settlement with the McDonald family, an agreement reached quietly weeks prior. Emanuel's team made sure to include a clause that kept the video confidential.

Fighting a freelance journalist's lawsuit seeking the video, Emanuel argued that releasing it might taint a federal investigation. That was a lie. The Justice Department has said it did not ask the city to withhold the video.

"That makes this whole episode look like an attempt by the city, the police and prosecutors to keep the video under wraps, knowing the political problems it would most likely create," reads a New York Times editorial that accused Emanuel of "willful ignorance" in "the cover-up."

More than a year after the shooting, a county judge ordered the city to release the video. Only then was the officer charged with McDonald's murder.

Emanuel on Tuesday fired police superintendent Garry McCarthy, not because one of his officers shot a man 16 times as he walked away from police or because his department covered it up. No, Emanuel fired McCarthy because he had become "a distraction."

Emanuel promised to start equipping officers with body cameras and to appoint a task force to investigate the police department. But it's too late.

Chicagoans have seen how far Emanuel's administration will go to hide an embarrassing video.

They won't trust a task force appointed by this mayor.

They know a fish rots from the head.

The world is watching, too, and wondering whether the party that represents most blacks and most big cities can clean its own house. Lord knows there would be howls from the Left had a GOP mayor been so "willfully ignorant," so tone deaf and morally corrupt in the death of a black teenager. And they would be justified.

A Chicago cop killed a teenager and Emanuel administration f***ed with the evidence. Pick up the rhetorical knife, Democrats, and aim it at Rahmbo: dead man.

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Late Night Humor

by Andrew Malcolm

Meyers: Bernie Sanders delivered a speech on being a Democratic socialist. He said "Democratic" means everyone should have an equal say and "socialist" means he's not getting elected.

Fallon: President Obama said that he'd like to own an NBA team after he leaves the White House. You'll know it's Obama's team when it takes the players five years to pass something.

Meyers: Adele performed a free concert at Radio City Music Hall. Fans who missed it were sad, while fans who saw it were inconsolable.

Fallon: Trump radio ads are out accusing politicians of being "all talk and no action." Ironic, since that's what radio is, all talk and no action.

Meyers: Texas police say a man stabbed his roommate during a fight over a piece of fried chicken. So even if you don't eat the fried chicken, it will still find a way to kill you.

Fallon: American Airlines announced cheaper "no-frills" tickets. They eliminate previously free stuff like snacks, seat selection or destination selection. "Oh, you wanted the East Coast of THIS country?

Meyers: The world's most expensive diamond sold at auction yesterday for \$48.4 million to a Hong- Kong billionaire who bought it for his seven-year-old daughter. That way, when she grows up, she will be awful.

Conan: Bernie Sanders is trying to stay current. He joined Snapchat. So in case you were wondering, you can get Snapchat on a rotary phone.

Meyers: A 50-year-old Washington man faces assault charges after his neighbor says he swung a Klingon sword at him during an argument about trash. Man, if there was any time you'd think two neighbors would get along, it's when they both know what a Klingon sword looks like.

Conan: Economists predict the adultery website Ashley Madison will go out of business very soon. In fact, many of its customers are already seeing other adultery websites on the side.

Fallon: Millennials are much more optimistic about the economy improving than past generations. Most millennials are confident there will be high-paying jobs for their parents.

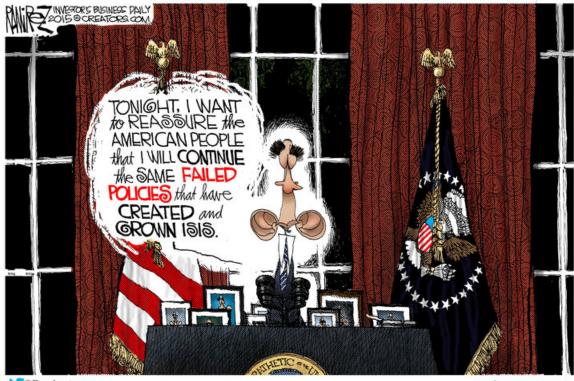
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Fallon: Bernie Sanders got an endorsement from the American Postal Workers Union. Well, Bernie Sanders' neighbor got the endorsement meant for Bernie. But Sanders got it eventually.

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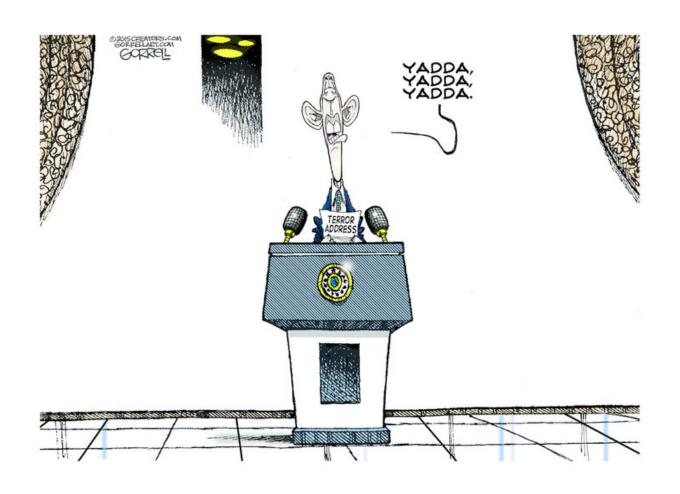
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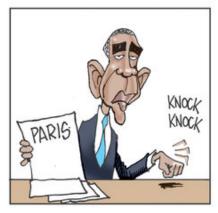


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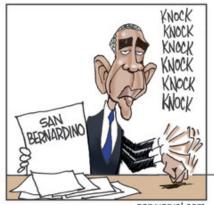




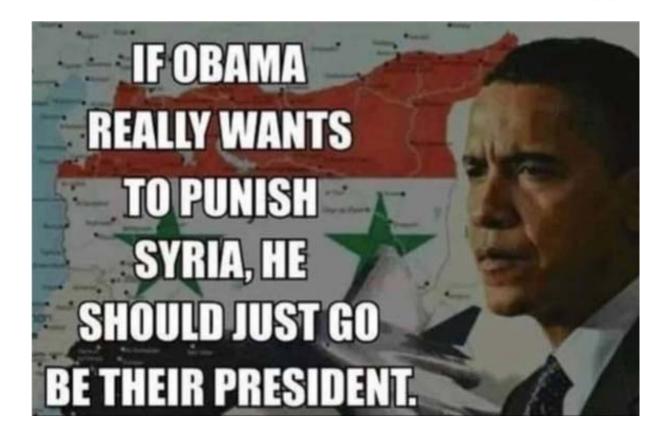






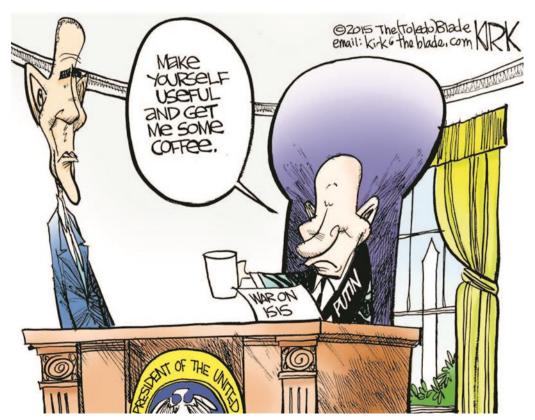


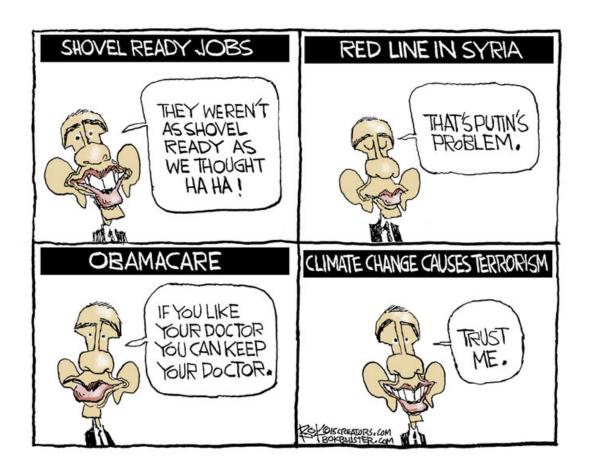
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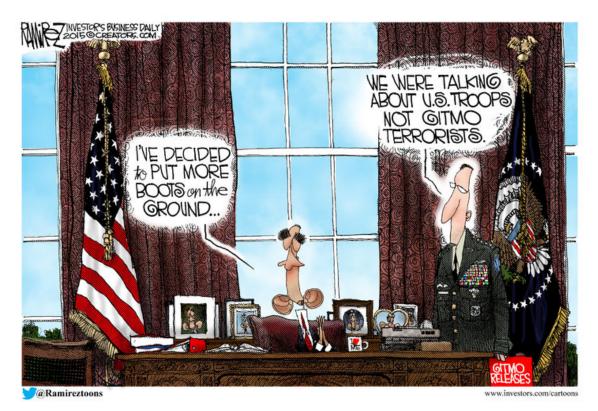












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