



# The Truth

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“Deliver me, O LORD, from evil men; preserve me from violent men, who plan evil things in their hearts; they continually gather together for war. They sharpen their tongues like a serpent; the poison of asps is under their lips. Selah” (Psalm 140:1-3)

*“That we should not attack Syria is so obvious that it requires no commentary. Nevertheless, I am adamantly opposed to it.” – Dave*



So Barack Obama, his Democrats lackeys and the MSM (but I repeat myself), plus the usual suspects of RINOs, want to use the military to punish Syria's Bashar Assad for allegedly gassing his own people. This despite the fact there are conflicting reports of both Syrian forces and rebels linked to Al-Qaeda having gassed innocent civilians.

Syria is in the midst of a civil war. The last two Middle Eastern civil wars, Egypt and Libya, that we've involved ourselves have turned out to be disasters. Barack Obama's foreign policy changes quicker than a 6 year old's choices in an ice cream shop.

Is the United States nation building or are we not? Should this not be discussed openly? Are we the world's police force?

These are discussions that have always played a part in our foreign policy debate.

George W. Bush campaigned on not using the military for nation-building and said we could not be the world's police force. And yet he found himself doing both, albeit with a large coalition in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Barack Obama was highly critical of President Bush's foreign policy, and although he's never really stated his administration's stance, Obama's foreign policy is most closely aligned to Bush's.

Barack Obama drew a red line in the sand, and like the usual schoolyard blowhard who keeps drawing a new line every time it is crossed, Obama has set a new line.

Not only has Obama drawn a new line in the sand, but he also sent out our shameful Secretary of Treason John Kerry to draw the new line and offer an olive branch.

The MSM excoriated the Bush Doctrine, and compared to Obama, Bush looks like one of our greatest statesmen America has ever had. That's what happens when you leave amateurs in charge.

# FROM THE FOUNDERS



**It would seem that the constitutional scholar who occupies the Oval Office in the White House does not clearly understand his powers as Commander-in-Chief. He does not need congressional approval to attack Syria. He merely needs to convince the American people and its representatives that Syria is a threat to our national security. He has failed to do so, miserably.**

“The President is to be commander-in-chief of the army and navy of the United States. In this respect his authority would be nominally the same with that of the king of Great Britain, but in substance much inferior to it. It would amount to nothing more than the supreme command and direction of the military and naval forces, as first General and admiral of the Confederacy; while that of the British king extends to the DECLARING of war and to the RAISING and REGULATING of fleets and armies, all which, by the Constitution under consideration, would appertain to the legislature.” Alexander Hamilton, [Federalist 69](#)

As you read *Federalist 69*, it is clear to most that the framers at the Constitutional Convention meant to make the executive department strong enough to protect the new nation from all enemies, foreign and domestic.

They knew from experience that a powerful executive with not only the ability to make war, but also to finance it would result in too much centralized power. That is why our Constitution gives Congress the power of declaring war and raising and regulating the military. There would be less chance of a renegade executive drawing our country into an unfounded war.

In 1973, Congress passed the [War Powers Act](#) “to fulfill the intent of the framers of the Constitution of the United States” and that Congress would be a partner in any continued use of our armed forces. In the case of Libya, Barack Obama violated this act and would do so in Syria without congressional approval for protracted hostilities. However, with our current Congress, Obama is pretty much free to do as he pleases.

# FROM THE PULPIT

“A time of crisis and of war is no time for superficial generalizations and for rosy, optimistic idealisms. It forces us to examine the very foundations of life. It makes us face the direct questions as to what it is in human nature that leads to such calamities. The explanation cannot be found in the actions of certain men only. It is something deep down in the heart of man, in the heart of all men.” Martyn Lloyd-Jones, from [“Why Does God Allow War?”](#)

We have become far too cavalier about war. At times, war is a necessary evil. However, to use the weapons of war to make a political statement or to punish someone is a gross misunderstanding. War is designed to defeat your enemy, and that is accomplished by killing him. It is accomplished through total war.

“Samuel also said to Saul, ‘The Lord sent me to anoint you king over His people, over Israel. Now therefore, heed the voice of the words of the Lord. Thus says the Lord of hosts: ‘I will punish Amalek for what he did to Israel, how he ambushed him on the way when he came up from Egypt. Now go and attack Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and do not spare them. But kill both man and woman, infant and nursing child, ox and sheep, camel and donkey’” ...But Saul and the people spared Agag and the best of the sheep, the oxen, the fatlings, the lambs, and all that was good, and were unwilling to utterly destroy them. But everything despised and worthless, that they utterly destroyed.” (1 Samuel 15:1-3, 9)

When God allows war to punish the wicked, He allows for its complete annihilation. If we were to fight war in the manner God has outlined in His Holy Word, there would be greater caution than the rush to war that has plagued mankind for centuries.

Barack Obama and his amateurish administration must understand that death comes with war. It is never easy, nor is it ever “unbelievably small” as described by our Secretary of Treason John Kerry. The fact this man represents America internationally and is given a microphone to speak on war is indicative of how morally bankrupt America is.

I understand the need for war. I served 22 years in the US Army and lost my only son in Iraq as an Army Infantryman. My family has given the last full measure in blood and sacrifice. If we must go to war, then let it be to defend against evil and to turn in repentance our nation back to God.

# TO THE STREETS

WE the People should be aghast at this week's turn of events. How is it that such a great nation as America is being run by rank amateurs hell-bent on "fundamentally changing" our country? It is because we always get the leaders we deserve. We as a people have forsaken God. We, and I include the church, have turned our backs on God, our founding principles spelled out in our [Charters of Freedom](#), and on each other. We have become a wholly selfish people. To look at the enormity of the issues before us can easily overwhelm even the sturdiest optimist. However, if WE the People do not take charge, then it will never get better. Here are some suggestions of personal steps each of us can take.

1. Commit to read your Bible every day if you're not already in the habit of doing so. I recommend you read the numbered Proverb for each day (there are 31 proverbs) and read 5 Psalms a day (there are 150 so day 1 you read 1-5 and so on). The wisdom of the Proverbs and the hope and beauty of the Psalms will change your total outlook on life. If we are going to live life the way God intended, then we must adopt His worldview.
2. Read the [Charters of Freedom](#). These were not written in a vacuum or even as some scholarly attempt at philosophy and politics. They are biblically inspired. Let us get a new and fresh appreciation and understanding of the original intent of our nation.
3. Read the [Federalist Papers](#). If you read one each weekday, Monday - Friday, it will take you 17 weeks to finish them all. That may seem like a long time, but it is just over 4 months. If you start on Monday, September 16, you will finish on Friday, January 17, 2014 allowing for the five upcoming holidays. What a way to start the New Year, the mid-term election year, with a knowledge of the Federalist Papers under your belt.
4. To save America we must have a spiritual revival first, and then we can see a national revival of traditional Americanism. Anything less is doing the work of [Sisyphus](#).

I'm willing to make the effort. Are you? What about your friends, relatives, associates, and neighbors. Get as many as you can to join you. Let's get started!

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