

## Independence Day!

Happy 240th Birthday to the United States of America! Fly Old Glory high today and take the time to read our Founding Document, the unequalled...  
**Declaration of Independence.**  
Have a great Fourth of July!

## Three Amigos Summit

Last Wednesday, the three "head honchos" of the North American countries met in Ottawa, Canada's capitol.

President Nieto of Mexico, Prime Minister Trudeau of Canada, and President Obama were all there to declare solidarity on critical issues facing their nations. And what were these "critical issues," exactly?

We know the top two at least, because of the massive emphasis placed on them:

1) "*Gay Rights*" – various homosexual iterations, particularly "transgenderism" (gender dysphoria) – and *Social Justice*

2) *Man-Made Climate Change*, the most creative plan for wealth redistribution ever devised by progressive man

Down-list was the effort to conquer Western Civilization by occupation, disillusionment and destruction, delivered by radical Islamists. (Now simply called *violent extremists*.)

Maybe that meeting should have been titled "The Three Stooges Entertain Ottawa."

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Trey Gowdy's gift to the Obama Regime

## Punting Benghazi

The House Select Committee on Benghazi has filed its final report, all 800 pages of it. The investigation into the massacre of four Americans at the American consulate in Benghazi, Libya on September 11, 2012 is complete, after over two years of delays and stonewalling by the administration.

Except it isn't complete. It's inconclusive as far as culpability is concerned. The report assesses what happened but no responsibility is assigned and no reasons are divulged. As we've come to expect from Congressional Republicans (see Fast & Furious, IRS, EPA, etc.), no boats will rock.

It is beyond doubt that Hillary Clinton e-mailed her daughter Chelsea the very night of the attack on the Benghazi compound on September 11, 2012, stating matter-of-factly that the attack was undertaken by an "al Qaeda-type group."

That same night the State Department issued a public statement, under Secretary Clinton's own name, wherein it identified the source of the attack on the consulate not as the al Qaeda group Clinton mentioned to Chelsea, but a spontaneous uprising caused by an inflammatory "anti-Muslim video..."

Two days later, on September 14, 2012, the four flag-draped coffins of the Americans slain in Benghazi were unloaded from the transport aircraft and placed inside a hangar. A brief ceremony honoring their service was performed. At its close, Mrs. Clinton assured the surviving family members that the people "responsible for the video" that caused the deaths of their loved ones would be "found and brought to justice." She *knew* this to be totally false.

Hillary Clinton lied to their faces, even though she knew the truth about the massacre. She was aware the "filmmaker" of the nearly unknown video, chosen as the scapegoat for this cover-up, was in custody.

The White House prepped Susan Rice as she prepared to visit five Sunday talk shows the following weekend: "Make sure

this isn't about a broader failure of policy in Libya." The weapons cache in Benghazi, intended for Syrian anti-Assad "freedom fighters," must not be exposed. Libya was the administration's success story: another dictator deposed, the Libyan people given their freedom, courtesy of Barack Obama.

We now know that, as the attack was happening in "real time," the secretary of state and the secretary of defense were in the White House situation room, discussing and assessing the crisis as it unfolded. Half of that hours-long meeting was spent putting the plan together to blame a video for the attack on the consulate in Benghazi. Those present *knew* what was occurring on the ground in Libya, through live data feeds.

When the attack came, a MAST unit (for the purpose of split-second response to a crisis) was 2-3 hours away, in Spain. After the Marines aboard a staged aircraft were ordered to change from uniform to civilian dress and back again, four times, the order to deploy forces *was not given*. No help would be sent during the eight-hour attack.

Those responsible for defending the nation *and its citizens* from harm were figuring how this crisis was to be "spun" for the American public. Only 56 days away from the presidential election and President Obama's mantra of success against al Qaeda must be preserved. "GM is alive, bin Laden's dead, and al Qaeda is on the run."

Maintaining "the narrative" would win the election and keep a president in power. Nothing was more important; not the truth or the lives of Americans in Benghazi who had repeatedly begged for an enhanced security perimeter and were flatly denied assistance for their own defense. *Who* will be held responsible, Rep. Gowdy?

We Be People



A few dozen courageous men gathered in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on July 4, 1776 to sign the *Declaration of Independence*, a bold statement for individual liberty that placed their lives, possessions and honor on the line. In all, 56 men signed the document, the greatest treatise ever written declaring that a higher power had given men rights under the Laws of Nature and Nature's God, and that a government derives its power "from the consent of the governed."

Penned by Thomas Jefferson of Virginia, the *Declaration* is essentially the mission statement of American Exceptionalism. It defines our nation and its founding concepts as unique in all history. It establishes a nation conceived in liberty, recognizing emphatically that rights of Americans are God-given, therefore *inalienable* – unable to be separated by the power of government.

John Adams wrote to his wife Abigail on July 3, 1776: "(Independence Day) will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America... It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance, by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty..."

Our Founders recognized that only virtuous, religious, knowledgeable people could maintain their liberty. Thomas Jefferson put it this way: "If we are to guard against ignorance and remain free, it is the responsibility of every American to be informed."

But Americans of today do not read the *Declaration of Independence*, know it or study it. Many are not taught the reason for this document's existence, how it came into being. Students today are not taught that this single page (in the original) defines and proclaims WHO we are as Americans and WHY we are unique among all people.

TODAY is our **Independence Day**, the "Day of Deliverance" as John Adams described it. (Imagine the push-back today from secularists and progressives if the date we celebrate was the "Day of Deliverance!")

This July Fourth, our "Day of Deliverance," please read the *Declaration of Independence*, so you can teach your children WHO we are as "Americans" and WHY we are so exceptional. It matters.



Perpetuating the progressive narrative

## 'News' with an agenda

"Threats Against Muslims Must Stop after Orlando Shooting"... Headlines such as this, reported by the French press, were popping up all over leftist print media in Europe, relaying the mindless concerns from the U.S. state-run media organizations. Not one publication pursued the accusation, nor found the evidence, for "threats against Muslims."

An MSN News site displayed the title, "After Mass Shooting, a Search for Answers." But I have yet to find many media sources interested in searching for answers...

In a *New York Times* editorial on June 15, 2016 this assessment appeared:

"While the precise motivation for the rampage remains unclear, it is evident that Mr. Mateen was driven by hatred toward gays and lesbians. Hate crimes don't happen in a vacuum. They occur where bigotry is allowed to fester, where minorities are vilified and where people are scapegoated for political gain. Tragically, this is the state of American politics, driven too often by Republican politicians who see prejudice as something to exploit, not extinguish..."

"As the funerals are held for those who perished on Sunday, lawmakers who have actively championed discriminatory laws and policies, and those who have quietly enabled them with votes, should force themselves to read the obituaries and look at the photos. The 49 people killed in Orlando were victims of a terrorist attack. But they also need to be remembered as casualties of a society where hate has deep roots."

Of course; blame the society not the individual's twisted theocratic ideology. Finger those "lawmakers" who champion "discriminatory laws and policies" as the culprits. Omar Mateen was obviously driven to kill dozens of innocent homosexuals because of "policies" that discriminated against him, the hate and bigotry fostered by Republicans, although his "precise motivation for the rampage remains unclear."

On the same date, *Teen Vogue Magazine*, ran this, by Muna Mire, *The Orlando Shooting is Proof that American Culture Fuels Homophobia*:

"Omar was the product of American culture. The rage he held in his heart for gay people and perhaps for himself, is the same rage fueling street harassment of visibly queer and gender non-conforming people..."

Ms. Mire says it's the American culture that fosters rage against those "visibly queer." But Omar Mateen was raised in Islamic culture, driven by Islamist rage and hatred for the West, which condones and even sanctions homosexual behavior as a "lifestyle" – he even said so. He killed infidels for the Islamic State and for Allah.

Another MSN headline appeared on June 20: "Orlando offers lessons on preparing for mass shootings." You read that correctly. The word they used was "preparing," not "preventing." Obviously, they have no plans to *prevent* anything. Maybe put up another "Gun Free Zone" sign, the most reliable invitation to Islamist butchers...

One clueless host on the Fox News Channel asked, "Is this a new nightmare?"

The answer to that question is, "No." The massacre in Orlando is the same nightmare as San Bernardino; just another chapter with a different ghoul to deliver the evil carnage. Funny that the proclamation is always the same: "Allahu Akbar!"

Islam is the source of the nightmare and radical Islam IS the nightmare. As long as we allow our state-run media, and those in government they feed, to humanize barbarians who take American lives, then offer misguided, mindless excuses for their evil behavior, our nation will continue to live the *nightmare*.

We must not allow agenda-driven pundits to blame the United States, our individual liberty and culture, instead of the real ogre, the hallowed "religion of peace."

It's time for us to challenge the state-run media's agenda-driven narrative and to demand they stop the charade that downplays the nightmare of Islamist barbarity.

**Enough!**  
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