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How to Stop Terrorism: Seven Ways to « Drain the Swamp »

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In the wake of the barbaric Paris terror attack, everyone is debating how to stop further terrorism.

Some say we need more war against Islamic countries ... or more spying ... or more crackdowns on our liberties.

But – despite what the talking heads may say – the methods for stopping future attacks are well known ...

We've got to drain the swamp.

I. Stop Supporting the Dictators Who Fund Terrorists

Saudi Arabia is the world's largest sponsor of radical Islamic terrorists.

The Saudis have backed ISIS and many other brutal terrorist groups. According to sworn declarations from a 9/11 Commissioner and the Co-Chair of the Congressional Inquiry Into 9/11, the Saudi government backed the 9/11 hijackers (see section VII for details).

Saudi Arabia is the hotbed of the most radical Muslim terrorists in the world: the Salafis (both ISIS and Al Qaeda are Salafis).

And the Saudis – with U.S. support – back the radical "madrassas" in which Islamic radicalism was spread.

And yet the U.S. has been supporting the Saudis militarily, with NSA intelligence and in every other way possible for 70 years.

In addition, top American terrorism experts say that U.S. support for brutal and tyrannical countries in the Middle east – like Saudi Arabia – is one of the *top motivators* for Arab terrorists.

So if we stop supporting the House of Saud and other Arab tyrannies, we'll get a two-fold reduction in terror:

> (1) We'll undermine the main terrorism supporters
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> And …
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> (2) We'll take away one of the main motivations driving terrorists: our support for the most repressive, brutal Arab tyrannies

II. Stop Arming Terrorists

We're arming the most violent terrorists in the Middle East, as part of a geopolitical strategy to overthrow leaders we don't like (see section III for more details). And see this, this, this, this and this.

Previously-leaked documents showed that the CIA *warned* Obama that funding extremist rebels doesn't work … but Obama decided to fund the Syrian rebels *anyway* for cynical political gain.

Indeed, the French terrorists who just murdered the cartoonists in Paris apparently just returned fromwaging war against the Syrian government, where they may – directly or indirectly – have obtained U.S. weapons and training.

And – strangely – we're overthrowing the more moderate Arabs who stabilized the region and denied jihadis a foothold.

If we want to stop terrorism, we need to stop supporting the terrorists.

III. Stop Imperial Conquests for Arab Oil

The U.S. has undertaken regime change against Arab leaders we don't like for six decades. We overthrew the leader of Syria in 1949, Iran in 1953, Iraq *twice*, Afghanistan *twice*, Turkey, Libya … and other oil-rich countries.

Neoconservatives planned regime change throughout the Middle East and North Africa yet again in 1991.

Top American politicians admit that the Iraq oil was about oil, not stopping terrorism (documents from Britain show the same thing). Much of the war on terror is really a fight for natural gas. Or to force the last few hold-outs into dollars and private central banking.

And the U.S. military described terror attacks on the U.S. as a "small price to pay for being a superpower":

> A senior officer on the Joint Staff told State Department counter-terrorism director Sheehan he had heard terrorist strikes characterized more than once by colleagues as a "small price to pay for being a superpower".

Security experts – including both conservatives and liberals – agree that waging war in the Middle East*weakens* national security and increases terrorism. See this, this, this, this, this, this, this and this.

For example, James K. Feldman – former professor of decision analysis and economics at the

Air Force Institute of Technology and the School of Advanced Airpower Studies – and other experts say that foreign occupation is the *main cause* of terrorism. University of Chicago professor Robert A. Pape – who specializes in international security affairs – agrees.

We've fought the longest and most expensive wars in American history … but we're *less* secure than before, and there are more terror attacks than ever.

Remember, Al Qaeda *wasn't* even *in* Iraq until the U.S. invaded that country.

If we want to stop terrorism, we have to stop overthrowing Arab leaders and invading Arab countries to grab their oil.

IV. Stop Mass Surveillance

Top security experts agree that mass surveillance makes us MORE vulnerable to terrorists.

V. Stop Torture

Top terrorism and interrogation experts agree that torture creates *more* terrorists.

Indeed, the leaders of ISIS were motivated by U.S. torture.

Once again, we have a very current example: Paris terrorist Cherif Kouchi told a court in 2005 that he wasn't radical until he learned about U.S. torture at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq.

If we want to stop creating new terrorists, we have to stop torturing … permanently.

VI. Stop Drone Assassinations of Innocent Civilians

Top CIA officers say that *drone strikes* increase terrorism (and see this).

The CIA – the agency in charge of drone strikes – even told Obama that drone kills can increase terrorism.

If we want to stop creating new terrorists, we have to stop the drone strikes.

VII. Stop Covering Up 9/11

Government officials agree that 9/11 was state-sponsored terrorism … they just disagree on *which* state was responsible.

Because 9/11 was the largest terror attack on the U.S. in history – and all of our national security strategies are based on 9/11 – we can't stop terror until we get to the bottom of what really happened, and which state was behind it.

Many high-level American officials – including military leaders, intelligence officials and 9/11 commissioners – are dissatisfied with the 9/11 investigations to date.

The Co-Chair of the congressional investigation into 9/11 – Bob Graham – and 9/11 Commissioner and former Senator Bob Kerrey are calling for either a "permanent 9/11 commission" or a new 9/11 investigation to get to the bottom of it.

The Co-Chair of the Congressional Inquiry into 9/11 and former Head of the Senate

Intelligence Committee (Bob Graham) said that the Paris terror attack, ISIS, and other terrorist developments are a result of failing to stand up to Saudi Arabia and declassify the 9/11 investigation's report about Saudi involvement in 9/11:

The 9/11 chairs, Ron Paul, and numerous other American politicians have called for declassification, as well.

Again, others have different ideas about who was behind 9/11. But until we get to the bottom of it, terror attacks will continue.

Stop Throwing Bodies In the River

Defenders of current government policy say: "we have to do *something* to stop terrorists!"

Yes, we do ...

But we must also stop doing the 7 things above which *increase* terrorism. We have to stop "throwing new bodies in the river."

But the powers-that-be don't want to change course ... they gain tremendous power and influence through our current war on terror strategies.

For example, the military-complex grows rich through war ... so endless war is a feature – not a bug – of our foreign policy.

Torture was about building a false justification for war.

Mass surveillance is about economic and diplomatic advantage and crushing dissent.

Supporting the most radical Muslim leaders is about oil and power ... "a small price to pay" to try to dominate the world.

A leading advisor to the U.S. military – the Rand Corporation – released a study in 2008 called "How Terrorist Groups End: Lessons for Countering al Qa'ida". The report confirms what experts have been saying for years: the war on terror is actually *weakening* national security (see this, this and this).

As a press release about the study states:

> "Terrorists should be perceived and described as criminals, not holy warriors, and our analysis suggests that there is no battlefield solution to terrorism."

We, the People, have to stand up and demand that our power-hungry leaders stop doing the things which give *them* more power ... but are guaranteed to *increase* terrorism against us, the civilian population.

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