

The Syria Vote – skip it!

Attacking Syria unilaterally is an *ill-considered idea* that does not deserve to come to a vote in the U.S. Congress, & besides, we'll be missing the mark.

The productive question is:

Will the International Community (the United Nations) decide to punish
– not Syria! but –
President Assad himself? ... If not: *let us stay out of the fight.*

Think about it:

Our opening move in the 2nd Gulf War was to ~unilaterally blow up part of downtown Baghdad... to “shock & awe” the Iraqi people when the *problem-individual* was **Sadam Hussein!** ...And later, the U.S.A. squandered a fortune attempting to rebuild the Iraq which we helped to destroy.

If Hussein caused “the problem”... he alone should have suffered the consequences.

If President Assad is causing “the problem”... he alone should suffer the consequences.

In any event:

Dropping bombs on the land of our friends = A bad idea.

Let's not do that. (“Shock & awe” was a product of our historical illiteracy... & our quaint perception of strategic attack options of the 21st century.)

America “Losing Face” by not projecting power

(after President Obama “drew a line in the sand” on *chemical weapons use*)

makes little sense. WikiLeaks & prisoner torture demonstrate that we sacrificed some of our principles years ago; our national “ethics” are a house of cards; our governance is in gridlock; our national “face” is “toast”.

The Chinese have grasped for centuries how insufferable English-speaking governance can be (recall: England's Opium War); the U.S.A.'s 21st century world leadership has been an ill-advised juggernaut.... China is arming itself in a big way – who would care to blame them?

Unmanned Air Vehicles (UAV's) are becoming ubiquitous, & (according to the AIAA) Europeans recently put the plans for tiny GPS/INS navigation systems in the public domain on the web.

The people who've received the brunt of misdirected firepower will be able to return fire on the leaders who were responsible. World's leaders don't yet imagine receiving more than their fair share of personal grief & suffering; the tradition of insulated, arrogant, elitist human leadership may be drawing to a close.

We *could* develop & follow **a transparent national plan**, rather than “leaders” per se.

More than just a *quaint idea*: **“The Golden Rule”**... embrace it as **what we stand for!**

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