



## Obama: ‘I pretend I’m going to work’ and ‘switch on Homeland’

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Full confession: I am not familiar with the Showtime series *Homeland*. Then again, I am not president of the United States, so I suppose I don’t have to be.

This is not suggest that watching any particular television drama is part of the job description of commander-in-chief but rather that the current holder of that position offered up this interesting anecdote recorded by the [New York Times](#):

While Michelle and the two girls go play tennis on Saturday afternoons, I go in the Oval Office, pretend I’m going to work, and then I switch on ‘Homeland.’

The source of the quote is Damian Lewis, who appears in the series. Lewis claims that Obama confided this dirty little secret to him at a state dinner last spring.

[Jim Geraghty at the National Review Online](#) asks:

Which is more disturbing?

- 1) That Obama ‘pretends he’s going to work’ on Saturdays and watches ‘Homeland’?
- 2) That Obama finds *Manchurian Candidate*-style POWs-turned-terrorists to be plausible?

I hope the president wasn’t scheduled to review intelligence briefings about threats to our embassies and consulates some recent Saturday.

I would like to propose a runner-up for what is disturbing about this anecdote: It is that he still invests so much energy in trying to convince others (and himself) that he is a lovable scamp and not some rancorous, petty, and arrogant little man who takes great pleasure in sniping at those who disagree with him.

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