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Obama: 'The future must not belong to those who slander the prophet of Islam'

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"The impulse towards intolerance and violence may initially be focused on the West, but over time it cannot be contained. The same impulses toward extremism are used to justify war between Sunni and Shia, between tribes and clans. It leads not to strength and prosperity but to chaos. In less than two years, we have seen largely peaceful protests bring more change to Muslim-majority countries than a decade of violence. And extremists understand this. Because they have nothing to offer to improve the lives of people, violence is their only way to stay relevant. They don't build; they only destroy. [...] **The future must not belong to those who slander the prophet of Islam.** But to be credible, those who condemn that slander must also condemn the hate we see in the images of Jesus Christ that are desecrated, or churches that are destroyed, or the Holocaust that is denied."

Addressing the U.N. General Assembly, [President Obama](#) calls for tolerance and speaks out against violence.

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President Barack Obama addresses the 67th session of the United Nations General Assembly on Sept. 25, 2012. (AP)

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TANVEER MD MASOOD wrote:

9/30/2012 1:05 AM PST

THERE ARE GROUPS WHICH FAN TENSION AND VIOLENCE BETWEEN TWO SECTS AND COMMUNITIES. THIS IS THERE JOB A VERY ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT OF THEIR AGENDA. THEY STRIVE BY MAKING BROTHERS FIGHT WHILE THEY ENJOY SITTING IN THEIR COMFORTABLE CORNER . SANE PEOPLE NEVER FALL PREY TO SUCH MALICIOUS PROPAGANDA OF COWARDS WHO KNOW NOTHING BUT TO BACKBITE.

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eliwhite wrote:

9/29/2012 10:00 PM PST

A lot of Republicans are libertarians, they are liberal, but the word has been overtaken by people calling themselves liberal or progressive which is actually a chameleon word for socialism which is just a step away from communism which is rooted in the word community.

The word liberal is rooted in the word liberty, which today's democrat party does not uphold. For example, president Obama's statement to the United Nations. "The future must not belong to those who slander the prophet of Islam"

Has the president forgotten that Americans have a first amendment right to say whatever they want to about the prophet of Islam or any other religious figure? Isn't the first amendment a key part of American liberty?

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flylowguy wrote:

9/28/2012 6:54 PM PST

Taken out of contest, some of this is destined to be inflammatory.

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dawino6260 wrote:

9/27/2012 12:10 PM PST

Based on the fact that Obama himself said I if the political winds change I will stand with them (the Islams/Muslims)" and very recently said "The future must not belong to those who slander the prophet of Islam" His administration has spent over 1.5 billion dollars building Mosques in the middle east .. He spent taxpayer dollars over there apologizing for our American right to free speech, Was warned more than 24 hours in advance that our embassies would be attacked ... Then left our embassies with no protection.... One must ask the question: Mr Obama, Whose side are you on? Are you on the side of Islam (which wants to kill us therefore making you a traitor) Or are you on the American side -- It is one or the other - political doublespeak is not acceptable -- Which side is Barack Obama on? The side of Islam or the side of Americans - You cannot have both - THERE IS NO MIDDLE GROUND

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Those who slander Islam, those who slander Jesus, those who deny the Holocaust should not be in control. They should not be leaders. You have to have freedom of speech in order to keep these types of people from maintaining the control that they do have currently.



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WmarkW wrote:

9/26/2012 5:54 PM PST

Slander? To slander, by definition, requires telling a falsehood. We don't KNOW more than a trivial outline of the real life of the historical Muhammed.

To label as slander statements about Muhammed being a pedophilic, genocidal, misogynistic warlord, implies that the tenets of Islam have to be accepted as factual. This violates at least two clauses of our First Amendment, as well as every principle of free inquiry that are the basis of Western Civilization.



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the_unpopular_truth wrote:

9/26/2012 4:34 PM PST

'The future must not belong to those who slander the prophet of Islam'. Okay, so he sounds a little like Ahmadinejad, but at least he didn't say something absurd and inflammatory like 47% of Americans don't pay federal taxes.



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Tom from Point Loma responds:

9/26/2012 4:48 PM PST

Some may find saying 47% of Americans don't pay federal [income] taxes inflammatory, but it is true:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/ezra-klein/wp/...>

We need a broader and flatter tax base that aligns the interests of all citizens with the success of society.



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Bkstober responds:

9/26/2012 6:56 PM PST

The future must not belong to a President who tells you what you cannot say!



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zeke1646 responds:

9/27/2012 7:06 AM PST

Can't wait to jump on that 47% thing can you? It was a boneheaded comment for sure, but it is true 47% pay no federal taxes, but not all the 47% are freeloaders, just a good portion of them are. Let's face the truth though, politicians of all stripes live in a different world than you and me. To them the one thing that matters most to them about us is that we vote for them.



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Bkstober responds:
9/27/2012 10:27 AM PST

The future must not belong to a President who tells you what you cannot say!

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Tom from Point Loma wrote:
9/26/2012 3:31 PM PST

"The future must not belong to those who slander the prophet of Islam". How does the Pres. intend to achieve that without violating the First Amendment ? Or does he intend to implement Sharia compliant blasphemy laws in the US as Egypt's Pres. Morsi is demanding? Both himself and Sec. Clinton have parroted the Islamist moral equivalence between a video and murder by always discussing the two together. A second Obama term would be very negative for free speech.

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