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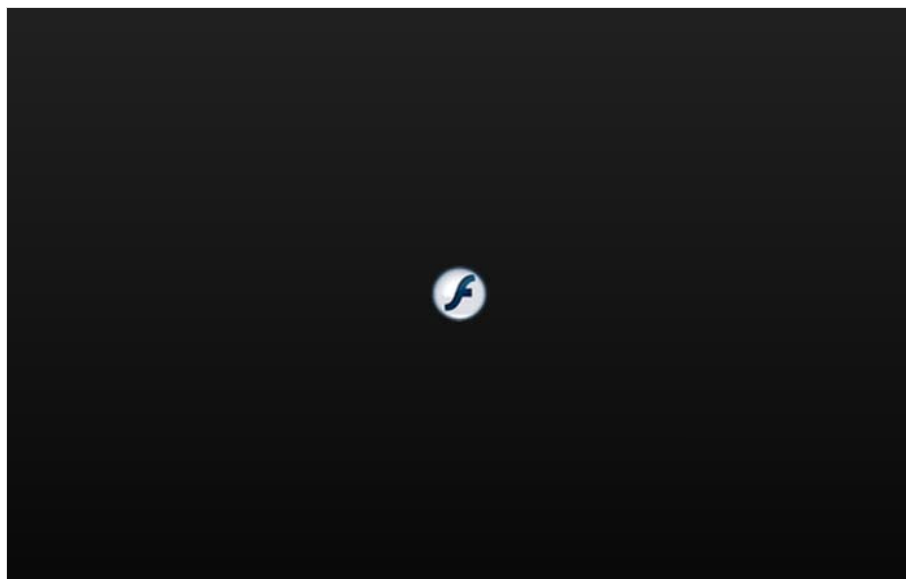
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President Obama blamed former President George W. Bush for the rapid rise of Islamic State terrorists, and says the terrorist group is a consequence of the Iraq war.

“ISIL is a direct outgrowth of Al Qaeda in Iraq that grew out of our invasion, which is an example of unintended consequences which is why we should generally aim before we shoot,” Obama said in an interview with VICE News, referring to the Iraq war launched by

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Bush.

Obama pointed out that his fight against ISIS had a 60 country coalition, which would “slowly push” the terrorist group out of Iraq.

Simply defeating ISIS, however, would not be enough, Obama explained, because of “disaffected Sunnis around the world.”

For example, Obama cited a disaffected young man in the Middle East who had no education or no future.

“The one way he can get validation, power, respect is if he’s a fighter and this looks like the toughest gang around,” he said, pointing out that such people would be drawn to extremist groups like ISIS, particularly if they had a “religious rational” for joining.

“That’s a problem that we’re going to have generally, and we can’t keep thinking about counterterrorism and security as entirely separate from diplomacy, development, education, all these things that are considered soft, but in fact are vital to our national security,” he said.

Obama lamented the lack of funding for foreign aid in the national budget and explained that if these programs were increased it might reduce the threat of terrorism.

“We should be thinking about making investments there that ultimately save us from having to send our young men and women to fight, or having folks come here and doing great harm,” he said.

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Hussein logic is absurd. Hussein Big Ears needs to know how pathetic he is..

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You're right, this guy thinks he can do no wrong. It's HIS fault for pulling out of Iraq and for not stomping these guys down when they WERE a JV team. Also he complains about not having enough MONEY??? He's doubled the debt, and that's not enough, geez.

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**jhw** → Geeman · 41 minutes ago

You're right, he's doubled the debt, while at the same time, the fed. govt continues to waste BILLIONS of dollars each year. With just a little competency, the govt could afford to support ISIS opposition all over the world with money to spare.

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Everywhere BOzo has intervened or left his fingerprints during the last six years has resulted in anarchy, chaos, human misery and suffering... the atheist ideology of darkness and death.

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Al Qaeda was on the run after the surge. Bush left a stable Iraq. All you had to do was hammer out the Station of Forces Agreement. You failed to do that, Mister President. You then withdrew all US forces from Iraq, hailing it a great achievement of your presidency.

The Shia Prime Minister, Al-Maliki, without the US influence that our forces gave, decided to do in the power sharing arrangement and piss off the Sunnis. Al-Maliki then allowed Iranian influence to predominate in his country. Naturally, the Sunnis turned to someone else and that was ISIS.

You were the one who called ISIS JV. However, they proved to be somewhat different. Bush did not do that, YOU DID.

Al Qaeda was on the run and Bin Laden is dead. YOUR CAMPAIGN SLOGAN. Well, Bin Laden is dead, but Al Qaeda is far from being on the run and now we have ISIS.

Who is the real JV leader? It was not Bush.

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