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## A Middle Road for Afghanistan?

The objectives in Afghanistan;

- 1) Keep the Taliban from taking over the country and providing a sanctuary for the terrorist Al Qaeda organization.
- 2) Contain the threat of Islamic Facism.
- 3) Provide security for the people against the Taliban so that they will support their own moderate government.
- 4) Provide a presence to aid in stabilizing a deteriorating situation in Pakistan
- 5) Provides a forward presence that assures the Iranian Rogue State that the U.S. is a “player” and will defend its allies in the region.

What is a “middle of the road solution?”

It is a political decision to placate Obama’s left wing base.

What is involved in a “middle of the road” decision?

- 1) Dispute the number of troops General McChrystal says he needs.  
A no win for Obama. The General knows what he needs and the people know he knows.
- 2) Change the objectives in Afghanistan,  
Use such a change to justify lesser numbers of troops.

What objectives could be changed?

- 1) Declare that the Taliban has a right to exist and participate in the Afghan government
- 2) Focus military strength on eliminating Al Qaeda

How would that change the requirement for higher troop levels?

- 1) Changes the mission from “counter-insurgency” to the conduct of anti terrorist strikes using unmanned predator aircraft and Special Forces operations.
- 2) There are fewer enemies (Al Qaeda), since the Taliban are now defined as legal participants in the Afghan political process.
- 3) Focus American and Coalition Troops on training Afghan Army and Police Forces.

This can be made to sound great by weasel word politicians. Problem is; it won’t work:

- 1) The Taliban’s goal is to put the Afghan populations under its control, take over the Afghan government and impose Sharia law (feudal Islamic control).
- 2) The “middles of the road” strategy sets the stage for the Taliban to do just that, starting with control of the population where U.S./Coalition troops won’t be.

- 3) **The Taliban, once on control will throw U.S./Coalition forces out and once again provide sanctuary to terrorist organizations such as Al Qaeda.**

**How will an Obama “middle of the road strategy” affect the United States?**

- 1) **America (and the world) will be much vulnerable to the terrorist attack of Islamic Facists**
- 2) **The ability to stabilize the Middle East will be dramatically reduced.**
- 3) **The world influence of the United States will be greatly reduces in political, economic and military affairs.**
- 4) **The United Sates step away from reality in Afghanistan will aid the Islamic Facists in building their strength and using such strength (as well as their demographic attack on Europe and America) to achieve world (domination (make no mistake, that is their goal)**
- 5) **Such a strategy postpones a war we will have to fight, and allows the enemy to become a more fearsome foe.**

**Speak out while you can before the Obamas of the world fracture our freedom.**

**Don't fall for the weasel words that hide political compromise and weakness.**

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