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Why does it matter whether we call terrorist groups “extremist terrorists” or “armed insurgents”?

I don’t know how you feel, but I wonder how all of you think the war on terror is going. Why is there so much internal conflict within Washington on how to handle these terrorists? The difference between liberals and conservatives as to why we even have this war at all is amazing!

But to get on with today’s topic… If you’re like me, you probably have been noticing a lot of news pundits going back and forth about what title the Obama administration uses to describe terrorist organizations. There has also been a lot of discussion about the use of the religious name “Islam” when describing these organizations. Let’s just agree that right now there are extreme believers using Islam as an excuse for their effort for world domination. Just as we had other crusades many years ago, that eventually stopped.

Let’s address this issue of using a descriptor of terrorist vs. insurgents. To me, a terrorist group is one that uses religion to justify barbaric warfare against anyone that does not share their specific religious belief, cowards that fight from behind masks, so they cannot be identified. These are common, no guts murderers hiding behind masks. The current official foreign policy is:

“The United States will not negotiate with terrorist organizations for any ransom or any other deals.”

This administration’s play on words is brought about because the White House does not want to follow the official us policy of non-negotiation with terrorists.

They believe that as long as they keep calling these extremist organizations anything other than terrorists, they can just ignore formal US policy and negotiate with them if they want to. They are going to all sorts of lengths to support this circumvention of formal US policy.

So now that we understand why they refuse to label these terrorists groups as “terrorists,” we have to ask why do they want to circumvent US policy? Once again, this answer has to get into the differences between liberals and conservatives as to why we even have this war. The editorial time I have is not long enough to go into the why’s. But suffice to say, a main difference between liberals and conservatives in stopping the war is liberals believe we can solve everything with just diplomacy. Conservatives believe that diplomacy, alone, will not work. If military action is needed, use it before things are so out of control, and that we move into another world war.

I do believe that if we don’t stop ISIS now, we will shortly be in a world war. Add to that Russia’s aggression, which NATO will eventually have to deal with. Once again the United States will be looked at to be the lead to stop them, as well. Lest we not forget N. Korea and that quiet giant, China. Let’s try to agree with one thing. We did get attacked on us soil more than once by terrorists. It goes back to the Clinton Administration. I’m not blaming Clinton for anything, just the point that it goes back to that time frame. And there were many terrorists’ attempts that failed as well since 9-11 both on our soil and in other countries around the world. Some people advocates we just pull out of the war zones and let them just fight it out. Sounds good, in concept. But I have to look back when the US did go into the protection era.

That failed miserably. And we wound up back in an even worse world war than what brought us to try protectionism. We have learned from that mistake.

We cannot just pull back to our borders and expect everyone to leave us alone. The United States is everywhere, and we have interests everywhere in the world that we need to protect our interests everywhere.

As far as the Obama administration refusing to call a terrorist organization, a terrorist organization, it’s back to the liberal belief that we can solve these problems with just diplomacy. While these barbarians are over there beheading non-militant civilians from the US and other nations, some believe we just need to be nice to them.

Well, guess what? Ever hear the phrase, give them an inch and they’ll take a mile? Well, that is what extreme terrorist groups want. They are happy to take the Middle East one mile at a time. They believe it is in their twisted religious destiny take the Middle East. Europe will be next.

In conclusion, I’m not saying we just use the military and kill them all. Yes, diplomacy is important. But it is only one part of the war on terror. These barbarians need to know that we will stop at nothing to protect our interests worldwide. They cannot and will not defeat us. They are terrorists. Mr. President, if it walks and squawks like a duck, it’s a duck. If a militant group uses religion to justify barbaric attacks on free people, and believe it is their destiny to rule the whole world in the name of their religion alone, then they are terrorists. Stop playing with words to get around us policy. Plain and simple. These guys are terrorists. Call them terrorists.

And that’s today editorial. Tell me what you think! Whether you agree with me or not, I’d like to read your comments. I encourage your email comments. Please email them to [info@kzgn.net](mailto:INFO@KZGN.NET).

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