

## LTG Flynn's PRESENTATION

Thank you so much. In my time as a young child and my time in the military, I always used to help out with the churches that I was a part of. And certainly, the various priests and administrators that I worked in in various military bases, there was a reason why in all the places, all the churches, we used to put ropes in the back to keep all the people that wanted to come in late from having to sit in the back, we would force them to come up to the front. Anyway, this is really, really important. This is an important time Sarah and thank you so much for the honor to spend a little bit of time with some folks here today. We're going to get rolling here a little bit later but I actually put together some prepared remarks because I want to be very precise when I describe some of what we are facing, there are a lot of things that we are facing. I do very, very much appreciate those who endured, and you know I'm from New England so this is a light breezy day. But for anybody who endured or traveled last night or this morning to be here today, really, really important.

EMET, you have the Middle East part in the middle, but it's really endowment for truth. The phrase that I love, the thing that I use, is the thing about the truth is that the truth fears no questions. It really, really doesn't. If that's all you have to worry about is telling the truth, then you don't fear what it is your challengers will have to say to you, because it is the truth. I think it's really, really important. I'm going to go through these remarks because one, I prepared them for this purpose today and will go through them fairly quickly. I will then stop and open it up to any questions. I do very much appreciate those of you that are in our government that are here, and I understand there are some folks from the commerce department, interns and also military or former military. Anybody that serves our nation in any capacity. I pay very, very close attention to what's going on around the world and also in our country. When you look around the bubble we call Washington D.C., the American public is just sick and tired of the nonsense and the bologna they are seeing coming out of this place. I read an article this morning that I sent to one candidate, and I basically said essentially, that the article was basically written for people in Washington D.C. It was written by a think tank. A really strong article against a particular person who they think should or should not run for president. The point was, was that as I read it, I'm thinking "God, someone in the middle of this country, Iowa, or some of these other parts in our country, they're just going to read it and go, wow this is just full of you know what." I think that for all of us that are here and for all of us that have extended networks around the country, and certainly around the world, we really have to pay attention because the next election is going to send this country in one direction or another.

Ok. I'm going to read a statement here that I pulled this morning that I thought was really something and most of you don't even know about this thing. "As the American led crusaders continue waging war against the caliphate, more and more Muslims continue demonstrating their willingness to sacrifice everything that is precious to them for the sake of fulfilling their duty to Allah. While many continue to do so by undertaking *hizjra* to the Islamic State, others do so by defiantly terrorizing the crusaders in their very strongholds. Such was the case on the 20<sup>th</sup> of *Safha*, when Syed Rizwan Farook and his wife Tashfeen Malik carried out an attack on the *kafir* in San Bernardino, California and succeeded in killing 14 of them and wounding 22 more. As the operation took place, Tashfeen Malik made a post online reaffirming their (allegiance) to al-Baghdadi. Tashfeen and her husband then engaged in a shootout with security forces and were killed, thereby attaining *shahada* in the path of Allah. We consider them so, and Allah is their judge. Thus, the caliphates call for the Muslims to strike the crusaders in their own lands was answered once more. But on this particular occasion, the attack was unique. The *moosh*, that is Farook, did not suffice with embarking on the noble path of jihad alone. Rather he conducted the operation together with his wife, with the two thereby aiding one another in

righteous and *taqwa*.” So that comes from the opening three paragraphs of the 13<sup>th</sup> edition of *Dabiq*, the Islamic State (formerly al-Qaeda) magazine.

If you watch a little bit of the news, last night there was a couple of commentators that talked about it. I’ve been getting these editions, these issues since they first came out. They are better magazines than you’re going to find at these kiosks selling Newsweek or whatever. They are FILLED with hatred, absolute hatred. They’re filled with an enormous amount of information to influence. They are what a information operations, warfare specialist would love to create in our own country. We are not able to do that because we are held back from being able to counter this message. There’s a book that I’m writing, and the name of the book is *The Field of Fight: How We Can Win the Global War Against Radical Islam and its Allies*. Won’t come out til probably mid—summer. The timing is actually, purposefully designed. What I talk about is that ten years ago, we found evidence that al-Qaeda is far more organized and adept than we had previously given them credit for. It took us nearly that long to locate and executed their leader, Osama bin-Laden. Personally, I wish that we had not executed him but captured him. I think we would have gained a lot more out of it. We are far from finished because al-Qaeda has morphed into a much more dangerous, menacing threat in ISIS. Ten years ago, in 2004, the US State Department, which designates terrorists groups, in 2004 they formally designated a number of terrorists groups that they designated as foreign Islamic terrorists groups. In 2004, there were 21 that were formally designated. In 2014, there were 41 that our US State Department designates. So when you hear somebody say that we are “winning”, that’s not the case. It’s not the case. A war is being waged against us by radical Islamists, and as current events demonstrate, as we’ve seen, I pay very, very close attention, in the last 30 days alone there have been over half a dozen attacks that have killed upwards of 250 people and have wounded three or four times that many. Just in the last thirty days. You can go from Jakarta, to a military base in India, to the university attack that just happened in Pakistan, in Kabul, in Paris, in San Bernardino, etc. This enemy is getting stronger actually. My book aims to inform the American people of the grave danger that we face and will continue to face until our government takes decisive action against terrorists that want to destroy us and want to destroy our way of life. I’ve spent more than 33 years in Army intelligence, joint assignments, multi-national assignments and I work really closely with really strong leaders like David Petraeus and Mike Mullen, and others who I have thought really highly of. Today, I see them, like Bob Gates, I spend a lot of time in Bob Gate’s world loom and discussions that he has given to use while he has served, I think he is a really brave guy. I’d actually love to see a guy like that run for President. He probably wouldn’t do that. I’ve also served as the Assistant Director of National Intelligence under Jim Clapper, I was twice confirmed by the Senate, twice appointed by this current President to serve at the three star level, in two jobs, Assistant Director of National Intelligence and Director of Defense Intelligence Agency. So I had an enormous privilege to be part of something that I spent my life preparing myself for. I was director of the DIA, and the most senior military intelligence officer in the DoD. So from coordinating on the ground operations in places like Iraq and Afghanistan, other places around the world, to building reliable intelligence networks, preparing strategic plans to fighting radical Islam, I’ve seen first-hand what I would describe as government screw ups. Cover-ups in some cases. Sensitive information that leaders don’t want us to know. Judicial Watch is one organization that still works very diligently with some of these court cases in the southern district in New York that are able to pull some of these things out to show the American public. The one thing about transparency, and this is the one thing between the government and the public where there is a real problem, there’s a lack of trust. One of the things about being transparent is that transparency breeds trust. I’m an intelligence officer, so my life in the military has been about secrets, but what I found out about 10-15 years ago is that you have to be more transparent if you want to accomplish your mission.

A year before I was scheduled to retire I was, I kind of describe it that I was sacked. I was the director of the DIA, and for among other things, I told a Congressional committee in open session, the American people are in much more danger than we face or have faced in the past and certainly in the years ahead if we don't do something. *The Field of Fight: How We Can Win the Global War Against Radical Islam and its Allies*, I try and distinctly lay out why we have failed to stop these terrorists groups from growing and what we must do to stop them. The core message is that if you do understand your enemies, it's a lot easier to defeat them. Because our government has really concealed actions of terrorists like bin-Laden, even post his demise, then groups like ISIS and the role of Iran in this rise of radical Islam. I believe, you know we went into Baghdad, we probably should have gone into Tehran if we were just picking places to go. Now, we don't really, fully understand the enormity of the threat that they pose against us. If you just read *Dabiq* magazine, which is posted online, and I encourage you to do it, it's the 13<sup>th</sup> issue. The book is really a call to action that I believe is just common sense. It's a sensible, informed read and I hope that anybody that does read it finds it original. It basically asserts that we must find a way to fight, not just to fight but to win.

So that all said, America and the world requires leaders that are intellectually honest and can speak clearly and frankly to the free citizens that are facing violence from radical Islamists. Leaders must use precise language to describe the threat that is facing the planet, because the populous is smart enough to understand the ideology of radical Islam and the religion of Islam. I'm not going to stand up here and say that I am a Quranic expert, but I've read it. I've talked to individuals enough and I've spent certainly the last 15 years, if not longer, trying to understand what it is. And years, and years studying religions because for things that have a lot to do with warfare frankly. Failing to use precise language confuses Americans and leads to harmful ideas, inappropriate or ineffective outcomes. Failure to use precise language causes hundreds of millions of moderate Muslims around the world, that some say are our natural allies in this struggle. I'm not there yet, but I know and have talked to enough Muslims who do believe that there is a huge misinterpretation, but there's a misinterpretation of Islam by a very large segment within their society. They question our intellect, and rightly so, and our dedication to helping get rid of the violence from radical Islamists. Two administrations now, not just this administration, but I think that this administration has really doubled down on this lack of understanding and clearly dismissed interpretation. But two administrations now have failed to explain now clearly what we are facing. And so my advice to people listening is that we must not have a third. We can't afford to have a third. And it's not just about radical Islamism and other issues that we have around the world today, but this is sort of the wolf closest to the sled. The importance of honest and intelligent leadership as the world deals with a massive refugee crisis, for example, and the rising violence from deadly violent radical Islamists groups cannot be emphasized enough. We have to differentiate between the religion of Islam and the twisted, deadly culture of radical Islam that distort the ideas of Islam to justify the murder of anyone who doesn't like them. They innocent that are being murdered daily are mostly and often Muslims and that is a fact lost on many observers. Maybe in Q and A I'll talk a little about what I think Muslims leaders should be doing, and give you a little bit of insight about what I have been doing and what I'm about to do over the next 30 days. We should demand that the world unite to stop them. We should demand that the world unite to stop these guys. Not just words, there has to be actions that follow. Standing up to evil is hard, but it is not optional. It is not optional. Think about history and the other tragedies that we have seen. Standing up to evil is very not, but not optional. We don't have an option. We need leaders on both sides of this political divide that we face and have, that finds common ground and protects Americans and extends a hand of humanity to this massive refugee migration. And the hyperbole about Muslims and understating the magnitude of the radical Islamism issue are unhelpful in finding any solutions that we have. I pay very close attention, I have a lot of friends in Europe and there's enormous pressure to be politically correct on one hand and on the other hand

some of these countries are facing some really, really serious problems and all you have to do is pick up some of the various news or media outlets in Europe to gain some understanding. But in this time of expanding radical Islamists violence, when ISIS is telling us that they have inserted, and they've told us this publically, that they have inserted operatives into the migrating refugee population and Homeland Security and FBI officials are telling our Congress that there are gaping holes in the immigrant screening process that we have, I think it's prudent for all nations to ensure careful screening of all immigrants coming from all regions of the world that host radical Islamists terrorists organizations and these problems. We shouldn't demonize Congress or Presidential candidates for wanting to guarantee the recent group of refugees is properly screened. There's a reason why we call people illegal immigrants. The first word, so if they're illegal and there's a lot of them here, and they're all not radical Islamists. But there is a lot of illegals and if they're illegal, that is against our law. One strategic advantage that we still maintain in our country is the rule of law. Trust me, I've been to six continents and in some of the worst places in the world, and if they had an inkling or any semblance of rule of law, the world would be far better off. So you have to respect what we have, and that's called the rule of law and we have to compose the rule of law the way that we have always done. If a simple guarantee from the Executive Branch makes Americans more comfortable with the process, then a law, then let's do it. Let's say it. And this is a no brainer. Instead of this argument, this bitterness between candidates, congress, the Executive Branch, about how people are perceiving immigrants coming in, our nation is built on immigrants. Let's put some confidence into the American public and say that we are going to do things by the book. By the book, by the rule of law. And don't stretch the rule of law in other ways and tell the American public in a very confident way if that is what you're going to do. The citizens of our country, the citizens of other Western countries are asking for some clarity and logic, more importantly the logic of our government, and our government should provide it. Within the Executive Branch dropping off refugees, with third-party agencies around our country, and in various states and not informing the governors of those locations or the numbers of refugees that they are dropping off, you can see why governors are upset. To suddenly wake up, I mean they found out about it through Congress griping around it and they started looking and see that our state accepted 3,000, 4,000, 1,200, 5,000, I mean they didn't even know about it. They didn't even know about it. If we really wanted ensure that our citizens are integrated into our society, the key word is integrated, and then our state governments must be part of the process of welcoming them. That's why we have states. That's why we have states' rights. And that's why, if you understand the constitutionality of our country and you go back to the early days of what they were doing, they weren't perfect. They recognized that they weren't perfect people and that this was an experiment and that things would change over time. But my god, the Bill of Rights that we have is a pretty extraordinary document. It's a pretty extraordinary document. The vision that our early founders had been extraordinary people to think about the problems that might occur. And again, they recognized that we are not perfect, this isn't perfect but the biggest thing that they used was common sense. Common sense. And in some cases, it took a long time to achieve that because as we grow as a nation, you find less and less people, particularly in our government and our government lacks that today. I think it's pretty clear that they lack it and I think that's why the American public is so upset.

So as we have seen in Europe, really a failure to assimilate, large populations of new immigrants is creating major security risks and criminal problems. And the stuff in Cologne recently, really tragic. I mean just unbelievable. A friend of mine sent me an article about Sweden, in the last 24 hours, unbelievable, unbelievable, the assaults on women in Sweden. Don't hear about it. But large numbers. So if our federal government, if they assure us that the newest immigrants that come to our shores that they are here to seek a new life, our government has to assure us that they're here to seek a new life and avoid persecution at home. That's why people, that's why our founding fathers came over here to

avoid persecution, to seek religious freedom. It has to be done so legally. America has always provided a safe haven for refugees willing to assimilate and willing to work hard. That's the American way, sort of how we do things. Muslim immigrants, like many others, are capable of both of those tasks. Assimilating and working hard. But we must work even harder to assure that no group feels isolated or threatened. Likewise, new immigrant groups, just like immigrant groups of the past, must respect our separation of religion and the government in America. I'm going to talk about Catholics for a second, because I am a Catholic. I went through this with friends. When they found out about all these priests who were pedophiles, you know it's really sickening behavior, taking advantage of primarily young boys. The Catholic religion initially, when you study the courts and how they were trying to legally fight this thing up in Boston, they were trying to use Canon law. They were trying to use Canon law instead of US law. And good for the Judicial system, our Judicial judges basically threw that out and stuck with US law. They were trying to use Canon law. It would have basically allowed those priests to get away with really sickening behavior. Now we are looking at this thing called Sharia law. There are governments that are based on Sharia law: The Islamic Republic of Iran, the government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Jordan, etc. And so you have to study Sharia law and understand what Sharia law is. And we have people in this country that are trying to impose Sharia law in the court system in this country. Again, come on in, like it says up in at Ellis Island. Come on in, join us, and seek liberty, freedom, work hard, for us. The reason why Hitler thought that he could beat the United States of America was because he thought that this mixed-race society could never defeat this perfect race, you know the Nazi race. That's one of the things, that's part of his believe system if you read books like *Mein Kampf*. He believed that there was this perfection and that there was no way that this crazy, mixed-race country could beat this perfect race. Unbelievable. And like I say, I've mentioned it other places, we would be praying at the altar of Adolf Hitler if he had won. Again, the world must unite and stand up against these barbaric murderers by specifically targeting and undermining their radical interpretation of Islam. It has to happen. We've stood up to murderous groups and regimes in the past, whether they were Russian communist or Japanese imperialists or the Nazi socialist party, better known as the Nazis. And other. Fascism, these "isms" that have been really just poor, ugly behavior and we are facing another. Another "ism", radical Islamism. And we have to recognize it for what it is. Tyrants will always rise and free people that believe in human rights and human decency will always be called to put them down before they murder scores of innocent people in the name of better governance and society. Whatever that is for them. This time in our history, this time is no different. We cannot kid ourselves and make it sound like this is something different. We cannot. Again, I've been following this particular trek for a long time. They are dedicated, they believe that they are winning. I believe that they are. They are achieving their goals. Like I said, this time is no different. Deadly, violent, radical Islamists around the globe are at war with the entire human society that does not share their beliefs. And this defiantly includes every Muslim that will not bow to them. We cannot worry that some of the nations, both Sunni and Shi'a of the world that we need to combat, you know deadly, violent, radical Islamists that might be Islamists leaning themselves. There are countries around the world, certainly in the Middle East region, that are Islamists leaning themselves. I just mentioned a few. They know that violence in the name of religion is wrong, I've talked to many of these leaders there over the last few years, certainly over the last decade, if not probably the last six months. They know that it is wrong and they are going to have to be persuaded to get on the right side of this war against ISIS, against al-Qaeda, Boko Haram, and the various ilk that have declared war against us. Otherwise, those countries will pay a price. They will pay a price internally and they know it. They feel it. 65 million Arabs lack education in the Arab world, in the larger Arab world. 65 million. When you start to break that number down into the number of young men, young children, the ilk that we are facing, they grab hold of them. Many of us have seen them training children on a variety of things. We have to recognize that and in some cases, we are going to have to convince them. If they do not change their behavior,

then we are going to have to have a completely different conversation with those countries. Completely different conversation. And whether we decide frankly as Americans, in our selfish self-interests as Americans, never mind our other allies, do we deal with these countries? Should we deal with these countries? That's a big decision. A lot at stake.

## Q&A Session

Question: There are American children who don't understand the guiding values of this nation, under the bible of PC people are afraid to teach American children these values. Do you feel this is important, that every school, private public religious, have a core curriculum of what it means to be American?

National security something the military gets involved in "over there," probably the most important element, the most fundamental part of the United States national security is our education system. Period. It's not even our economic system our economic system is ingrained in and always has been and it adjusts on a daily basis. We have to keep a strong economy. But our education system has changed quite a bit and our education system, you know elementary, secondary, is a foundation of our nation's security. Who we are as Americans, what we learn, what we're supposed to learn and especially in the public school side, in the private school, you make a choice where you send them...our public school system is failing, if you go back to the late 50s where we had the best systems in the world, now we're like down around 18 or 20 in the world. Today, that's pretty bad for the United States. In undergraduate and graduate level, still have some great programs, but have to have the foundation at the elementary and secondary levels. The unionization of education, hasn't helped, I have a lot of relatives that are teachers, have a lot of debates with them, so I do believe that there has to be some recognition of our education system as a foundation of our national security but there is going to have to be some sort of more discussion than just some committee hearings about what we're doing. This is not the federal government, this is local, state stuff. That's where the funding comes from. Let me jump to this other aspect, in 1000 years there hasn't been a Nobel prize winner coming from the middle east, there are two from the ME but one education in US other in European school system. 2 in 1,000 years. If we could morph ourselves most of the would be coming from the middle east. There's a problem-why? Most of their educations now is in their madrasses, it's easy- sort of a poor man's school. It's become factories for the most part, hate factories. I'm sorry, most of those are hate factories. One where they are truly teaching the fundamentals of the Quran, but why? Maybe? Why do we still see the problems we see? The middle east countries struggling now, those countries are going to be crushed by their own internal problems. Now when I get asked about the Palestinian issue, you know what, the rest Arab world, you figure it out I don't think there's going to be peace between Israel and Palestine, how many people have we struggled to go through that? Why should we figure it out? When people coming from one side of the line are coming through with daggers are putting knives into women and children, in Israel. The entire middle east needs a new system, especially economic. If you have 65 million people who are not from Morocco to Indonesian that are not educated, you've got problems. That's why we have to protect our education system.

Question: Do we have a consensus in the U.S. about our critical security and other political issues?

There's no consensus to that. There's no consensus because there's been no clarity, you know this goes a couple of presidents, a long time ago and I read this in high school or wherever, why people vote for a president versus for a party. And the article talked about people tend to go and vote for who they think can lead the country the best, instead of going in and clicking D or R and blindly voting. And I really still

believe that to a degree, and so maybe what we haven't had is people that who have demonstrated that they can lead running for pres. A leader in an org and I know this in the military it's like if you do something at home your mother tells you to clean up the house, leave it better for the next person who comes home, leave whatever you touch better, and I think we have had presidents that didn't care about the next person. I think we have presidents that only worry about their legacy, and not about the country. A president should come in for 4 or 8 years, that is an enormous privilege, the ought to be thinking about not the next 8 or 12 years but the remainder of time that we need to have this country around, for the rest of time. All we have to do is a little bit of world history 101 and great nation states that have been around forever, well, are not around forever. How many empires are no longer around? I think what we need is, not so much consensus, it's direction that we require. That direction will come from clarity believe if our country can create a place where we give probably 320 million people we give some leaders there that are willing to step up and run to not care about all the beating, but able to be exposed enough to the American public to say wow this person is someone I want to have running the country, because the legislative side and judicial component, those matter, but less than the person in charge. That so why it's called the Billy pulpit because the president can get on tv say you know what we screwed up. I would love to hear this president say you know what, we screwed up our policy in the middle east, I recognize it. ND I WAS stupid and I didn't listen to my own gut, I would give him a standing o. but he won't. That's a leadership trait that we don't have enough of. The really best leaders are guys and gals who are willing to admit a mistake and then fix it.

Question: What is your opinion about Iran going from the scourge of the Shi'ite to friends?

I think it's very dangerous for this country. Iran is you know; their behavior has not changed one iota. Not one. And how can you go from nearly 40 years of being the leading state sponsor of terror, to being essentially a diplomatic friend? How can we give a national ice that who says death to America, I mean if you listen to some of their stuff, just the seizure of the navy vessel, they're laughing at us, read the news of Russia china north Korea, you read their state sponsored media, and they're laughing at us for this whole thing, how can you stand and say you'll give his country nuclear weapons threshold capability, whether it's 10 to 15 years? So even let's just say they follow the rules which I don't believe they will, in ten to fifteen years they'll be able to develop a nuclear bomb. What do you think they're going to do with it? It's insane that we have this relationship, and it's insane, with the leading state sponsor of terrorism, and we have this really lousy relationship with Israel, how did that ever come to be, and I don't know what goes through the head of the president of the united states, I do have some idea of some of which those advisors that are around him, this is an ideological shift in our country that frankly is why I think this election matters.

Question: How does the military deal with the President changing the U.S.' ideology vis a vis Iran?

Watch all the conspiracy stuff, be very careful of that stuff, so I'm going to address your question as precisely as I can. The US navy, is the most high-tech navy in the world, okay. So if we have a naval vessel at sea, if we have a naval aircraft at sea, you know I mean was talking with my brother yesterday, you know they're still off searching for these two these two city 26s crashed doff the north shore of Hawaii, so you know, we know sort of where their last known location was we have this technology, we have the technology to know called global positioning satellite right? We know through GPS g-force trackers these things we call in the military where a soldier is in the battlefield until somebody rips that capability off of their arm, so we know where our navy vessel is, so how did we allow a navy vessel to get into a situation that led to what happened. So my comment the other day was the other day if I were the president especially that day, and he should have said something that night in the State of the

Union I would have probably said to Lloyd Austin at sitcom either you call the per David component commander or I'll call him right now. And I want to know why with the technology that we have why we lost a naval vessel, a couple of them, in essentially an enemy in the Persian Gulf? We've been operating there for 40 years; how did we do this. How did we allow this to happen? So were there things that they did will we find out later on, were there communications jamming or whatever other things the deceptions the Iranians did? I don't know. But I know that we have to be careful of conspiracy. Things but I do know that naval vessel at sea must be and is constantly tracked so regardless of what the young naval officer how he acted that will be dealt with inside the naval channels but the fact that we have all these resources parked in the Persian Gulf and we lost a naval vessel, to me that a stunning admission of either of either a weakness in our system which must be corrected immediately or a failure in accountability of leadership from that young officer all the way to that naval component commander running navy operations inside of the central command area principally in the Persian Gulf. I was really upset for that reason, and never mind the nonsense of conspiracy types of things what I do know is that Iran immediately took it twisted what happened and they spread it around to the tyrannical war pretty quickly, they're gone use that for propaganda for a long time. And that's a tragedy for us, that's why, it's like, why did we apologize to them? I don't get it.

Question: Do you have any recommendations for a strategy in regards to Syria?

Yeah so the strategy for the US must be a middle east strategy, not narrowing ourselves to Syria, or southern Lebanon, or Gaza, or one group, or Iraq, has to be a holistic big time Middle East strategy, then there are components. I don't believe we'll return to a normal middle east in terms of the borders. Unless there is absolute, and I do talk about it in a book that I'm writing you know there has to be a military component in this. You know, something that we did in the Balkans in the 90s, which started under George Bush 1, we balkanized the Balkans, to a degree we probably you know period to the Russians encouraging into the middle east, I would have given you a different set of options. But once Russia entered the fray the way they did, our options became less and less. Closer you come to war. You have peace and conflict and the you have war, and hopefully return to peace. Well, the closer you get to war, the less options you have greater risk, and the more the cost. So right now, we are going to be paying a lot, resources, people, we have great risk, facing great risk to our country to our way of life and we have fewer options, so I think part of it what we'll have to recognize is how do we work together. Assad's got to go, the Russians ought to pluck him out and send him up to The Hague, out him in a jail cell right next to the moloshavishes of the world, in an international tribunal all the evidence put against him, using chemical weapons on his own people in violation of all sorts of things, Russia needs to tell Iran to back out, of four proxy wars and you know the report today of three missing contractors that were potentially seized by Shia group. To get Iran to back out, if Iran doesn't back out, tension will never decrease, it will increase. So we're getting closer to having less options and we have greater risk and there's going to have be some discussions of how to we break apart the middle east probably Syria and Iraq so there's are the two areas, probably Lebanon to a degree maybe even a small portions of Jordan. How do we get the Arab nations involved to actually do something instead of individually doing tactical things, feeling good about themselves? The Saudis are having a damn time in Yemen, I wouldn't say that they're winning. Assad has to go, internationally The Hague is probably appropriate, I think heave to get the Iranians to back out, I was in Russia not too long ago before Christmas, and said that in Russia, they have to get him out, now will Iran do that? Not given the way we have crafted this relationship. The U.S. will stay away. Get the hell out of the Middle East, why can the president say that, you know professionally, why can't he say that, that's what we're going to continue to face a continuing level of conflict that will lead to war, I believe that's where we are headed.



Question: What can the U.S. do to help the Arab countries improve their education and economic situations?

I think we need to be very public about it, what they do right now with their own citizenry, the foreign minister for Saudi Arabia, he said the two things we will never let go of are our security and our religion. And I disagree with that but they have to recognize that 20% of children coming out of Saudi high schools right now don't do anything. There's another group that goes to different schools in and around Saudi, and then there's an elite that comes over here and gets education in the west, and frankly they're struggling. The new crown prince Mohamed bin Salman, young man he's trying to figure out ways to do that. To get more young people to do more things that benefit their country and move away from this radicalized form of Islam. So what can the us do? I think it has to be far more clear and not be use diplomatic double talk about I'm going to come in and I'm going to be your friend and on the back channel I'll say hey if you could stop funding or stop whatever of the Islamic state, you can't do that. If we know it for sure, let's say it publically. Let's have a public conversation about this. Let's make this very public, no one in the world should accept radicalized Islamists and their behavior, no one. So either you stand up king, crown prince, prime minister, president, like president Al Sisi did a year ago, and he said should we except that 1.7 billion people on the planet are going to kill the other 6 billion people that live here? No. he called for a revolution a reformation in his religion. If there's not some sort of a recognition of this religion, and our country is not founded on Islamic principles and if you read Hamilton and you read some of our founding fathers and what they looked at. They studied the rest of the world to create this experiment we call the United States of America. And they found that aspect those religions to not be in sync with our Judeo-Christian values. So we have to espouse what we know is true and if you want to continue to accept these things this system, you are going to have to take measures in side to do more. So by appointing a guy who is actually more stringent on what is called hyaah, you can't have women and men holding hands, you get arrested. But why? You're taking 50% of your population and limiting your ability to maximize your country. We have to be much, much stronger.

Question: Do you think Saudi Arabia will collapse within the next 5 years? How would that affect Iran?

I think Iran would love to see the collapse of SA, see their system is not as good as us, right? I think Iran does what it can to further that point. I don't see that right now, I know that there's a struggle and it's pretty written about, and my own sort of sense of things, I know there's a struggle internal to the royal family and to the various tribes that are a part. First time in their hundred-year history didn't go a perfect line, had two serving crown princes and the king, in last 6 months realigned them a little bit but the one everybody leans towards is Benioff, long time intel guy, have relationships with him, relatively good guy, helped us fight al Qaeda, but we make a mistake in not seeing this young 30 deputy crown prince bin Salman, why was he chosen, I understand it was 142 sons he was #142, so why was he chosen? This is the kingdom, how kings work, so bin Salman is head of royal court minister of defense, running all of ministries except ministry of interior which is still run by Benioff, Benioff, is not that old, but he's older. King's health not great, I always jokingly remind people that alexander the great was very figure around 23 who dominated half the world. Don't underestimate youth, and I think that he's at least smart and savvy enough to sort of stay where he's leading the problem is that in countries like that I think they're very well protected, if there's an assignation, there would have to be a major crisis to see a collapse of that. Is a major crisis looming? I believe there is one looming. Will Saudi be part and parcel to that? They will certainly be a part of it, but not sure if they will be a parcel to the collapse, but you know so it's a long relatively long answer to your question. But I don't see that right now.

Question: Given your experience what are your thoughts about countries that we work with that are seeing us as less and less of a dependable ally?

So, they're confused. I can tell you minimum are those countries that we have worked with, I'm watching myself calling people friends or allies or whatever because you know it's liked the old adage of theirs no friends just interest. They're definitely confused. All this nonsense of that we're doing all these great things inside of Iraq. We left, there's this effort we went through when we surged 50K troops in Iraq and we did the awakening in al-Anbar, and we left? So you think they trust us? No. A lot of the military forces working with them day in and day out they love them, and they look at them, some of them leave are they coming back? Egypt is having the damndest time right now, we should be Al Sisi on a pedestal you know, honestly, we should because it's like the guy is like he recognizes it for what it is. Why, maybe he spent lot of time in the west, he has a decent education, maybe because he's just a guy that gets it. He recognizes that hey, and frankly, as I've said publicly, Egypt is one bullet away from total anarchy. Total anarchy. Al Sisi get assassinated, and I know he's got massive protection around him, but if he goes, there's not some other guy behind him, there's some other people, but not somebody like him. That's a problem. It's a problem in that region sometimes, where you don't build. Israel builds leaders. They invest in their future, these countries they don't. they steal. They steal from their future, a guy like Al Sisi, he recognizes that to a degree. The monarchies have a difficult time, and they have to invest in their future, I think that what happened was a smart decision because they looked at their future they looked at a 30-year-old kid that could be around for 60 more years he comes from a line that lives a long time, they look at that. So maybe he'll be around till he's 90 and take Saudi in a new direction, I'm hopeful of that, I'm talking to a lot of people in the country to get them to think like that. But we can't surge trust have to build it over time, have to be credible, have to be very honest, and you have to say if you can't do something you can't do it. But like I said up front, you have to be transparent because like I love this phrase, the truth fears no questions, because it's what you believe. And from a president, the president has to essentially say that the American people believe and at ties the president has to be such a big leader that they have to say what that person what the president believes, but it has to be what is best from the county, not what is best for some stupid political party.