

Losing Focus

Sometimes, people just lose focus. Their eyes cannot discern what is right in front of them and instead they see ghostly images. Has the United States and the democratic world community lost its focus?

On the front page of *The New York Times*, but buried in many other newspapers, is the story of the greatest humanitarian crisis known in the modern age. Saudi Arabia, an ally of the United States, is invading Yemen, where perhaps 8 million people are on the verge of starvation.

The same newspaper's op-ed page and editorial policy compares President Donald Trump's immigration policies to Nazi Germany. The problem in World War II was not only that the United States and others were not taking Jewish immigrants who were about to be butchered, but that we all cooperated in the killing and demonization of the Jews. When Hitler tried to kick out 300,000 Jews, the United States' Ambassador to Great Britain, Joseph P. Kennedy, a Roosevelt man, made it clear that Hitler had the green light. World War II was properly called "The War Against the Jews."

In 1944, the Democratic platform refused to endorse a Jewish State even though all of ancient Palestine had been set aside by the League of Nations and by U.S.-British Treaty for the Jewish people. The Republican platform criticized Roosevelt's inaction and did endorse a Jewish State. Shocking, but true. Before the Holocaust resulted in the murder of 6 million Jews, officials in the United States Treasury Department published a paper on United States' complicity in the murder of European Jewry. The paper was brought to the attention of President Roosevelt, who created a feckless committee to study the plight of refugees.

If we want to assess who is to blame for the current refugee problem, we must look at Islamic fundamentalism which the world refuses to address. We need to look at the United Nations, which is dominated by those who oppress others. The Arabs are ethically cleansing North and Central African Black people because of the traditional Islamic bias against the color black. This goes back to an incident involving one of Muhammad's disciples who was barked at by a black dog. No kidding.

The United Nations is run by the so-called Non-Aligned Bloc. The Non-Aligned Bloc in turn is controlled by Arab nations.

What is the world doing about genocide? The United Nations overwhelmingly condemns Israel for killing perhaps 100 terrorists while protecting its borders. Even the terrorist organization Hamas and Islamic Jihad bragged about the fact that most of the people killed at the Gaza border were its people.

What was the role of President Obama in creating the refugee crisis? No one seems to talk about the fact that President Obama refused to create a safe zone in Syria utilizing American air power. President Clinton, to his credit, continued to bomb Saddam Hussein in Iraq in order to keep the rabid dog at bay. Barack Obama would not do that in Syria. Rather, the former President of the United States opened the door to Russia and Iran to control the Middle East, to kill hundreds of thousands of Syrians, to utilize gas warfare, and to seed control of the region to the enemies of democracy. If that was not bad enough, the so-called "Iran Deal" empowered Iran to build better nuclear weapons with more up-to-date centrifuges and provided billions of dollars to Iran to finance its nefarious activities. If any one person could be said to have ignored the factors contributing to the refugee crisis in Africa and the Middle East, it is our former President.

This is not to say that President Trump has been heroic. The United States' attempt to play catch-up in the Middle East and Africa has been halting and inconsistent. We have provided some aid and air cover, but not enough and not with clear intentions.

Perhaps the time has come to find a better way for stabilizing the world, which is certainly in the interests of the United States and free democracies, than provided for by the United Nations. One idea bandied about would be to build up NATO, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. NATO has enough of its problems with the current misfit, Turkey, and its demonic, irrational leader. However, the rest of NATO is made up of Western nations which have an interest in world peace. NATO has been involved in military action already and potentially can be a force for good throughout the world. Haley Barbour, the marvelous United States representative to the United Nations, has been working on creating a bloc within the United Nations. That bloc needs to be reinforced with the power of money. Those nations who support the United Nations, such as the United States and other Western democracies, need to withhold money and put their funds in other places. Many of the United Nations aide groups have become politicized, ineffective, and at times outright destructive. It is time for us fully to study the usefulness of the United Nations, to audit its activities, and to let the people of the United States know what the United Nations is doing right and what it is doing wrong. The same group that studies the United Nations can consider alternatives, whether through NATO or some other as-of-yet uncreated organization.

When I served in government, I was always shocked by how much money was wasted. As a wise sage once said to me, "It is easy to spend other people's money." The United Nations' use of money is often corrupt and absolutely opposed to American interests. Americans have a right to receive a full and complete accounting of the United Nations' activities, with an emphasis on how they assist United States' interests or how they undermine our safety and well-being.

Our vision may be clouded by conflict between Republicans and Democrats, left and right, but it is time to get a new pair of glasses. We need to take stock on how we spend our money in this country and what we can do to effectuate a meaningful United Nations or to invent a parallel track that will better represent American interests.

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