

Ron Paul: Toughest on Terror

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There's a reason why our nation's finest, America's military men and women, both active and veteran, have given more donations to Republican presidential candidate Ron Paul than any other candidate in either party. As a veteran, he's the only candidate who understands how to properly defend America from its enemies, "both foreign and domestic." His strict adherence to the Constitution and reliance on true conservative principles is the winning formula for defeating terrorism abroad.

He knows the enemy. While radical Islamic rhetoric does play a role for fundamentalist Muslims' anger, the number one recruitment tool for terrorists by all expert accounts is perceived occupation. The former director of the CIA's bin Laden unit Michael Scheuer has correctly pointed out that Osama bin Laden listed our traditional Wilsonian liberal policy of meddling in Middle East affairs as the reason for why they attack us. Bin Laden mentioned our base near Mecca, support of the corrupt Saudi royals, and 10 years of sanctions on Iraq as some of the key reasons for the 9-11 attacks. Bin Laden understands that at the end of the day, the average Middle Eastern man will not continue buying into his calls for theocratic authoritarian world rule based on extremist religious rhetoric alone. Rather, bin Laden's ilk must draw America into a continual presence in the Middle East to continue breeding generations of terrorists for decades to come.

The spider web of terrorism Al-Qaeda is banking on also plans to cripple our nation economically. They realize that as our government continues to build up hundreds of billions in debt to fund never-ending Middle East nation-building projects, terrorists can not only gin up recruitments but also bankrupt us at the same time. Ron Paul understands this threat and has laid out a simple constitutional approach to defeating the terrorist cowards once and for all.

With our goal of replacing Saddam's Iraqi government with a democratically elected one complete, Ron Paul believes it is time to bring our troops home. The same would be done in Afghanistan. By removing any plans for permanent bases in the Middle East, we would effectively cripple the terrorists' number one recruitment tool: perceived foreign occupation of their lands. By bringing our troops home around the world, Ron Paul would save hundreds of billions of dollars currently wasted maintaining such operations abroad. This money would be used to reduce our national debt and eliminate the terrorists' attempt to cripple our economy. In addition, Ron Paul would secure our nation's borders and prevent terrorists from entering our nation. His unrivaled respect for the 2nd amendment would ensure that companies and individuals could properly defend themselves against attack. With our troops home to defend our borders, Ron Paul would issue something he attempted to do immediately after 9-11: a letter of marque on the heads of terrorists abroad. This tool was created by the Founding Fathers to eliminate acts of terrorism that have no national face. Ron Paul would put up a \$1 billion dollar bounty on Osama bin Laden and his operatives. With our nation's popularity surging around the world, allies, private companies, and professional killers would hunt down and kill Osama bin Laden's ilk like the dogs they are.

And what about Iran? Ron Paul would unleash Israel from the crippling grip of our politically correct State Department. (His administration would end the foolish US-led division of Israel's land as well.) With Israel finally free to act on any national threat, its estimated 300 nukes would ensure that Iranian president Ahmadenijad's beady eyes blink first (assuming his own people, inspired by America's renewed embrace of freedom, don't overthrow him outright).

In the event that a nation such as Iran would threaten to attack the US after all these measures, Ron Paul is the only candidate who would have the Congress constitutionally declare war and go all out to win it, ensuring a swift return of the nation's heroic soldiers.

No wonder Ronald Reagan had this to say about Congressman Ron Paul: "Ron Paul is one of the outstanding leaders fighting for a stronger national defense. As a former Air Force officer, he knows well the needs of our armed forces, and he always puts them first. We need to keep him fighting for our country."

Couple his leadership in national defense with the fact that Ron Paul is the strongest pro-life candidate, wants to abolish the IRS, and plans to stop the Federal Reserve from destroying the value of our dollar, and it's clear that he is the only candidate worthy of true conservatives' support. As Ron Paul's 10 million dollar war chest readies for primary combat, it is time. Time to win one for the Gipper.