

## **Obama's Deplorable Last Hurrah**

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On Tuesday evening, Obama delivered his self-styled farewell address – as demagogic and duplicitous as all his others.

A separate article discussed what he left unexplained – the enormous harm he inflicted on humanity at home and abroad throughout his tenure.

His farewell address included a recitation of democratic rights he abhors – "among them life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness," freedoms he spent eight years destroying at home and abroad.

"(S)triv(ing) together (for) a common good, a greater good" was polar opposite his ruthless agenda – raping, destroying and pillaging one country after another, responsible for millions of casualties on his watch.

America is "exceptional," he blustered – only in its unprecedented wickedness, worst of all under eight appalling Obama years.

Saying "our founding creed (was) to embrace all, and not just some" is polar opposite US policy throughout its sordid history – exterminating its native people, enslaving Black Africans, institutionalizing wage slavery under Bush/Cheney and Obama, mass incarcerating millions in America's global gulag.

Obama: We "reverse(d) a great recession...unleashed the longest stretch of job creation in our history...open(ed) a new chapter with (Cuba), shut down Iran's nuclear weapons program...took out the mastermind of 9/11, (and) secured the right to health insurance for millions.

Fact: Protracted Main Street Depression conditions festered throughout his tenure because he took no corrective action – letting rich and powerful Americans amass greater than ever wealth at the expense of exploited ordinary people.

Fact: The vast majority of jobs created continue to be rotten low-pay, poor-or-no-benefit ones. Most households need two or more to survive. Homelessness, hunger and deprivation reached record levels on Obama's watch. Over 100 million working-age Americans have no employment.

Fact: According to annual US intelligence community assessments, Iran had no nuclear weapons program to shut down.

Fact: Obama didn't kill Osama. He died of natural causes in December 2001 - widely reported at the time.

Fact: America's illegal embargo on Cuba remains unchanged with no prospect of it being lifted.

Fact: Obamacare enriched drug companies, insurers and large hospital chains at the expense of providing affordable healthcare for all Americans.

Obama: "America is a better, stronger place than it was when we started."

Fact: America is the world's most reviled pariah state, more than ever under Obama and his neocon infested administration.

Obama: "I committed to President-Elect Trump that my administration would ensure the smoothest possible transition, just as President Bush did for me."

Fact: Pro-Hillary dark forces continue going all out to undermine Trump's legitimacy – a White House sponsored coup attempt to deny him the office he won or make his tenure untenable.

Fact: The latest despicable tactic calls Trump a virtual Manchurian candidate, manipulated by Russia to serve its interests – despite no evidence suggesting it, more lies to delegitimize him.

In response, Trump tweeted "BuzzFeed Runs Unverifiable Trump-Russia Claims' #FakeNews"

"The online news site BuzzFeed on Tuesday published a letter containing salacious allegations - which even the website acknowledged were unverifi..."

"FAKE NEWS - A TOTAL POLITICAL WITCH HUNT!"

Trump has 19.4 million Twitter followers, numbers increasing daily, a huge audience he's able to reach, media scoundrels and others unable to distort his messages.

Obama's Tuesday evening address was a exercise in undeserved self-adulation and duplicity – ignoring the horrors he inflicted on humanity for eight, long horrific years.

With few days remaining in his tenure, who knows what further viciousness he intends before leaving office.

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