Obama Kills Osama, and Other Insights

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This is the image that is flying around Facebook today on the heels of the big news that, over the weekend, Osama bin Laden was killed.

Not sure who mocked this up, and I'm too lazy to search and give proper credit. But I liked it. It's rare that a Democrat can look like a badass.

Assassinating terrorists is pretty funny, especially the opportunity to revel in the gloat factor. On Twitter, I posted: "Osama bin Laden died of a broken heart- he'd been pining away for Kate Middleton for years." Today I woke up and realized it was The Rock's birthday and, being a Rock fan, my imagination ran wilder than a Hulkamaniac on speed: "There's a rumor that @BarackObama granted The Rock's b-day wish & let him hit Osama w/ The People's Elbow before Seals finished the job."

For non-wrestling fans, here is the Rock entertaining his millions of fans with his patented "People's Elbow", landing it on the immortal Hulk Hogan at Wrestlemania.

It's a crowd-pleasing move. Not unlike killing Osama bin Laden. The guy was an evil, smirking prick who justified the killing of innocent people with the killing of innocent people which lead to the killing of innocent people. But in our own victory dance we can't lose sight of Osama's intended goals in all of this- to bankrupt and defeat the United States. He may not have defeated an entire country, but September 11, 2001 set of a series of events that changed the world. It ignited a bloodlust that led to two wars, the latter of which (Iraq) having the flimsiest of correlation to the domestic terrorist attack that none of us will soon forget.

Humor me by reading another pro wrestling analogy. There was a wrestler named "Hacksaw" Jim Duggan who carried the American flag to the ring and chanted, "USA! USA! USA!" I wasn't a big fan, not because of his patriotism but because he was a "good" guy and lost often. The bad guys always seemed smarter to me. One of the reasons Hacksaw lost so often was because he was so easily duped into making avoidable mistakes.

I don't mean to be a Debbie Downer here. I'm glad the Osama is dead, too. But there's probably an endless line of jabronis waiting to take Osama bin Laden's place. Let's just hope the next time we don't play so willingly into our antagonist's hands. As a country, let's not be the Hacksaws of the world. We can be the good guys without being the imbeciles, too.

Positively Yours,

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