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Barack Obama stubbornly believes that poverty and lack of education breed terrorism, despite the wealth of evidence showing that most terrorists come from middle-class, and often college-educated, backgrounds. If he doesn't understand what is behind terrorism, he certainly can't fight it.

Princeton-trained economist Claude Berrebi conducted an exhaustive study of the background and education of terrorists in Hamas and Palestinian jihadi groups. Given the evidence, Berrebi concluded: "If there is a link between income level, education and participation in terrorist activities, it is either very weak or in the opposite direction of what one intuitively might have expected."

Studies have shown that radical Islamic terrorists have a lower poverty rate than the poverty rate of Muslims in their home countries.

It's irresponsible for politicians and so-called scholars to perpetuate falsehoods that terrorism is tied to lack of jobs and opportunity. If that were true, the people of Bangladesh would be blowing up people and buildings left and right.

Radical Islam is primarily driven by a radical view of Islam and a desire to rule the world.

Barack Obama told an audience at a Townhall this week that we have to defeat extreme ideologies by providing them with opportunity, in other words, jobs.

Barack Obama refuses to use the words 'radical Islam' and it's hard to know how we are supposed to fight the enemy if the president won't even name it.

"One of the world's greatest religions — Islam. And it's being exported and turbocharged through social media, and groups like al-Shabaab and ISIL and Boko Haram.

And the question is, how do we fight back against those ideologies in a way that allows us still to be true to the values of peace and tolerance and due process and rule of law.

So the United States is obviously committed to this fight against terrorism. And we are working with countries and partnering with countries all around the world to go after whether it's al Qaeda, Boko Haram.

Barack Obama's long-term solution of "reaching into communities" would be a good one if it wasn't also his short-term solution. If he had a strategy, that would be better still.

But what we've also said is in order to defeat these extremist ideologies, it can't just be military, police and security. It has to be reaching into communities that feel marginalized

and making sure that they feel that they're heard; making sure that the young people in those communities have opportunity."

We need to concentrate on jobs for American youth.

Back in February, State Department spokesperson Marie Harf told Chris Matthews that we cannot win this war with ISIS by killing them. She said we have to get to the root cause of why people are attracted to Jihad — you know like poverty, jobs, etc...

"We're killing a lot of them and we're going to keep killing more of them. So are the Egyptians, so are the Jordanians. They're in this fight with us. But we cannot win this war by killing them. We cannot kill our way out of this war. We need in the medium to longer term to go after the root causes that leads people to join these groups, whether it's lack of opportunity for jobs..."

Relentless mocking ensued and ISIS posted a tweet with a jihadi posing with a sign that said, I'm an engineer and I don't need a job.



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