

The Complete Obama Timeline

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On February 1, 2016 more than \$100 billion in assets is released to Iran. (The White House had claimed it would be only \$50 billion. One or both of the two parties is lying.) [87369, 87380, 87381, 87405]

The Sun reports that Great Britain “is home to more than 3 million Muslims for the first time ever with more than half born outside the UK, according to new figures. Soaring immigration and sky high birth rates have seen the number in the country double in a little over a decade. Some parts of London are now almost 50 per cent Islamic, according to analysis from the Office for National Statistics. If current trends continue the areas could become majority Muslim within ten years. ...Followers of Islam now make up one in every 20 people within the country.” (The process is “birth jihad” or “stealth jihad.” Muslims take over an area first via immigration, both legal and illegal, and they then dominate the culture as a result of their phenomenal birth rates—all the while collecting welfare benefits funded by taxpayers who fear being shamed as “Islamophobes” if they object. Parts of Europe are being destroyed in the process.) [87371, 87372]

Workers at a refugee center in Sweden are banned from holding a memorial service for co-worker Alexandra Mezher (who was killed by a migrant), in order to “secure the well-being of the children.” (Translation: “We do not want to upset the Muslim refugees or let them think killing Swedes is not an acceptable pastime.”) [87427, 87429]

CNN reports that leftist billionaire George Soros has donated \$6 million to Hillary Clinton’s political action committee (PAC). (Soros money helped Obama significantly in 2008.) [87324]

On *Morning Joe*, Bloomberg Politics managing editor Mark Halperin says there are “more problems with [Hillary Clinton’s] emails, more questions about how it was handled. Look, the legal calendar, we don’t know what that is. We know the political calendar. Bernie Sanders announced yesterday he’s raised \$20 million this month. He’s forced Secretary Clinton to agree to more debates into the spring. So Bernie Sanders, even if he loses here tonight can go forward with lots of money, with debates on the schedule, and see, are there developments in the legal front that allow him to start to win even after tonight if he doesn’t win here?” Joe Scarborough adds, “Everybody in the government, everybody in the media, everybody that runs anything is talking about how advanced this investigation [of Clinton] is, and nobody’s telling the American people about it. So, I had an executive in another network ask, ‘Is it safe to talk about it now?’ So we talked about it. And then that afternoon... explosive revelations came out, and there are more [to come].” [87355]

DailyCaller.com reports, “Hillary Clinton’s former chief of staff, Cheryl Mills, refused to speak to investigators with the State Department’s Office of the Inspector General about her handling of a 2012 public records request for information about Clinton’s private email addresses that the agency falsely denied.” [87400]

ChicagoBusiness.com reports, “The Giannoulas family, which collected tens of millions in dividends just prior to the collapse of their Broadway Bank in Chicago, appear to have gotten off relatively lightly in a newly released settlement with federal bank regulators over losses at the company. Former officers and directors of Broadway Bank, including former CEO Demetris Giannoulas and his brother George Giannoulas, paid \$5 million under a Nov. 18 settlement with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. ...The 2010 failure of Broadway Bank came in the middle of a hotly contested election for ...Obama’s old Senate seat. Illinois Treasurer Alexi Giannoulas, brother to Demetris and George and once an executive at Broadway, lost to Republican Mark Kirk. [Obama endorsed Giannoulas, despite the bank’s mob ties.] The bank’s failure, coupled with the fact that the family had taken \$30 million in dividends in 2007 and 2008 from the bank as signs of financial trouble were emerging, played a part in Giannoulas’ defeat at the polls.” (The bank failed largely because of subprime loans.) [87353]

White House press secretary Josh Earnest tells reporters he can’t comment on Hillary Clinton’s emails because “I haven’t seen any of them.” (This is the same Josh Earnest who said on January 29, “[B]ased on what we know from the Department of Justice” Clinton will not be indicted.) [87238, 87251, 87282, 87316, 87354]

At FoxNews.com Catherine Herridge and Pamela K. Browne report, “Highly classified Hillary Clinton emails that the intelligence community and State Department recently deemed too damaging to national security to release contain ‘operational intelligence’—and their presence on the unsecure, personal email system jeopardized ‘sources, methods and lives,’ a U.S. government official who has reviewed the documents told Fox News. The official, who was not authorized to speak on the record and was limited in discussing the contents because of their highly classified nature, was referring to the 22 ‘TOP SECRET’ emails that the State Department announced Friday it could not release in any form, even with entire sections redacted. ...The official emphasized that the ‘TOP SECRET’ documents were sent over an extended period of time—from shortly after the server’s 2009 installation until early 2013 when Clinton stepped down as secretary of state.” [87356, 87357]

Congressman Mike Pompeo (R-FL) observes, “There is no way that someone, a senior government official who has been handling classified information for a good chunk of their adult life, could not have known that this information ought to be classified, whether it was marked or not. Anyone with the capacity to read and an understanding of American national security, an 8th grade reading level or above, would understand that the release of this information or the potential breach of a non-secure system presented risk to American national security. Anytime our national security team determines that there's a potential breach, that is information that might potentially have fallen into the hands of the Iranians, or the Russians, or the Chinese, or just hackers, that they begin to operate in a manner that assumes that information has in fact gotten out.” [87356, 87357]

The national debt reaches \$19 trillion.

Billionaire businessman Mark Cuban tells Fox News’ Neil Cavuto, “I’ll consider [voting for] anybody but Ted Cruz. ...People are tired of labels. That’s one of the reasons I don’t like Ted Cruz. Everything he says is defined by some sort of label.” [87389]

The Jeb Bush campaign allegedly offers people \$25 per hour to be “seat fillers” for his Des Moines, Iowa rally. The Bush campaign issues a denial and suggests the flyer is a “dirty trick” from the Marco Rubio campaign. [87358, 87359]

Researcher Gary Wilmott calls KABC 790 to state that Ted Cruz cannot legally serve as president because he is not a natural born citizen. Talk show host Peter Tilden ridicules Wilmott and asks why if Cruz is ineligible no one knows about it. Wilmott tries to explain that the media is doing its best to cover up the truth. Tilden then cuts off Wilmott—thereby substantiating the claim that the media refuses to discuss the issue. [87471]

The Ted Cruz campaign engages in other forms of dirty tricks, including stationing operatives outside caucus locations to tell voters Ben Carson has dropped out of the race and encouraging them to vote for Cruz. (Carson has not dropped out of the race. Spreading a lie for the sake of personal gain is apparently one of Cruz’s evangelical values.) Carson later tells Fox News’ Bill O’Reilly, “Bill, here’s the issue. A culture exists within the Cruz camp that would allow people to take advantage of a situation like this in a very dishonest way. Isn’t this the same thing we see with the Obama administration? The IRS Scandal? No responsibility. Look and see what the Cruz camp will do about those individuals who inappropriately disseminated this information knowing that the caucuses were not over. They were awfully anxious to get it out there, weren’t they?” (The Cruz campaign also illegally distributed campaign literature at the caucus locations.) [87360, 87361, 87362, 87418, 87421, 87430]

Congressman Steve King (R-IA), a Cruz supporter, shamelessly tweets, “Carson looks like he is out. Iowans need to know before they vote. Most will go to Cruz, I hope.” [87421, 87422]

Marco Rubio’s campaign does not have clean hands on the issue. It also pushed the false narrative that Carson was dropping out of the race. [87456]

Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders essentially come to a draw in the Iowa caucuses. Clinton allegedly wins 49.86 percent of the vote; Sanders wins 49.57 percent. Martin O’Malley, with 0.57 percent, suspends his campaign. (Six precincts end in a Clinton-Sanders tie. A coin flip gives Clinton victories in all six.) [87363, 87365, 87374, 87375]

Clinton gives a victory speech even before the vote counting has been completed. (Her operatives are likely working hard to make sure an additional box of missing ballots is suddenly “found.”) [87383, 87450]

On the GOP side, voter turnout exceeds 180,000. Ted Cruz takes first place with 27.65 percent, followed by Donald Trump (24.31), Marco Rubio (23.10), Ben Carson (9.31), Rand Paul (4.54), Jeb Bush (2.80), Carly Fiorina (1.86), John Kasich (1.86), Mike Huckabee (1.79), Chris Christie (1.76), and Rick Santorum (0.95). Cruz and Trump each gain more votes than any other candidate in Iowa caucus history. Cruz captures about 33 percent of the white evangelical vote, to Trump’s 21 percent and Rubio’s 21 percent. [87363, 87364, 87376, 87452]

Media pundits (who wrongly predicted a Trump win if voter turnout exceeded 150,000) quickly pounce on Trump and call him a loser, but the truth is that he never expected to win Iowa because of the strong evangelical vote. That Cruz took first place may mean little, because he will not have the advantage of the religious vote in every state. Trump fell to second place because he lost supporters to Marco Rubio. Although Rubio finished third, he is arguably the winner in the “big picture” because he—not Cruz—may be the candidate voters switch to if Trump falters. The reality is that Rubio is likeable and Cruz is not, and personality matters in elections. As the weeks pass, the contest may be between Trump and Rubio. Further, Cruz’s success comes with a downside: media scrutiny.

It is worth noting that no state has a greater percentage of evangelical voters than Iowa. That is why Mike Huckabee and Rick Santorum fizzled after first-place finishes in Iowa in 2008 and 2012. At a January 31 rally in Iowa City, Cruz asked his supporters to “pray every day until election day,” call on God to “awaken the body of Christ that we might pull back from the abyss,” and “commit today every day from now to election day to lift this country up in prayer.” Statements like that work in Iowa, but will work almost nowhere else. That is not to suggest that America is not a religious nation, but in most states the voters do not like candidates who use their religion to sway voters—or who shove religion down their throats. (It is also worth noting that, since 1952, 13 winners of the New Hampshire primary and three second-place finishers went on to win the presidency. **Only one person, Bill Clinton, has lost both in Iowa and in New Hampshire and then gone on to win the presidency.**) [87403, 87404, 87406, 87431]

As the media produces more stories about Cruz, voters will learn (among other things) that his wife works for Goldman Sachs and helped the Council on Foreign Relations develop one of its New World Order reports. That will not sit well with conservative voters who have been led to believe that Cruz is “squeaky clean.” As the evidence against him piles up, Cruz will label everything lies. Eventually, however, the voters will come to believe it is he who is lying. [87428]

Cruz is not an “evangelical” in the Iowa sense. Like his father, a preacher who is director of something he calls the “Purifying Fire International,” Cruz is a radical “dominionist.” Other Dominionists are former Congresswoman Michele Bachmann (R-MN) and former Texas governor Rock Perry.) According to Wikipedia, Dominion theology “is a theory from the field of Sociology which describes a theocratic ideology which seeks to implement a nation governed by conservative Christians ruling over society based on an understanding of biblical law.” Political Research Associates defines Dominionism as follows: “The theocratic idea that regardless of theological view or eschatological timetable, heterosexual Christian men are called by God to exercise dominion over secular society by taking control of political and cultural institutions.” [87431, 87432]

At OpEdNews.com former foreign correspondent and Pulitzer Prize recipient Chris Hedges wrote in October 2013, “This ideology calls on anointed ‘Christian’ leaders to take over the state and make the goals and laws of the nation ‘biblical.’ It seeks to reduce government to organizing little more than defense, internal security and the protection of property rights. It fuses with the Christian religion the iconography and language of American imperialism and nationalism, along with the cruelest aspects of corporate capitalism. The intellectual and moral hollowness of the

ideology, its flagrant distortion and misuse of the Bible, the contradictions that abound within it—its leaders champion small government and a large military, as if the military is not part of government—and its laughable pseudo-science are impervious to reason and fact. And that is why the movement is dangerous.” [87434]

“The cult of masculinity, as in all fascist movements, pervades the ideology of the Christian right. The movement uses religion to sanctify military and heroic ‘virtues,’ glorify blind obedience and order over reason and conscience, and pander to the euphoria of collective emotions. Feminism and homosexuality, believers are told, have rendered the American male physically and spiritually impotent. Jesus, for the Christian right, is a man of action, casting out demons, battling the Antichrist, attacking hypocrites and ultimately slaying nonbelievers. ...Dominionists believe they are engaged in an epic battle against the forces of Satan. They live in a binary world of black and white. They feel they are victims, surrounded by sinister groups bent on their destruction. They have anointed themselves as agents of God who alone know God’s will.” [87434]

Arguably, Trump did well by finishing second in a state in which he did not expect to win, where he had virtually no “ground game,” and where he spent little money on anything but “Make America Great Again” baseball caps. (Cruz had 12,000 volunteers and more than 150 ministers working on his behalf.) Trump (who had only 12 staffers in Iowa) knew he would lose the religious vote to Cruz, and chose not to spend a fortune in a state which has few convention delegates—and whose delegates are divided proportionally. (That is, Trump will get some Iowa convention delegates despite his second-place finish, probably seven to Cruz’s eight.) It is the winner-take-all states where it makes more sense to spend money on campaign operations. (In some states the candidate who finished in first place receives *all* of the state’s delegates for the national convention.) [87373, 87417]

Some argue that Trump erred in criticizing Ben Carson because they may have switched to Ted Cruz rather than Trump. [87399]

Cruz tells his supporters, “Tonight is a victory for the grassroots. Tonight is a victory for courageous conservatives across Iowa, and all across this great nation. Tonight the state of Iowa has spoken. Iowa has sent notice that the Republican nominee and the next President of the United States will not be chosen by the media; will not be chosen by the Washington establishment; will not be chosen by the lobbyists. But will be chosen by the most incredible powerful force where all sovereignty resides in our nation by ‘We the People,’ the American people.” (Cruz’s long, disjointed victory speech may leave some people wondering why they voted for him. Members of a CNN focus group are not impressed, especially when he quotes scripture. One participant says, “I thought he was pandering to the crowd. He seemed to say the same thing over and over... just to get the crowd to believe that’s what he really thought.”) [87373, 87392, 87411]

Donald Trump delivers a brief, gracious concession speech. [87393]

Third-place finisher Marco Rubio delivers a speech in which he sounds as if he finished in first place. [87394, 87435]

Mike Huckabee suspends his campaign. [87366]

Ted Cruz receives the “kiss of death” from political strategist Dick Morris, who says on Newsmax.tv, “Cruz is very likely to win this whole thing. He’s going to go into New Hampshire with a great deal of momentum coming from Iowa, and [Donald] Trump has been proven fallible. He’s been proven not immortal, and I think it’s going to be a very tight three-way race in New Hampshire.” (Morris has an incomparably bad track record when it comes to predictions. In addition, few expected Trump to win in Iowa because of the powerful evangelical vote.) [87401]

Pollster Matt Towery disagrees, saying, “I think Trump still has the edge in New Hampshire. South Carolina and the SEC Primary are going to decide who is going to get to the big dance, and the big dance will be Florida.” If Marco Rubio does not gain momentum, “Donald Trump, who has been leading in these Southern states and Florida, would go on to get the nomination. But I don’t think that Cruz right now is still in it. He’s got a long way to go because New Hampshire is going to be sort of cold water on him, I expect.” (The SEC Primary on March 1 consists of Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. Louisiana’s primary follows a few days later.) [87401, 87402]

Ann Coulter tweets, “Trump is the leading GOP vote-getter tonight, among natural-born-American candidates.” [87407]

Many in the mainstream media call Ted Cruz’s first-place finish irrelevant, Donald Trump’s second-place finish a loss, and Marco Rubio’s third-place finish a massive victory. (In other words, the “establishment” is pushing Rubio.)

On February 2 the Bernie Sanders campaign states it has been informed by the Iowa Democrat party that the caucus results from 90 precincts are missing. Townhall.com posts a video showing how loosely the caucuses were run: at one location, an “official” simply hand counts the raised hands of Clinton supporters. (Sanders can hardly demand a recount when the process in some precincts is nothing more than someone manually counting people on each side of the room. The process itself is prone to fraud and manipulation, which is how Obama won the Iowa caucuses in 2008.) [87377, 87378, 87388, 87391, 87397, 87398, 87408, 87409, 87444]

The Illinois Board of Elections rules that Ted Cruz can appear on the state’s ballots: “The Candidate is a natural born citizen by virtue of being born in Canada to his mother who was a U.S. citizen at the time of his birth.” (That, of course, is *not* the criteria for natural born citizen status. Illinois may consider the issue close, but it will not go away elsewhere. On January an article at the leftist DailyKos.com insisted Cruz is not a natural born citizen.) [87446, 87447, 87469]

At Townhall.com political editor Guy Benson writes, “Where as [sic; whereas] the GOP tallies its votes by counting each voter’s selection as a vote (a novel concept), Democrats deal in terms like ‘state delegate equivalents,’ of which Mrs. Clinton had been awarded 699.57 late last night. Some Iowa Democrats believe Sanders narrowly won the popular vote outright, with Sanders supporters demanding that the state party release the hidden ‘raw vote totals.’ Seems like a

reasonable ask, no? The party is technically called ‘Democratic,’ after all. Meanwhile, the media coverage hasn’t been very kind to Team Clinton, with the New York Times reporting that the too-close-to-call embarrassment in Iowa has ‘unnerved’ her aides.” [87378]

At Slate.com William Saletan declares, “Marco Rubio isn’t a winner” and writes, “[M]ost Republicans don’t just find [Donald] Trump or [Ted] Cruz acceptable; they prefer at least one of these two candidates as their first choice. When second choices are factored in, Cruz and Trump do even better. In the four polls that have asked that question, Trump got the first- or second-choice votes of 46 percent of Republicans. Cruz got the votes of 41 percent. Nationally, Rubio has been a distant third. He averaged 11 percent in [seven national] polls, compared with 35 percent for Trump and 20 percent for Cruz. But let’s take Rubio’s dream scenario: Jeb Bush, Gov. Chris Christie, Carly Fiorina, and Gov. John Kasich drop out of the race, and all of their supporters switch to Rubio. That’s another 13 percent, which bumps Rubio up to 24 percent. That’s still well below Trump’s 35 percent. It’s not even enough to catch Cruz, if Cruz does half as well in luring voters from Ben Carson, Mike Huckabee, and Sen. Rand Paul—who have been splitting another 13 percent of the Republican electorate—as Rubio, in this fantasy scenario, does among the Bush-Christie-Kasich crowd.” [87412]

At WashingtonTimes.com Charles Hurt writes that Ted Cruz “followed in the footsteps of previous Iowa winners in that he shamelessly and overtly deployed his religious faith as a guiding—perhaps overriding—reason for electing him. The man was literally quoting scripture during his campaign events. This preaching culminated in the creepy footage of Mr. Cruz directing his supporters to ‘awaken the body of Christ.’ Ick. Obviously, it is a strategy that works in Iowa. But I am also pretty sure that God is not so hot about somebody awakening the body of Christ for personal political purposes. Sounds, well, a little self-centered and diabolical. And, unfortunately for Mr. Cruz, it doesn’t usually work so well going forward. Even in a place like South Carolina where they love their Christian politicians, Mr. Trump is beating Mr. Cruz by 15 points, according to the polls. The problem for Mr. Cruz is that it is undeniable that Mr. Trump has at least broken through to Christian voters. Many of them trust him and believe that he is serious about fighting for them and protecting religious liberty.” [87413]

Rush Limbaugh gives Marco Rubio a boost on his radio program, saying, “I don’t like this idea that Marco Rubio is all of a sudden being labeled as an establishment candidate. I know that Rubio’s got the baggage of that ‘gang of eight’ bill—I understand that. But I’m here to—Marco Rubio is no moderate Republican centrist... I’m just telling you, I don’t see Marco Rubio as anything other than a legitimate, full-throated conservative. Nobody’s pure and nobody is ever free of making mistakes. I know Senator Rubio... I don’t like this idea that we’re all of a sudden going to make Rubio the establishment bad guy, as though Rubio is no different from the [John] McCains, and the Bob Doles, and the [Mitt] Romneys, and the others that [sic; who] have come along and been nominated by the establishment. He just isn’t.” (Before the Iowa caucuses Limbaugh had never called Rubio a “full-throated conservative.”) [87436]

Even if Rubio is a strong conservative on some issues, that may prove to be meaningless if he is elected president and he does not strengthen border security and legal immigration rules. (Rubio voted for Obama’s fast-track trade authority scheme.) The nation’s economy will collapse if the parasites continue to pour into the country, go on welfare, and sap the energy of the remaining

producers. At that point it will matter little where Rubio stands on the issues of abortion and same-sex marriage. (But Limbaugh will still be a multimillionaire in a gated community.)

Obama meets with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) in the White House, and then has lunch with House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI). [87455]

DailyCaller.com reports, “As a Senator in 2011, Sec. of State John Kerry sent an email containing information that the State Department now says is classified as ‘Secret’ from a non-government account to Hillary Clinton, agency spokesman John Kirby said Tuesday. The tranche of Hillary Clinton records released on Friday [January 29] contains the sensitive May 11, 2011 email, which is heavily redacted because it contains foreign government information. In the email, which Kerry sent from his iPad and was first reported on Friday, the former chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee discussed negotiations between India and Pakistan. Kirby was asked Monday [February 1] whether Kerry sent the email from a personal email address, but the spokesman did not have an answer at the time. By Tuesday, he did. ‘The one that we talked about being upgraded to ‘Secret’ was sent from a non-official account, and the account from which it was sent is no longer active,’ Kirby said during the daily press briefing.” (Not only has Clinton transmitted classified information via her unsecured private email account, so has Kerry.) [87416, 87445]

Burce Vento Elementary School in St. Paul, Minnesota, bans children from celebrating Valentine’s Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas because Muslims find them offensive. In a letter to parents, school principal Scott Masini writes, “I have come to the difficult decision to discontinue the celebration of the dominant holidays until we can come to a better understanding of how the dominant view will suppress someone else’s view. ...One of the concerns that I have... is whether or not this practice is encroaching on the educational opportunities of others and threatening the culture of tolerance and respect for all.” The school district issues a statement: “Because Saint Paul Public Schools is a diverse district that is filled with families from around the world we strive to respect all cultures and all students. We recognize that not every student celebrates or participates in some or all holidays. We have a board policy that discourages programs and festivities that celebrate observances unless they are required by law.” [87426]

General Mark A. Milley, chief of staff of the Army, and General Robert B. Neller, Marine Corps commandant, tell the Senate Armed Services Committee that women should register for Selective Service (the draft) if they are going to serve in combat and be fully integrated into the U.S. military. (Neither women nor men should have to register for a draft. No government has the right to treat its citizens as slaves, even if the duration of the slavery may be only two years, rather than a lifetime. A draft allows a nation to commit itself to wars the citizens oppose. If the United States were attacked by an enemy, there would be no shortage of volunteers to fight.) [87424, 87425]

Congresswoman Grace Meng (D-NY) introduces the “Fund Essential Menstruation Products (FEM) Act.” It would add feminine hygiene products to the list of items that can be purchased with funds in a Flexible Spending Account (FSA). [87443]

Senator Tim Scott (R-SC) endorses Marco Rubio for president. [87379, 87382]

At a rally in Milford, New Hampshire, former Senator Scott Brown (R-MA) endorses Donald Trump. Trump tells the massive crowd, “ISIS is making a tremendous amount of money because they have certain oil camps, right? They have areas of oil that they took away. They have some in Syria, some in Iraq. I would bomb the shit of ’em. I would just bomb those suckers. And that’s right, I’d blow up the pipes, I’d blow up the refineries—I’d blow up every single inch, there would be nothing left.” [87410, 87451, 87454]

Over Somalia, an explosion during a Daalo Airlines flight from Jeddah, Saudi Arabia kills one passenger and ejects his body out of the plane. Pilots manage to land the Airbus A321-111 safely in Mogadishu. (Whether the ejected passenger was a suicide bomber is not clear, but his seat was above the wing—an ideal position for a bomb because of the location of the fuel tanks.) [87461, 87462, 87480]

On February 3 Senator Rand Paul (R-KY) suspends his presidential campaign.

The Washington Post’s Chris Cillizza tweets, “Rand Paul probably lost the 2016 presidential race on Aug. 19, 2014. That was the day James Foley was beheaded.” (Cillizza’s point is that Rand Paul’s appeal is to Libertarians and conservatives who want smaller government at home and limited involvement overseas. The rise of ISIS and continuing Islamic terrorism makes it difficult for some voters to lean toward a foreign policy of minimal interventionism. Of course, Cillizza is also unwittingly declaring Obama’s foreign policy record a total failure. Had Obama not so severely messed things up in Iraq, Egypt, Libya, Syria and elsewhere, voters in the United States could focus more on domestic issues and not fear jihadist attacks.) [87441, 87442]

The New York Times editorial board writes, “The Pentagon has put Russia at the top of its list of national security threats with its plan to increase the deployment of heavy weapons, armored vehicles and troops on rotating assignment to NATO countries in Central and Eastern Europe.” (This is the same *New York Times* that, along with the rest of the mainstream media, ridiculed Mitt Romney in 2012 for stating that Russia was the greatest geopolitical threat faced by the United States.) [87437]

Obama, who also ridiculed Romney on the point during one of their three 2012 debates, asks Congress for more money for military spending in Europe to counter Russia’s increasing influence. (Obama has apparently learned that Romney was correct.) [87448, 87449]

Obama visits the radical Islamic Society of Baltimore mosque, removes his shoes, and delivers a speech in which he calls for television programs with Muslim characters. (“Goat Dynasty” and “The Real Housewives of Riyadh” come to mind.) He absurdly claims, “This mosque, like so many in this country, is an All-American story,” “For more than a thousand years, people have been drawn to Islam’s message of peace,” and “Generations of Muslim Americans helped to build our nation.” Obama also criticizes “inexcusable political rhetoric that has no place in our country.” (Although the mosque typically prohibits females from entering the main room, an exception is made for Obama’s visit—to fool the media and television viewers into thinking it is an open, moderate place of worship.) [87438, 87439, 87440, 87468, 87474, 87476]

According to Investors.com, “the FBI had been conducting surveillance at the Islamic Society of Baltimore [mosque] the FBI had been conducting surveillance at the Islamic Society of Baltimore since at least 2010 when it collared one of its members for plotting to bomb an Army recruiting center not far from the mosque in Catonsville, Md. Agents secretly recorded a number of conversations with a 25-year-old Muslim convert—Antonio Martinez, aka Muhammad Hussain—and other Muslims who worshipped there. According to the criminal complaint, Martinez said he knew ‘brothers’ who could supply him weapons and propane tanks. ...It’s now abundantly clear the White House failed to properly vet the venue. Reportedly, it let the Council on American-Islamic Relations choose the site, even though the FBI has banned CAIR from outreach because of known ties to the Hamas terrorist group.” [87457, 87458]

In a 7News/UMass Lowell tracking poll in New Hampshire, Donald Trump leads with 38 percent, followed by Ted Cruz (14), Marco Rubio (12), Jeb Bush (9), John Kasich (7), Chris Christie (6), Ben Carson (3), Carly Fiorina (3), and Rand Paul (2). Bernie Sanders has 61 percent on the Democrat side, with Hillary Clinton trailing at 32 percent. [87453]

Donald Trump tweets, “Ted Cruz didn’t win Iowa, he stole it. That is why all of the polls were so wrong and why he got far more votes than anticipated. Bad!” “Based on the fraud committed by Senator Ted Cruz during the Iowa Caucus, either a new election should take place or Cruz results nullified.” (Trump’s critics ridicule his call for a new election, which obviously would never take place. But Trump is not seeking a new election; he is making a fuss about the issue so that it gets media attention and more voters learn about the Cruz campaigns dirty tricks against Ben Carson. The media cannot report on Trump’s complaint without explaining why he is complaining.) [87459, 87460, 87466, 87467, 87470, 87473]

Rick Santorum suspends his campaign and endorses Marco Rubio.

Congressman Chris Stewart (R-UT), a member of the House Intelligence Committee, tells Americas’ Newsroom, “I have never read anything that’s more sensitive than what these [Hillary Clinton emails contain. They do reveal classified methods, they do reveal classified sources, and they do reveal human assets. I can’t imagine how anyone could be familiar with these emails, whether they’re sending them or receiving them, and not realize that they’re highly classified.” [87477, 87478]

Donald Trump addresses a rally at Barton Coliseum in Little Rock, Arkansas—and breaks an attendance record for the venue. (The prior record was held by the rock band ZZ Top.) [87479]

