



## National Security Working Group

### *Special Report: Update on European Shield, Afghanistan, & CIA Leak Scandal*

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### *European Shield*

President Obama is scrapping the Bush Administration's ground-based missile defense site in Europe. You'll hear a lot of [talk](#) about the new plan being better equipped to defend against the Iranian missile threat. Don't fall for it. The alternative plan he has proposed:

- DOES NOT provide a defense of the U.S. homeland
- DOES NOT cost less money

The defensive system the President just scrapped **was the most cost effective system that could provide defense against long range missiles headed for Europe and America.** It would have had the effect of deterring Iran from pursuing its nuclear ambitions, because it would take away their ability to coerce us by holding us and our allies at risk of a long-range nuke attack-- much like the Soviets did during the Cold War.

The day after the announcement, we saw headlines in Europe that said "America Sold Us Out." Sold them out to whom? Russia. As many of you know, the administration is about to enter START negotiations with Russia; and due to Russia's increased blustering about a Missile Defense site that posed no threat to them, Obama scrapped the plan. We got NOTHING out of the deal and we abandoned our allies. This will reinforce Russian aggression and belligerence, and it demonstrates to our allies that Americans can no longer be trusted to keep our word.

### *Afghanistan*

General McChrystal's [report](#) to President Obama said the following: **"The situation in Afghanistan is serious... We face not only a growing and resilient insurgency; there is also a crisis of confidence among Afghans- in both their government and the international community- that undermines our credibility and emboldens the insurgents. Further, a perception that our resolve is uncertain makes Afghans reluctant to align with us against the insurgents."**

General McChrystal went on to lay out serious strategic, as well as, tactical changes that are necessary to prevent the Taliban from taking over Afghanistan.

Remember, the Democrats accused President Bush of neglecting to listen to our generals. Now, after initially sounding strong in his commitment to provide our generals with the tools they need to attain victory, President Obama is equivocating.

The U.S. must listen to General McChrystal and implement his suggestions in order to win in Afghanistan.

### **Central Intelligence Agency**

Lastly, as we have seen on the news, President Obama has chosen to NOT stop the Attorney General from pursuing his witch hunt of CIA interrogators, despite the fact that 7 former Directors of National Intelligence (DNIs) have written a letter asking him to intervene and prevent this from happening.

### **Common Themes for National Security Matters**

- 1.) Whether on Missile Defense, Afghanistan, or the CIA, the Obama Administration is showing more interest in appeasing our enemies than defending American lives, protecting our allies abroad, and protecting America's national security, which is the foremost, fundamental responsibility of the federal government.
- 2.) The actions of this administration will have ramifications that future generations will feel: a weak America geopolitically, an emboldened safe haven for terrorists, and a neutered CIA.

### **Comment of the Week**

**Jay Leno**, on Obama angering Eastern Europe by dropping the missile defense program: "President Obama says he hasn't abandoned them. He says in the event they do get hit by nuclear attack, they will be covered by his health care plan" ("Jay Leno Show" 09/22/09).

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