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 **THE ARTFUL PROCESS  
OF PULLING  
OBAMA'S CAJONES  
OUT OF THE FIRE!  
BUT WHY?  
Vladimir Putin's  
top 25½ reasons!**



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*Obama would even confuse Einstein. He goes on national TV to convince the American people to support something he doesn't want to do and which he has now asked Congress not to consider.* – **Stefano Bachovich** – obscure curmudgeon and wise political pundit – a prolific purveyor of opinions on just about everything – my primary “go to guy.”

*Putin has “out-peaced” the Nobel Peace Prize winner, and Obama has outsourced our policy in the region to Russia ..... Now Obama is kissing Putin's, uh ..... feet?* – Mark Alexander in Patriot Post.

*If your foreign policy has to be rescued by a dictator, you are doing it wrong ..... Putin is providing Obama an out he couldn't find for himself.* – a “Slate” contributor.

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**#25½** – Because he wants to, and because he can.

**#25** – He wants to be on Mt. Rushmore.

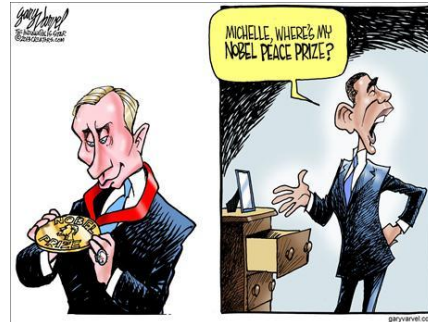
**#24** – He wants the Nobel Peace Prize

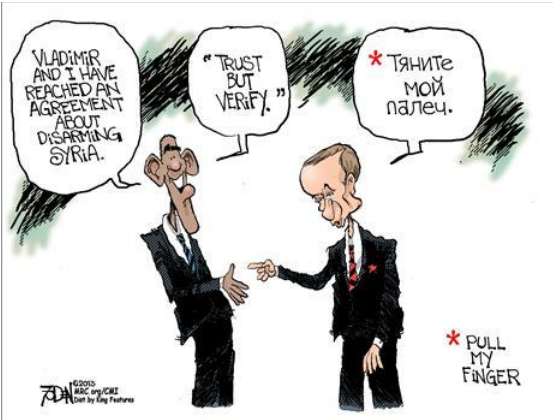
**#23** – He wants to be “The Guy”!

**#22** – A secular Syrian government is best – having devout religious allies isn't his hot button.

**#21** – He wants to expand his country's waning power and influence – he's driven by power.

**#20** – Obama stepped timidly onto the world stage as “just one of the boys” – this provided an opportunity for Vlad to fill the vacancy of international leadership.





**#19** - He relishes an opportunity to tell Obama “move over big guy, there’s not room for both of us.”

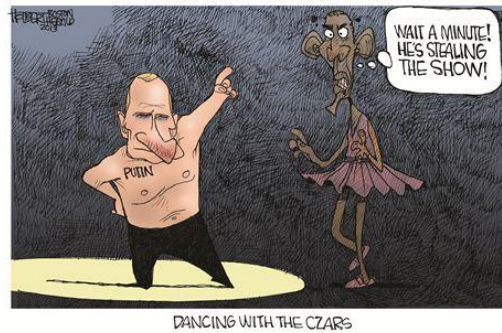
**#18** - He wants to cash in on the promise by Obama to Medvedev – i.e. later I will “have more flexibility.”

**#17** - He wants the attention off Syria, and back on Benghazi – that further weakens his rival Obama.

**#16** - He wants to punish Obama, whom he despises – by publicly poking him in the eye.

**#15** - He knows Obama wanted to get back on the golf course.

**#14** - He knows Obama was in such a box that he has no choice but to grab the lifeline.



**#13** - He knows Obama will go to great lengths to do absolutely nothing at all in Syria (and elsewhere).

**#12** - He wants to save Russia’s strategically important Mediterranean naval base in Tartus, Syria.

**#11** - He relishes international confusion (kinda’ Alinsky-like).



**#10** - He truly wants to look like the leader Obama isn’t.

**#9** - He recently read about the “emperor who had no clothes” and he wants to undress Obama.

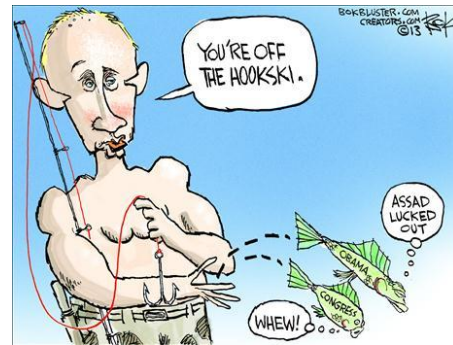
**#8** - He relishes receiving deferential praise from short-sighted and naïve liberal Americans.

**#7** - He thinks he will appear to the world as being more reasonable than the novice Obama.

#6 - He wants Obama and the liberals to survive politically - conservative U.S. leadership is bad for him.

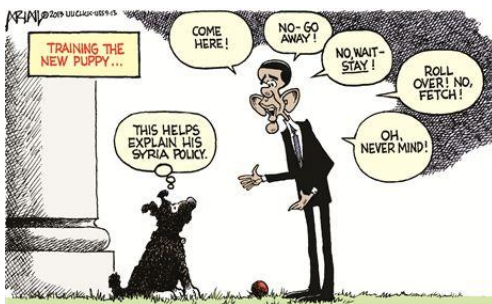
#5 - He thinks he sees an opportunity to claim the moral high ground from Obama.

#4 - He enjoys watching Obama squirm with futile attempts to convince us this was his and Kerry's idea.



#3 - He enjoys watching Obama squirm while trying to spin a foreign policy defeat into a victory.

#2 - He is signaling Iran too will be defended by Russia.



And the #1 reason Vladimir Putin would want to pull Obama's cajones out of the fire - **He and Obama ultimately want the same thing: less U.S. influence in international politics and power!**

Can you believe the following statements could be made by Americans? GOOD GRIEF!

*I can't believe the White House's strategy on Syria is working out this well. I doubt they can, either. ... Kind of amazed I'm saying this, but the White House may really be about to win on Syria.* - Washington Post's Ezra Klein.

*We're not trusting Assad. We're trusting the Russians.* - Sen. Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND).

*The president using the credible threat of American military action to bring diplomatic solutions back to the table demonstrates the strength of his leadership and his willingness to exhaust every remedy before the use of force* - Nancy Pelosi, House Minority Leader.

Now, this makes sense!

*Because America is so much mightier than Russia, the American presidency is a much stronger position than the Russian presidency. But a strong man in a position of weakness, if he is ruthless about taking advantage of his adversary's vulnerabilities, can get the better of weak man in a position of strength. Saul Alinsky understood that, and so does Vladimir Putin!* - James Taranto, Wall Street Journal columnist.



*President Obama has been very busy and has not properly responded to you to explain the nature and origin of American exceptionalism. He's the commander in chief of the world's only superpower, so I am sure you will understand I am happy to explain the basic facts.* – Jim DeMint, former Senator, President of The Heritage Foundation, in a letter to Vladimir Putin – “filling in” for Obama who is apparently too busy to respond to Putin’s disgusting NY Times Op-Ed criticizing Obama and the U.S. Putin is mocking American Exceptionalism.

*Putin’s Op-Ed sounds like it was written by Senator Obama* – Mark Steyn.

*When Putin shot Obama's balloon down over Syria no one should have been surprised. As America first learned at Benghazi, you can fake your way through college, fake your way through the Senate, even fake your way through the presidency, but you can't fake your way through a civil war in the Middle East.* – Jack Cashill in American Thinker.

*The Russian leader was following sage advice offered by a Chinese general 2,500 years ago. "Do not press a desperate foe too hard," advises Sun Tzu in "The Art of War. Build your opponent a golden bridge to retreat across." If you know your enemy and you know yourself, you'll win all your battles, Sun Tzu said. .... Vladimir Putin is content, for now, to let Mr. Obama preen. The more credit he claims for the Russian plan, the more wedded to it he becomes. Mr. Putin knows that he'll soon have other opportunities to humiliate the president he despises.* – Jack Kelly columnist, former deputy assistant secretary of the Air Force.

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