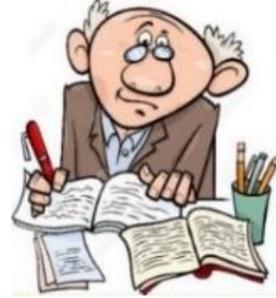


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## **OBAMA VS. TRUMP: A DRAMATIC CONTRAST**

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Whichever side you support, comparing Obama's gut reactions to those of Trump in dealing with citizen uprisings, results in a dramatic contrast.

Consider attacks on our embassy facilities, both involving attempts to burn them down. We know what happened in Benghazi on 9/11/2012 – many hands lost, including our ambassador. Rescue forces were told by Obama's military leaders to "stand down." We'll never know if sending in troops would have made a difference. On December 31, 2019 our embassy in Baghdad was attacked in a similar manner. Trump ordered in troops with no fatalities. Soon thereafter, the terrorist leader Iran General Soleimani was killed at the nearby Baghdad airport.

Consider citizen uprisings in Iran, first in 2009. Obama didn't want to show support. It appears he wanted to get on good terms with the mullahs, as the best outlook for peace. In the current uprising, Trump has publicly stated his support for the citizen uprising and demanded that the Iranian government not harm the demonstrators.

We'll never know the result were different strategies employed in either situation. I'm siding with the aggressive tactics employed by Trump. I'm convinced Iran and other adversaries react only to harsh and definitive actions.