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 **TODAY'S "SHORT TOPIC"**
**ORLANDO MASSACRE:
IS IT CRIMINAL
ACTIVITY, MENTAL
ILLNESS, OR ISLAMIC
TERRORISM?**



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Here's what provoked me:

Our President blames the Orlando mass murders on our culture. He's blaming this event on hatred of the LGBT community and the availability of guns. He's asking us to look within ourselves and change our attitudes.

Here's my response:

Orlando Massacre: Is It Criminal Activity, Mental Illness, or Islamic Terrorism?

Guns fired, dozens dead, and the official response was predictable. Our President won't identify this day of infamy for what it is – Islamic terrorist murders. While the FBI is stating their belief this murderer was a radicalized Muslim terrorist, the President insists there is no evidence of Islamic or international influence. Instead, the President pivoted to blame this on guns and hatred. He wants us to look within ourselves and change our attitudes toward the LGBT community. He wants to deal with the violent part of extremism but ignore the Islamic part.

This wasn't a common criminal wielding a deadly weapon pointing to a law enforcement solution. This wasn't a hate crime pointing to a need for us to examine our culture. This wasn't a mentally disturbed person which would point to a need to better understand mental illness. This wasn't violence that would mandate more gun control or weapons confiscation – at most it demonstrates a dire need to plug the holes in our background check system.

No, my friends, this was a radical Islamic terrorist murdering innocent people! This problem needs a separate strategy from gun control or mental health studies. First we need to identify the problem and the enemy and develop a comprehensive strategy to defeat radical Islamic terrorism. This enemy despises our way of life. It isn't looking for economic assistance or foreign aid.

And there's no room for political correctness in this battle of identifying and eliminating radical Islamic terrorists.