 **LETTER TO THE EDITOR**
ISIL NOT A THREAT?
SOUNDS FAMILIAR!
REMEMBER “9-11”!



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Here's what provoked me:

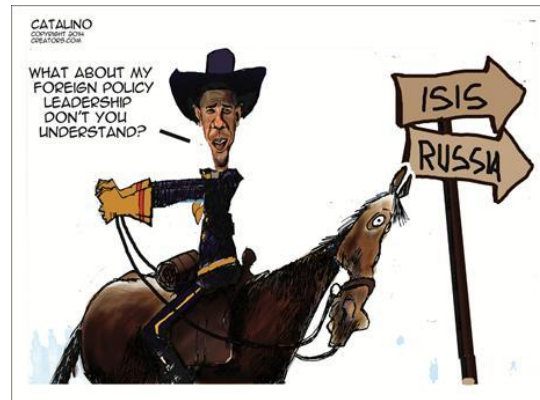
A couple days ago, a letter writer expressed serious disagreement with the two-thirds of Americans who consider ISIL a major threat to the United States. He blamed the “imperial” Obama, the corporate media, Congress, politicians, the military industrial complex, and bankers for what he described as “propaganda-induced trance of hyperbole.” The writer described the potential threat presented by ISIL as “hogwash!” Upon reading this I recalled our collective attitude prior to “9-11” and of that old saying, “Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it!”

Here's my response:

ISIL not a threat? Sounds Familiar! Remember “9-11”

On September 9, Chris Wright expressed serious disagreement with the two-thirds of Americans who consider ISIL a major threat to the United States. He blames the “imperial” Obama, the corporate media, Congress, politicians, the military industrial complex, and bankers for what he describes as “propaganda-induced trance of hyperbole.”

As regards the potential threat presented by ISIL, “Hogwash!” says he. “(Obama) has illegally executed an unprovoked war on ISIL



Wright also asserts that ISIL has never threatened America. This sounds so familiar! And it's wrong and dangerous! ISIL and other radical islamist terror groups have boldly and clearly announced their intention to defeat the U.S. and hang their flag in our nation's Capital. ISIL's warnings are neither less threatening, nor less real, than was Osama bin Laden's when he first expressed threats to the United States in a 1998 fatwa which he personally signed. And please remember, the day before “9-11,” the U.S. wasn't on high alert, and threats coming from jihadists and others like bin Laden were reacted to quite casually, if at all!

As was happening 13 years ago today, following the advice of this writer would diminish the real threats to the United States, and relegate them to mere “background noise.” We dare not let this happen!