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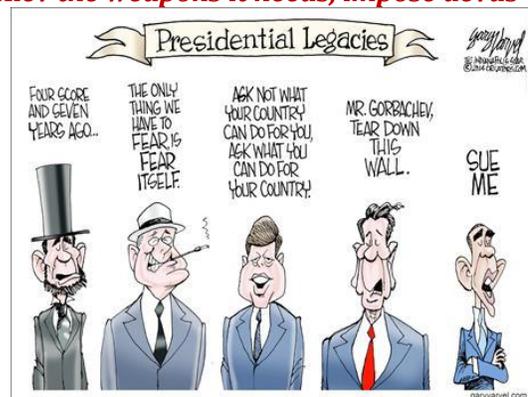
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Hey SB! A lot of the “buzz” these days is about our President who seems at least tentative and confused, if not totally lost, when it comes to our country’s leadership role in the world. You yourself recently wrote that Obama seems to discount any advantage to be gained from strong U.S. international leadership if it involves tough resolve, and a clear willingness to exert our influence in ways other than endless diplomacy. You’ve also joined the conversation about comparing Obama’s style with that of President Reagan. I agree with you that in spite of the strife that existed during the Reagan years, we still had confidence that things would get better. With Obama, there is no such public confidence in anything except reasonable certainty that U.S. influence and security in the world will be diminished. – Stefano Bachovich – obscure curmudgeon and wise political pundit – a prolific purveyor of opinions on just about everything – SB’s primary “go to guy.”

Barack Obama seems totally detached. When he does interrupt his endless rounds of golf, fundraising and photo ops, it’s for some affectless, mechanical, almost forced public statement his detachment, the rote, impassive voice – borders on dissociation The preferred explanation for the president’s detachment is psychological. He’s checked out. Given up BUT I’D PROPOSE AN ALTERNATE THEORY THAT GIVES HIM MORE CREDIT: He disdains realpolitik because he believes that, in the end, such primitive 19th-century notions as conquest are self-defeating A real U.S. president would give Kiev the weapons it needs, impose devastating sectoral sanctions on Moscow, reinstate our Central European missile-defense system and make a Reaganesque speech explaining why Obama has done none of these things The world is aflame and our leader is on the 14th green. The arc of history may indeed bend toward justice, Mr. President. But, as you say, the arc is long. The job of a leader is to shorten it. Otherwise, why do we need a president? And why did you seek to become ours? – Charles Krauthammer



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Even some of Obama’s friends think he is too passive, even though in this case his ally is saying he should be doing a whole lot more transforming of America through the use of his executive order capabilities:

(Obama) is doing his job less often and at a rate that is lower than any president since Grover Cleveland – Debby Wasserman Schultz, U.S. Representative from Florida and DNC Chief.

After that introduction comprised of some very pointed opinions about President Obama, I will lighten up a bit and present an accumulation of political cartoons dealing with the very theme of this report:

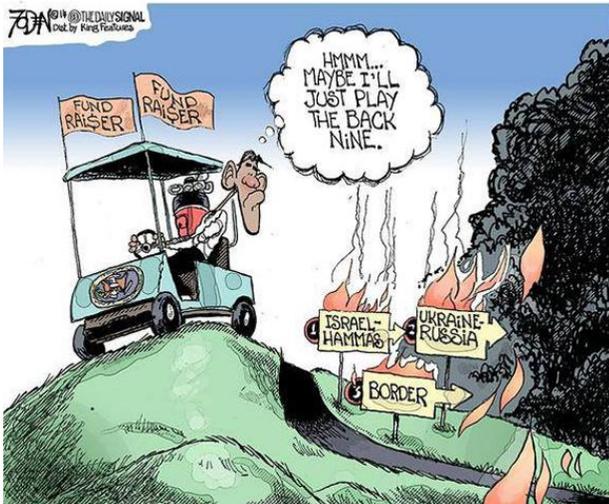
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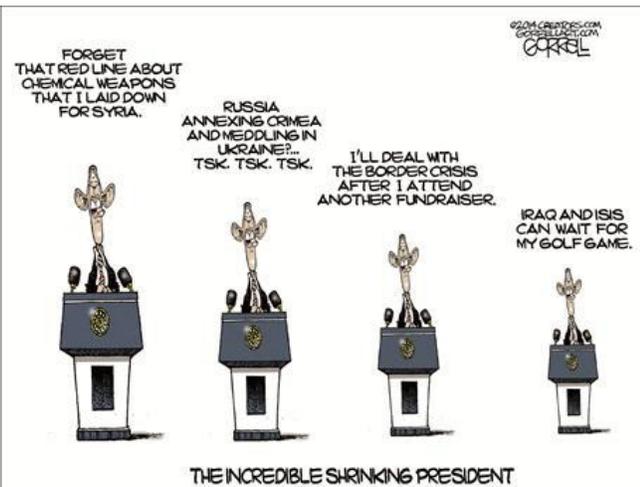
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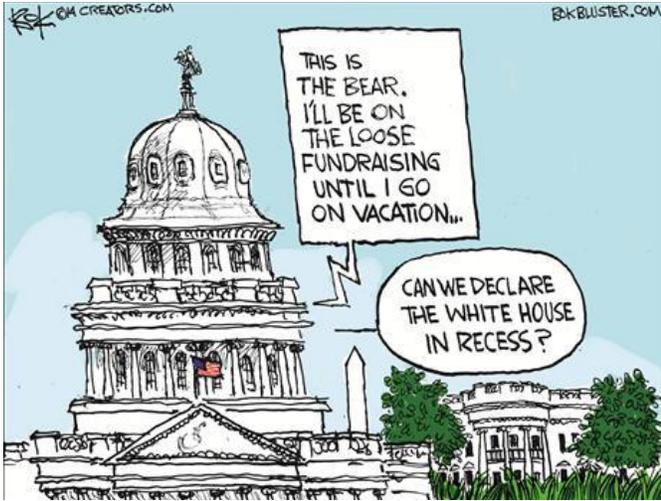
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CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER SAID, "I THINK THERE'S A GENERAL PERCEPTION THAT THE WORLD IS GOING TO HELL AND THE PRESIDENT'S OUT THERE PLAYING GOLF."

THAT'S TOTALLY RIDICULOUS.

HE'S BEEN RIDING HIS BIKE, TOO.

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