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Bob Woodward Notes Unanswered Questions On Libya Reveal Deeper Problems In The Obama White House

BOB WOODWARD POINTS OUT THERE ARE MANY UNANSWERED QUESTIONS ABOUT LIBYA THAT THE WHITE HOUSE HAS TO ANSWER



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Fox News' Chris Wallace: "Bob as one of the key people who broke the Watergate scandal and I'm not comparing this to that, as you look at what happened in Benghazi, the changing story of what happened, as you look at the security warnings before hand, are you troubled by the actions of the Obama administration?"

The Washington Post's Bob Woodward: "Yeah, there are lots of unanswered questions, and I love documents and they released some documents in this, and if you go and look at the original request for more security, they say our policy, our goal here is to shift from an emergency footing to normalize the security relationship. Now, this is in March, the -- 6, 7 months ago and anyone looking at this, would say, wait a minute, read the document in which they say, oh, the situation is incredibly unstable. Well, why are you trying to normalize your security in a situation that is visibly unstable? You even acknowledge that. So, you've got a bad policy and anyone looking at that would say, wait a minute, we are screwed up. We can't normalize here. So, that is the first problem and the second problem is, as soon as an ambassador is killed, the president should be more proactive, and be out there. He can go, you know, five minutes in the White House briefing room and say, this is really serious, we're going to get to the bottom of it and we don't have the answers and all of this could have been nipped in the bud and it was not."

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Wallace: “And what do you make of the fact that five days later, Susan Rice goes out and tells the story about a spontaneous protest when we now know the State Department never thought there was a spontaneous protest, and in fact, we know -- they were in touch real time with people on the ground in Benghazi on the 11th.”

Woodward: “I don't think we know exactly why she did that or what was going on. But the key, which you pointed out, to David Axelrod, is two weeks later, the president's at the U.N. citing this Youtube video, I guess half a dozen times? As we now know that had virtually nothing to do with what happened in Benghazi.”

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BOB WOODWARD NOTES OBAMA'S RESPONSE TO ATTACK IN BENGHAZI REVEALS “TOO FREQUENTLY A PASSIVITY” IN THE WHITE HOUSE TO CRISIS



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The Washington Post's Bob Woodward: “But it is also a mindset, sometimes when there's trouble in the White House, there is too, too frequently a passivity, ‘Uh okay let's step back and let the State Department handle it. Let's let somebody else handle it’ and not jump in, and realize the seriousness of the moment. That...”

Fox News' Chris Wallace: “Isn't it politically toxic and they wanted to...”

Woodward: “They should have done that. But time and time again, the problem -- Obama was out, saying hey look we have got al-Qaeda back on its heels. Well anyone in the intelligence committee, uh community knows that, that is not true.”

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