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It's been two years since President Obama walked back his claim that ISIS was "jay vee" and ordered the first airstrikes against ISIS.

But with new territory on multiple continents under its control, and attacks in Paris, San Bernardino, Brussels, Orlando, Istanbul, and Nice, it's clear ISIS has only grown more emboldened to rampage across the globe.

"[O]ur efforts *have not reduced* the group's terrorism capability and global reach.

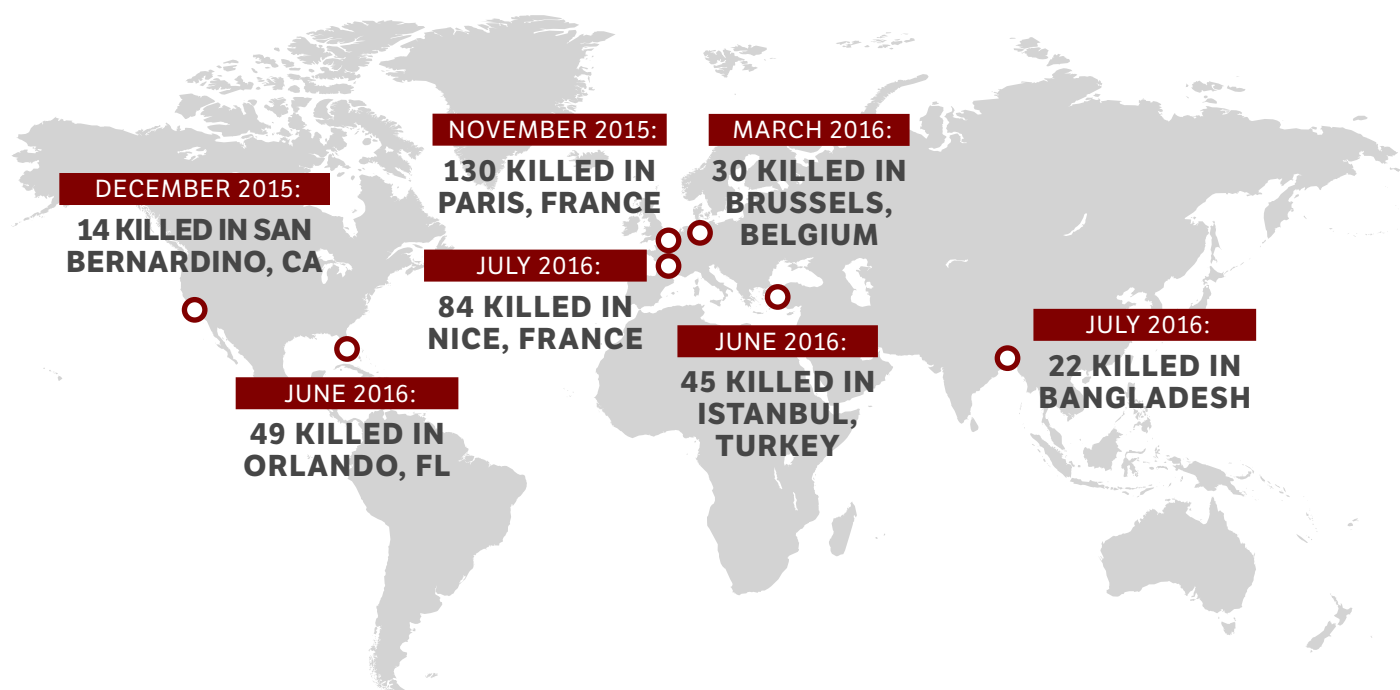
— JOHN BRENNAN, DIRECTOR OF THE CIA

**President Obama's fight against ISIS has not been successful.
Hillary Clinton as president will keep it that way.**



ISIS IS STRONG

President Obama's failed strategy has not prevented ISIS from pulling off terrorist attacks across the world. This is just a partial list of the death toll ISIS has perpetrated within the last year:



"I would venture the guesstimate that we are perhaps **25 percent** of the way toward neutralizing the worst threats ISIS poses."

— FORMER ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE CIA JOHN MCLAUGHLIN

This grotesque and catastrophic violence speaks to how President Obama has underestimated the threat of radical Islamic terror and how this pattern of carnage will continue if Hillary Clinton, who has said that President Obama's ISIS strategy is "close to mine," is elected president.



ISIS IS GROWING IN NUMBERS AND LOCATIONS

In spite of the airstrikes launched against ISIS in Iraq and Syria, ISIS keeps adding manpower.

“Some 500 new Western nationals travel to Iraq and Syria *to fight for ISIS every month.*”

– NBC NEWS, 7/13/16

ISIS’s more than 25,000 foreign fighters “exceeds anything al-Qaeda ever dreamed of.” – Former Acting CIA Director John McLaughlin, 7/28/16

ISIS is also expanding their operational capabilities around the globe, and the United States and its allies are forced to confront an ever-expanding and well-trained network on multiple continents.

“With a presence of some sort in about 40 countries and formal affiliates in nine of them (Egypt and Libya the most advanced), *loss of land in Iraq and Syria does not deprive ISIS of territorial options for plotting, training, and launching terrorist attacks.*”

– FORMER ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE CIA JOHN MCLAUGHLIN

“...A classified briefing document received by the White House dated “August 2016” and prepared by the National Counterterrorism Center... *shows a stunning three-fold increase in the number of places around the globe where ISIS is operating.*”

– NBC NEWS, 8/3/2016



ISIS IS STILL A THREAT TO THE HOMELAND

“We swear that we will strike America at its heart – in Washington,”

– AL-AJKRAR AL-IRAQI, ISIS MILITANT, IN A NOVEMBER 2015 VIDEO RECORDING

The growth of ISIS abroad has not meant it is any less focused on carrying out attacks here in the United States. Our top military and national security officials recognize the scope of the threat and ISIS’ determination to wreak havoc inside our borders.

“It seems like the Islamic extremists and terrorists have shifted a lot of their message, and that is, ‘Hey, rather than come to Syria, why don’t you stay at home and do San Bernardino, or do Boston, or do Fort Hood?’

– U.S. SOUTHERN COMMAND CHIEF JOHN KELLY, 1/9/16

In the wake of the Istanbul airport bombing which killed 45 people, CIA Director John Brennan said, “I’d be surprised if Daesh is not trying to carry out that kind of attack in the United States.” (Daesh is an acronym for the Arabic name of the Islamic state).

Clearly, the Clinton-Obama approach to containing ISIS has not made the group any less willing to strike America.



THE FAILED CLINTON-OBAMA STRATEGY HAS UNDERESTIMATED THE THREAT

The hallmark of President Obama's anti-ISIS campaign is a consistent underestimation of how dangerous ISIS really is.

“So I think this is a very long term problem. *I think that the President and his advisors have underestimated ISIS all along.*”

– FORMER OBAMA SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ROBERT GATES, 1/19/16

The Obama administration even went after one of its own, Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel, when he said that ISIS was “beyond anything we’ve seen.” “I got some criticism from the White House,” Hagel later said.

“I knew we were up against something here that we had never seen before. *And in many ways, we were not prepared for it.*”

– FORMER OBAMA SECRETARY OF DEFENSE CHUCK HAGEL, 12/18/15

Despite the acknowledgments of his top advisors of how destructive ISIS was, President Obama adopted a course of action which has failed to properly consider ISIS's capabilities.

In June 2014, Clinton supported Obama's inaction on ISIS, flatly stating “I would have advised him to do exactly as I believe he is now doing.”



THE CLINTON-OBAMA STRATEGY HAS ENDANGERED THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

President Obama has not shown a willingness to break from a failed course against an enemy who employs killing civilians as one of its key strategies.

“...With scores dead and wounded in the heart of Europe’s de facto capital, the president brushed aside critics who say his strategy against ISIS is too cautious against an enemy keen on slaughtering civilians.”

– NBC NEWS, 3/23/16

Hillary Clinton has adopted the same weak leadership as President Obama, being unwilling to make adjustments to a plan that isn’t working.

In December 2015, she refused to say we are at war with ISIS.

In that same month, less than three weeks after the horrific San Bernardino shootings, she said “we now finally are where we need to be,” on fighting ISIS.

After the shooting at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando, Hillary Clinton touted the success of the Obama-Clinton failed ISIS plan:

“And the good news is that the coalition effort in Syria and Iraq has made recent gains in the last months. So we should keep the pressure on ramping up the air campaign, accelerating support for our friends fighting to take and hold ground and pushing our partners in the region to do even more.”

– HILLARY CLINTON, 6/13/16



TOP CURRENT AND FORMER OFFICIALS CRITICIZE OBAMA'S LACK OF EFFECTIVE STRATEGY AGAINST ISIS

Multiple officials at the highest level of our national security infrastructure have condemned President Obama's weak and ineffective leadership against ISIS.

"We've yet to really thwart Daesh's ability to reach beyond the Syria-Iraqi borders and put in place some of the plans and preparations to carry out attacks."

– CIA CHIEF JOHN BRENNAN, JUNE 2016

"First of all, I think that we don't have, given the environment that I think we're going to face in the Middle East, I think the first thing is we don't have a strategy at all. We're basically sort of playing this day to day."

– FORMER OBAMA SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ROBERT GATES, 5 /19 /15

The bottom line is ISIS continues to wage its campaign of terror around the globe, an indictment of the failed Clinton-Obama strategy and a clear indication we cannot continue down this failed path by making Hillary Clinton commander-in-chief.