

How Syrians View Russia versus U.S.

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U.S. President Obama's chief aim in Syria is not to defeat the fundamentalist ISIS and Al Qaeda there, but to replace that country's secular leader Bashar al-Assad, who is, on the basis of the above-cited evidence, far more popular in Syria than Obama is. Yet Obama says that militarily overthrowing Assad would be the 'democratic' thing to do.

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Obama 'introduced democracy' into Libya by militarily overthrowing Muammar Gaddafi and sparking civil war there; and he 'introduced democracy' into Ukraine by a violent U.S.-planned coup getting rid of Viktor Yanukovich and sparking civil war there.

Before Obama, George W. Bush had brought 'democracy' to Iraq by overthrowing Saddam Hussein and sparking civil war there.

Is the 'democracy' in the United States itself still authentic, or is it instead now fake, such as America's former President Jimmy Carter recently said — that the U.S. is [no longer a democracy](#)? If the U.S. is no longer a democracy, and yet accuses other governments of being dictatorships that the U.S. has a right to overthrow, then would that hypocrisy indicate a disrespect for the public's intelligence? How much should a person trust Mr. Obama's honesty?

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