

## Surreal Oval Office Meeting. "Worst President [Obama] in Our History" Receives "Unfit to Serve [Trump] [Elected] President"

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Both men clearly dislike each other. Their meeting was strained. During months of campaigning, they attacked each other with insulting rhetoric.

Obama called Trump "unfit to serve as president." He's "the classic reality TV character...a great publicity-seeker...He has a long record that needs to be examined."

"What I think is scary is a president who doesn't know their stuff and doesn't seem to have an interest in learning what they don't know."

"He's just offering slogans, and he's offering fear...I would feel deeply frustrated (about welcoming Trump to the White House) not because of anything he's said about me, but because I would fear for the future of our country."

Fact: On November 10, Obama "welcom(ed) Trump" to the oval office for a 90-minute discussion, a photo-op showing both men shaking hands. More on this below.

Earlier, Trump called Obama

"the worst president maybe in the history of our country. I think he has been a disaster. He has been weak. He has been ineffective. You look at this so-called recovery. It's setting record lows."

Both men meeting in the oval office on Thursday was surreal, polite remarks substituting for campaign vitriol.

Obama:

"...I just had the opportunity to have an excellent conversation with president-elect Trump...(M)y number-one priority in the coming two months is to try to facilitate a transition that ensures our president-elect is successful."

"Most of all, I want to emphasize to you, Mr. president-elect, that we now are going to want to do everything we can to help you succeed – because if you succeed, then the country succeeds."

Trump: "...(T)hank you very much, President Obama...We had never met each other. I have great respect...I very much look forward to dealing with the president in the future, including counsel."

"So, Mr. president, it was a great honor being with you, and I look forward to being with you many, many more times in the future."

On Thursday, I gagged listening to their comments – near mortal enemies during months of campaigning now buddies?

White House press secretary Josh Earnest called their meeting "less awkward than some might have expected."

As president-elect, Trump now gets the same daily briefing as Obama, including classified intelligence information.

Trump campaign rhetoric stressed "crooked Hillary," "trigger-happy Hillary," adding she's "reckless (and) unstable..."

"Sometimes it seemed there wasn't a country in the Middle East that (she) didn't want to invade, intervene in, or topple...This is (her) legacy, failure and death."

"(T)he price of wars in Iraq and Afghanistan (alone cost) approximately \$6 trillion. We could have rebuilt our country over and over again."

"Yet after all this money was spent and lives lost, Clinton's policies as secretary of state have left the Middle East in more disarray than ever before. Not even close."

"Unlike my opponent, my foreign policy will emphasize diplomacy, not destruction."

Addressing supporters after becoming president-elect, he deplorably about-faced, "congratulat(ing) (a war criminal, racketeer, perjurer) and her family on a very, very hard-fought campaign."

"...(W)e owe her a major debt of gratitude for her service to our country. I mean that very sincerely."

For the moment at least, likely continuing once inaugurated, based on his above remarks, forgotten are her high crimes enough to land ordinary people in prison longterm.

An FBI investigation into Clinton Foundation racketeering remains ongoing. Will Trump order it stopped – letting Hillary get away with RICO crimes, besides her war crimes and lying to Congress and the FBI?

Will absolution replace long overdue justice? After taking office in January 2009, Obama refused to hold CIA torturers accountable for their high crimes.

Is Trump following the same pattern for "crooked Hillary" and others complicit with her RICO crimes alone?

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