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Pls read and discuss w me later. This is quite troubling.

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March 30, 2011

For: Hillary
From: Sid
Re: Win This War

1. Quinnipiac poll this morning shows Obama at his lowest approval and defeated for reelection 50-41 because of Libya. (See below.) No time for panic. Time to prevent panic.
2. Pat Lang argues for intensified bombing. I understand the bombing continues. Whatever it is, it is not enough.
3. Of course, victory cannot be achieved without the rebels gaining ground, getting to the gates of Tripoli, an uprising, and marching in. They must have training and armor piercing weapons. If US, UK and France can't provide this, then the rebels should secure it elsewhere. Sotto voce.
4. The case for the US interest should be made in light of what a Q victory would mean. That is the negative case, but perhaps most effective. The positive case for national interest in terms of removing Q, establishing stability in North Africa, securing democracy in Egypt and Tunisia, economic development, effect throughout Arab world and Africa, extending US influence, counter-balancing Iran, etc., should be obvious. It is a vital national interest today, now, at this moment. The humanitarian motive offered is limited, conditional and refers to a specific past situation. Having avoided a massacre at Benghazi, constantly claiming credit for it as though seeking gratitude from people (Libyans and American public opinion), soon reaches a counter-productive point. (This reminds me of Obama's message for the midterms, demanding gratitude from the public for avoiding a deeper recession, something that was not experienced.) I infer Gates' problem is losing an internal debate. Tyler, who knows him well, says, "He's a mean, vicious little prick." You may have another view. Whatever his alleged virtues, his public statements have been transparently calculated to be undermining and have achieved that effect.
5. Read the poll. Win the war. No way out.

http://turcopoller.typepad.com/slc_semper_tyrannis/2011/03/obama-soon-to-be-defeated-in-libya.html

Obama, soon to be defeated in Libya?
Patrick W. Lang

After listening to Obama's speech last night and observing the relative lack of air action today I would say that Obama appears to be intent on seizing defeat from the jaws of victory. He and his political cronies in the WH and in Chicago are, to say the least, unenthusiastic about regime change in Libya or anywhere else in the ME. Why is that? Hmmm. Obama's lukewarm and self-contradicting statements have produced what is at least for the moment, operational paralysis. Think about it, if you were Carter Ham or any number of other NATO senior officers how could you avoid thinking that you are very exposed as a probable scape goat if a claim is made that you somehow exceeded your "instructions?"

The rebels are a rabble? Certainly, but so are Qathafi's people. The rebel "ranks" may contain people who fought us in Iraq? Probably, but we do not actually know that except on the word of Qathafi and persistent suggestions in the MSM by people who have no way to know. NATO air power is ineffective in built up areas? Rubbish. Go look at the satellite photographs of these towns, Sirte, etc., on Google Earth. They are mostly open space with a few palm trees. The tanks, rocket artillery launchers, armored personnel carriers and AAA guns on trucks of Qathafi's people are all quite exposed. USAF has now brought AC-130s and A-10s into the action. These aircraft are well suited for engagement of targets in these towns or anywhere along the road. The metal masses in these weapons are very detectable by the aircraft, night or day. Obama should think about the political effect here in the US of defeat by Qathafi's puny forces. He wants to be re-elected? It would be interesting to see how his prospects would be affected by Qathafi's continuing presence in Tripoli in November 2012 and the mockery that the Republicans will rain down on him over his present weakness. pl
29 March 2011

March 30, 2011 - Obama Gets Lowest Approval, Reelect Score Ever, Quinnipiac University National Poll Finds; More Voters Oppose U.S. Involvement In Libya

American voters disapprove 48 - 42 percent of the job President Barack Obama is doing and say 50 - 41 percent he does not deserve to be re-elected in 2012, both all-time lows, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

This compares to a 46 - 46 percent job approval rating and a 45 - 47 percent split on the President's re-election in a March 3 survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University. In a hypothetical 2012 matchup, President Obama gets 36 percent of the vote to 37 percent for an unnamed Republican challenger.

Democrats approve 80 - 13 percent of the job Obama is doing, but disapproval is 81 - 9 percent among Republicans and 50 - 39 percent among independent voters. Men disapprove 52 - 41 percent while women split 44 - 44 percent.

Voters oppose 47 - 41 percent America's involvement in Libya. In the survey concluded Monday evening as President Obama was addressing the nation about Libya, voters say 58 - 29 percent that he has not clearly stated U.S. goals for Libya.

American voters give conflicting signals about U.S. involvement in Libya:

- They approve 53 - 35 percent of using cruise missiles to destroy Libya's air defense;
- They say 48 - 41 percent the U.S. should not use military force to remove Moammar Gadhafi from power;
- They say 65 - 27 percent the U.S. should use military force to protect civilians from Gadhafi.

"President Barack Obama's approval numbers are at their lowest level ever, slightly below where they were for most of 2010 before he got a bump up in surveys after the November election and into the early part of this year," said Peter A. Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

"Some reasons for his overall numbers might be that Obama receives negative ratings on his handling of the budget deficit, the economy, foreign policy, health care and energy policy."

American voters split 46 - 45 percent on whether protecting Libyan civilians from Gadhafi is a goal worth having U.S. troops "fight and possibly die." And voters say 61 - 30 percent that removing Gadhafi is not worth having American troops "fight and possibly die."

A total of 62 percent of voters are "very confident" or "somewhat confident" that the U.S. mission to protect Libyan civilians from Gadhafi will be successful.

But 74 percent of voters are "very concerned" or "somewhat concerned" that the U.S. will get embroiled in a long-term military conflict in Libya.

The pattern of political support for the president regarding Libya is somewhat different than with the war in Afghanistan, for which public support continues to deteriorate. Now, 50 percent of voters say the U.S. should not be involved in that conflict while 41 percent says it is the right thing to do.

"Republicans have been the strongest supporters of the Democratic president's policy. Currently, 50 percent of Republicans, 38 percent of Democrats and 38 percent of independent voters support the effort in Afghanistan," Brown said.

"On Libya, 48 percent of Democrats but only 40 percent of Republicans and 38 percent of independent voters voice support."

From March 22 - 28, Quinnipiac University surveyed 2,069 registered voters with a margin of error of +/- 2.2 percentage points. Live interviewers call land lines and cell phones.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts public opinion surveys in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Florida, Ohio and the nation as a public service and for research. For more data or RSS feed- <http://www.quinnipiac.edu/polling.xml>, call (203) 582-5201, or follow us on Twitter.

1. If the 2012 election for President were being held today, do you think you would vote for Barack Obama, the Democratic candidate, or the Republican candidate?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Obama	36%	2%	79%	28%	33%	39%	29%	89%
Republican	37	79	7	32	39	36	43	1
DEPENDS ON CAND (VOL)	14	12	5	23	15	14	15	4
DK/NA	12	6	8	17	13	12	12	6

	18-34	35-54	55+	<50	50-100	>100K	Lib	Mod	Con
Obama	40%	36%	34%	39%	36%	36%	78%	39%	15%
Republican	32	38	40	34	40	43	9	28	61
DEPENDS ON CAND (VOL)	15	14	14	13	15	14	6	17	15
DK/NA	13	12	11	15	10	7	7	16	9

EDUCATION,.... WHITE,.....
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	Union HsHlds	NoColl Degree	Coll Degree	BrnAgn Evngl	Prot	Cath
Obama	45%	34%	43%	14%	21%	28%
Republican	29	38	34	59	52	44
DEPENDS ON CAND (VOL)	14	15	13	17	16	14
DK/NA	12	13	10	11	10	14

TREND: If the 2012 election for President were being held today, do you think you would vote for Barack Obama, the Democratic candidate, or the Republican candidate?

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	Mar 30 2011	Jul 21 2010	Mar 25 2010
Obama	36	36	40
Republican	37	39	41
DEPENDS ON CAND (VOL)	14	13	9
DK/NA	12	12	9

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Approve	42%	9%	80%	39%	41%	44%	36%	89%
Disapprove	48	81	13	50	52	44	54	7
DK/NA	10	9	8	10	7	12	10	4

	AGE IN YRS.....			INCOME.....			POL PHIL.....		
	18-34	35-54	55+	<50	50-100	>100K	Lib	Mod	Con
Approve	47%	41%	39%	43%	43%	41%	76%	49%	20%
Disapprove	39	50	52	45	51	52	18	39	71
DK/NA	13	8	9	12	5	7	6	11	9

	EDUCATION....			WHITE.....			Military HsHlds
	Union HsHlds	NoColl Degree	Coll Degree	BrnAgn Evngl	Prot	Cath	
Approve	51%	39%	50%	21%	26%	39%	37%
Disapprove	39	50	42	68	65	53	58
DK/NA	10	10	8	10	9	8	6

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? (*High also 59% Mar 2009)

	Mar 30 2011	Mar 03 2011	Jan 13 2011	Nov 17 2010	Sep 09 2010	APPROVE.....	
						High Jun 04 2009*	Low Mar 30 2011
Approve	42	46	48	44	44	59	42
Disapprove	48	46	44	49	47	31	48
DK/NA	10	8	8	5	9	10	10

6. In general, how satisfied are you with the way things are going in the nation today? Are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

Tot Rep Dem Ind Men Wom Wht Blk

	2%	1%	4%	1%	2%	2%	1%	6%
Very satisfied	21	12	37	15	21	21	17	36
Smwht satisfied	37	33	38	38	37	37	36	44
Smwht dissatisfied	40	54	19	45	41	40	44	13
Very dissatisfied	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	1
DK/NA								

AGE IN YRS..... INCOME..... POL PHIL.....
 18-34 35-54 55+ <50 50-100 >100K Lib Mod Con

	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	4%	1%	1%
Very satisfied	28	17	20	22	19	22	33	24	12
Smwht satisfied	40	40	31	34	42	36	41	41	31
Smwht dissatisfied	29	42	46	42	37	39	21	33	56
Very dissatisfied	-	-	2	1	1	1	1	1	-
DK/NA									

EDUCATION.... WHITE.....
 Union NoColl Coll BrnAgn
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	2%	1%	3%	0%	1%	1%
Very satisfied	27	19	24	13	16	21
Smwht satisfied	38	36	40	34	31	35
Smwht dissatisfied	32	43	32	52	52	42
Very dissatisfied	1	1	1	-	1	1
DK/NA						

TREND: In general, how satisfied are you with the way things are going in the nation today? Are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

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	Mar 30 2011	Mar 03 2011	Jan 18 2011	Nov 17 2010	Sep 09 2010	Dec 11 2001	Nov 13 2008
Very satisfied	2	1	2	3	2	21	2
Smwht satisfied	21	26	25	24	23	47	14
Smwht dissatisfied	37	32	38	29	31	19	38
Very dissatisfied	40	40	34	42	42	10	44
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	1	3	2

8. Looking ahead to the 2012 election for President, do you feel that Barack Obama deserves to be reelected, or do you feel that he does not deserve to be reelected?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Whit	Blk
Yes/Deserves	41%	8%	79%	37%	38%	43%	34%	90%
No/Does not	50	86	12	52	53	47	57	3
DK/NA	9	6	9	11	9	9	9	7

	AGE IN YRS.....			INCOME.....			POL PHIL.....		
	18-34	35-54	55+	<50	50-100	>100K	Lib	Mod	Con
Yes/Deserves	48%	41%	35%	43%	38%	41%	79%	45%	20%
No/Does not	41	52	54	47	54	52	15	42	74
DK/NA	11	7	10	10	7	6	6	13	6

	EDUCATION....			WHITE.....		
	Union HsHlds	NoColl Degree	Coll Degree	BrnAgn Evngl	Prot	Cath
Yes/Deserves	46%	38%	47%	18%	24%	35%
No/Does not	42	52	44	74	68	55
DK/NA	12	10	9	8	8	9

TREND: Looking ahead to the 2012 election for President, do you feel that Barack Obama deserves to be reelected, or do you feel that he does not deserve to be reelected?

	Mar 30 2011	Mar 03 2011	Nov 22 2010	Jul 21 2010	Mar 25 2010
Yes/deserves	41	45	43	40	40
No/does not	50	47	49	48	48

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9. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling - the budget deficit?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Approve	30%	6%	62%	23%	28%	31%	23%	74%
Disapprove	64	90	32	71	68	61	71	19
DK/NA	6	4	6	6	4	8	6	7

	AGE IN YRS.....			INCOME.....			POL PHIL.....		
	18-34	35-54	55+	<50	50-100	>100K	Lib	Mod	Con
Approve	33%	30%	27%	32%	27%	30%	55%	32%	14%
Disapprove	62	65	66	61	68	66	35	62	82
DK/NA	5	5	7	7	6	4	10	6	4

	EDUCATION.....			WHITE.....			
	Union	NoColl	Coll	BrnAgn	Evngl	Prot	Cath
Approve	34%	28%	32%	13%	17%	21%	
Disapprove	60	65	62	83	77	71	
DK/NA	5	6	6	4	6	8	

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the budget deficit?

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 2011 2011 2010 2010

Approve	30	36	34	33
Disapprove	64	58	59	60
DK/NA	6	6	7	7

10. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling - the economy?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Approve	34%	7%	69%	29%	34%	35%	29%	69%
Disapprove	60	88	26	65	63	58	66	28
DK/NA	5	5	4	6	3	7	5	3

	AGE IN YRS.....			INCOME.....			POL PHIL.....		
	18-34	35-54	55+	<50	50-100	>100K	Lib	Mod	Con
Approve	34%	37%	32%	34%	33%	42%	67%	39%	15%
Disapprove	60	60	62	59	63	57	27	55	81
DK/NA	5	4	6	7	4	1	6	6	4

	EDUCATION....			WHITE.....		
	Union HsHlds	NoColl Degree	Coll Degree	BrnAgn Evngl	Prot	Cath
Approve	38%	31%	44%	18%	20%	30%
Disapprove	58	64	51	77	76	66
DK/NA	4	5	5	5	4	3

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the economy?

APPROVE.....

	Mar 30 2011	Mar 03 2011	Jan 18 2011	Nov 17 2010	Sep 09 2010	High Mar 04 2009	Low Mar 30 2011
Approve	34	38	40	39	39	57	34
Disapprove	60	59	53	57	56	33	60
DK/NA	5	4	7	4	5	10	5

11. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling - foreign policy?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Approve	41%	19%	69%	37%	42%	39%	37%	64%
Disapprove	47	69	22	51	50	45	52	22
DK/NA	12	12	9	12	8	15	11	14

	AGE IN YRS.....			INCOME.....			POL PHIL.....		
	18-34	35-54	55+	<50	50-100	>100K	Lib	Mod	Con
Approve	45%	41%	37%	40%	42%	44%	69%	48%	21%
Disapprove	40	49	52	45	49	48	23	37	70
DK/NA	15	9	11	14	9	7	9	15	9

	EDUCATION....			WHITE.....			Military
	Union HsHlds	NoColl Degree	Coll Degree	BrnAgn Evngl	Prot	Cath	HsHlds
Approve	51%	38%	49%	20%	27%	38%	35%
Disapprove	36	49	44	64	59	53	53
DK/NA	11	13	8	16	14	8	12