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Who Cares About the Law if You're The One?

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The U.S. Constitution and law. Whooptie-do. I mean, they are just scraps of paper. They shouldn't restrict the world's leader as he sends the American military around the globe to do good. Only a small-minded politician would point out that he is violating his oath of office.

So much for the president who as a candidate promised that HE, unlike his predecessor, wouldn't violate the law.

Reports the *Washington Times*:

Arguing that American support for the NATO mission is protecting civilians from forces loyal to Libyan leader Col. Moammar Gadhafi, Mr. Obama chided critics for focusing on procedural issues and said the welfare of the Libyan people is his paramount concern.

"We have engaged in a limited operation to help a lot of people against one of the worst tyrants in the world, somebody who nobody should want to defend," Mr. Obama told reporters in a wide-ranging news conference in the White House's East Room. "And this suddenly becomes the cause celebre for some folks in Congress? Come on."

"A lot of this fuss is politics," he added.

Of course. It's just politics.

It's an extraordinary, but not unexpected, spectacle. A president believes that he is ordained by God to do whatever he sees fit, free from the pesky limits of the Constitution and later laws passed by Congress. And if anyone criticizes him, it is because they are defending one of the worst tyrants in the world.

A tyrant which the administration had no problem dealing with in its first two years and which it considered supporting with military assistance.

Congress needs to make clear to President Obama that he is not God, a monarch, or the American equivalent of North Korea's Great Leader. He is the elected chief executive in a constitutional republic, and he is bound by the law, just like the rest of us.

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