

Rubio: Obama has spent more time attacking GOP than ISIS

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French President Francois Hollande has called this a "cowardly attack" and an "act of war" ISIS says this is payback for the multiple air strikes that France has launched against them in Iraq and Syria.

"He said something that was pretty incredible - according to numerous military experts here and around the world who I've spoken to - that our strategy is working". "But as I said from the start, it is going to take time". All they have done is merely pointed out the facts - that the United States does not now have the capability to ensure that every refugee we take in is non-violent and non-ISIS affiliated.

"Paris changes everything", Republican Congressman Michael McCaul, chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, told "Meet The Press".

In Manila, the Russian prime minister said the best way to combat ISIS is to unite with the West, and President Obama seems to agree.

Which raises the question: if the current effort won't work, then what will? Critics who disagree, he said, shouldn't "pop off" with their half-baked and ill-considered opinions. "That's why I subscribe to the slow-squeeze". Terrorist networks, such as al Qaeda, generally have only dozens or hundreds of members, attack civilians, do not hold territory, and can not directly confront military forces.

"If you have a handful of people who don't mind dying, they can kill a lot of people", he said.

We don't know whether American voters will continue to be content with fighting **Islamic State** or, after **Paris**, will demand that their government defeat it.

"In order to undermine their appeal, we have to undermine the perception of momentum, and we have failed in that regard".

Sending a large wave of U.S. troops into the Middle East, as a few Republicans suggest, would repeat the USA response under President George W. Bush that helped destabilize the region and led to the rise of **Islamic State**. And it's reassuring that the person who'll be sitting in the Oval

Office until then is now the person making the most reasonable and responsible arguments about what the US should do in response to **the Paris attacks**. "Now is precisely the time to stand up for our core values, including that we are a proud nation of immigrants".

He certainly conveyed the appearance of being too busy to reassess USA strategy in the fight against the **Islamic State**, let alone commit to a stronger response.

That is why Phillips, director of the Program on Peace-building and Rights at Columbia University's Institute for the Study of Human Rights, recommends that the United States send more weapons and political support to the Kurds.

"Do they have a comprehensive plan that really leads to the destruction of the **Islamic State** in a couple of years?" NBC's Chuck Todd found Obama "extremely defensive and nearly not yet realizing that numerous reporters in that room, they're channeling the public in this case". Phyllis Bennis, the director of the New Internationalism Project at the Institute for Policy Studies, just wrote a book about ISIS.

The impulse to do "something, anything is an understandable reaction" to **the Paris attacks**, says Emma Ashford, visiting fellow in foreign policy studies at the Cato Institute in Washington. "They have just slaughtered 129 people in **Paris**".

But she did - indirectly and deftly - contradict Obama's comments, made in a television interview recorded a day before the attacks, that the **Islamic State** had been "contained" in Iraq and Syria. "This is a war of vengeance". One would think that the "**Islamic State** in Iraq and Levant (ISIS) would attack in retaliation for their bombing of their "Caliphate" in Iraq and Syria". What's clear, though, is that voters attuned to national security (and personal vulnerability) may look for a different kind of leader than this presidential field, both parties, reckoned. But nobody is even questioning the idea of the airstrikes.

In Saturday's Democratic debate, all three of the candidates struggled as the ground shifted under their feet. From there, she'd like to see a complete military withdrawal, a blockade of arms into Syria, a huge new influx of humanitarian aid, and a redoubling of efforts to block ISIS' fundraising sources, notably the sale of oil. "But it's never true that the only option is war".