

Mr. President: Can't Win For Losing and Your Staff Needs to Be Fired

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The President is taking a beating on his age. But age had nothing to do with his performance today of all days. His staff needed to arrange his schedule so that he would have spoken about 9/11 in Washington or New York City. They failed him. 9/11 is one of those moments that bring us together and unites us as Americans. He had a free-be and he blew it.

His staff made the decision to cut him off during a speech he was giving today and play music as if he was speaking at some awards ceremony. But they weren't finished. It's as if they want to sabotage him.

On this solemn day, his staff decided to announce the deal with the Iranians. We effectively will free (ransom) \$6 billion dollars in exchange for 5 Americans. It's great that the Americans will be coming home, but we have just encouraged the taking of Americans. We will pay ransom.

But the day was still young, and there is more. One of his staff, in trying to deflect the issue of why the President didn't speak in D.C or N.Y., is allegedly said according to Fox News Peter Doocy that after twenty-two years after Pearl Harbor in 1941, "U.S. Presidents were not still going to Hawaii." He or she should be muzzled or fired.

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