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Speak Softly But Carry A Big Club

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With respect to Bugs Bunny, the events on Saturday should have taught us that carrots do not work. Not with Hamas, Russia, China, and Iran.

There is no sense having a big stick, club, or Redwood if you are not prepared to use it. We have assumed incorrectly that a carrot would win us goodwill and that we could reach some sensible accommodation. Instead, it signaled weakness and our enemies took full advantage.

What did the President mean when he said that Israel should respect the "Rules of War." What the hell does that mean? It is certainly not the rules of my father or grandfather.

Where is the moral high ground here. Can you hold only one side to them? The Gazans have legitimate issues with Israel. Those who differ with Israel have every right to express those differences.



But you lose that high ground when you attempt to defend the actions taken this Saturday.

There are **no buts**. The kids on our campuses, faculty, and presidents should be embarrassed. However, we should not fire or expel them.

Lest we become them.

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