

This video features Rep. Allen West (R-FL) at a Center for Security Policy event in New York City. West is a highly decorated and respected retired U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel, and he discusses U.S. security interests, primarily in the Middle East.

As West points out, the military operation in Libya does not fit within the definition of allowable actions within the War Powers Act (in other words, there is no American interest at stake here).

It was on Day 91 of U.S. military action in Libya that West made this speech,

At first, the Obama Administration claimed this action did fit within the War Powers Act, then they changed their tune and made the outrageous claim that this wasn't really a military action in a hostile environment. As West illustrated, this nonsensical claim reminds us of Bill Clinton's parsing about what "is" is, and claiming that sex wasn't sex.

We were supposedly there to protect innocent people...but the whole world is full of people who need protecting, and as West points out, you can't really do that with an air-only campaign (I'm an Air Force veteran and I can tell you: the Air Force alone cannot accomplish such a mission). Again, there is no compelling American interest here.

We were supposedly there to take away Qadhafi's military capability...but you can't do that either with an air-only campaign. Again, there is no compelling American interest here.

We were supposedly there to remove Qadhafi from power...and now we're starting to get into "mission creep." But still, no compelling American interest here.

West also cuts through all the liberal euphoria over the so-called "Arab Spring." He points out

that merely removing one dictator does not mean freedom and prosperity are going to break out (as the removal of the shah of Iran illustrated). Since this "wonderful development," we now have Iranian warships going through the Suez Canal, more rockets in Gaza, the Egyptians and Iranians are now talking together, the Coptic Christian community in Egypt is threatened by Muslim radicals, and more. The "Arab Spring" is not making things better, but more unstable and more radical.

No, the Muslim Brotherhood has been behind this unrest in the Middle East. They see a weak, appeasement-minded and pro-Muslim president in America, which means they see an opportunity to turn back what little progress, peace and normalization that has come to the Middle East in the last 40 years.

This video is about 35 minutes long, but it is well worth your time to watch it. In fact, it is important that you make time to watch it. The matters discussed by West affect the welfare and future of our country, as well as our precious military folks who fight for us. West is not only one of the best new congressmen elected in 2010, his is one of the best on Capitol Hill, period. America is blessed to have him in Washington D.C.

To watch the video and read the entire article, [click here](#).