

Obama's Rhetoric

Self-Organizing

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Consider the following: The president opines that the world is not messier now than under his predecessors but just *seems* messier because of the amplifying effect of social media; he regrets grinning it up on the links right after his press conference on the first horrific beheading because “I should have anticipated the optics,” not the indecency of his behavior; the Islamist rampage at Fort Hood was “workplace violence,” not a jihadist terrorist attack. Rarely downright inarticulate, his gaffes (“I don’t speak Austrian,” “I campaigned in all fifty-seven states,” “the Marine *corpse*”) bespeak a broad lack of cultivation. But more troubling – and clearly so – are his non-gaffes. [more>>>](#)