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Since my son's death my view on things has changed. I've lain awake through my wife's nightmares when she relives being 50 feet away while Andy and Quinton were shot. My faith in government is diminished. It invents euphemisms instead of using accurate language while the perpetrators speak freely using the very words deemed offensive to justify their actions. Clarity is absent. Little Rock is a drive by and Fort Hood is just workplace violence: the truth is denied.

Three days after Andy died this was on the internet and I Quote "FNC Special Report's on-line broadcast from last night is well worth the watch on the topic. Major Garret comes on to discuss the White House handling of it. The White House prepared a comment to be released about the attack for "those who requested comment." He goes on to explain the White House explained this was available upon request instead of just releasing it because the press didn't seem interested. Garret was clearly squirming, knowing how awful what he was saying sounded." Unquote.

We believe the push from certain press outlets and talk radio put pressure on the White House over the President's response on the "terrorist" attack against an abortion Doctor which starkly contrasted with the "saddened" statement on the killing and wounding of American soldiers in America's heartland. The White House issued a letter of condolence and we received a personal phone call from the President. The President's press statement is conspicuously absent from the White House website.

Two New Jersey men, 14 Minnesota men, arrested for planning to go to Somalia to join al Shabaab and two men in Seattle, who planned on attacking a Recruiting Center, all resulting in Federal indictments just for planning.

The government caught a Somali crossing from Yemen to Somalia then sneaked him in to arraign him in a New York Federal Court. He now has all the legal rights of an American citizen, while Andy and Quinton's rights bled out on the pavement in Little Rock.

People within the federal government like to trumpet its success in thwarting attacks. Former Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge said we just got lucky when the Christmas Day and the New York Times Square bombers failed. Luck is not an effective counter terrorism strategy. Great law enforcement effort, but nothing was thwarted.

The latest Fort Hood episode was planned by a soldier who had previously been the subject of a mainstream media blitz for his taking a conscientious objector stand to get out of going to Afghanistan. He was painted as the peaceful Muslim poster boy with principals. It is telling that his discharge was on hold because he was facing child pornography charges and was AWOL from Fort Campbell; Once again Federal terrorism charges.

In an attack that resulted in the first death and wounding of American soldiers on US soil since 9/11 action by the Department of Justice is absent. Little Rock has morphed into nothing more than a "drive by" shooting. Abdulhakim Muhammad's jihad in America has been downplayed by the Federal Government and the Main stream media causing irreparable change to the families involved as well as flat out lying to the American people.

I am convinced the government's position is to deny Little Rock was a terrorist attack. By not being open and transparent, despite promises to do so, to this administrations shame two soldiers have been abandoned on a battlefield in the advancement of a political agenda.

November 5, 2009, an attack took place at Fort Hood. In each instance, a clear tie to Yemen, but still no Federal indictments. My take is that if you plan and/or fail in a terrorist attack, you will be charged,

but if you kill in this country under the banner of jihad, we're told it isn't terrorism and federal judicial response is neither confirmed nor denied.

We firmly believe that if the White House had shown the same attitude concerning Little Rock as was shown in the killing of Dr. Tiller, a clear message could have been sent. The political correctness exhibited by the government over offending anyone in admitting the truth about Islamic extremism, masked alarm bells that were going off. Warnings were ignored, Major Nidal Hassan was able to openly praise the Little Rock shootings in front of fellow Army officers and then commit his own jihad.

The last planned attack on Ft Hood was stopped because an ordinary citizen recognized the signs. If our government and the press had done their jobs in calling out and honestly reporting on Little Rock, Ft Hood may have been avoided.

The blatant masking and disregard of the facts not only endanger American citizens of non-Muslim faith but also those of Muslim heritage who do not adhere to the extremist beliefs demonstrated by a militant and political form of jihad.

Rational people do not deny that these terrorist events were the result of men who adopted and practiced what we are told is a particularly warped interpretation of their religion. The confusion being sown by our leaders is undermining the security and tears at the fabric of our nation. The message being sent to the military community denies these heinous acts as terrorism.

My family kept silent for over two years we will not be silent again. We are speaking, not out of hate, but because our country needs to hear the truth.

This Administration needs to heed the words of 1 Corinthians 14:8 "In fact, if the trumpet makes an unclear sound, who will prepare for battle."