

# Hawk On Terror And Dove On Regime Change - What Could Go Wrong? - Ep 34

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## Transcript

[0:00] Welcome to fortress on a hill this is episode 34.

Today we spend the episode discussing the recently announced Democratic candidates for president to include Kirsten Gillibrand Elizabeth Warren and Tulsi Gabbard we take a look at their backgrounds.

The records on foreign policy their connections to the National Security State and specifically regarding Tulsi Gabbard we examine her military career.

[0:31] Music.

[1:38] My name is Henry and I'd like to welcome you to fortress on a hill, my co-host Danny Beatty and myself are three leftist American combat veterans who scour the news headlines looking for stories related to the military and Veteran communities of the United States.

But you're not going to hear the typical military troops here, here we take the military and Veteran headlines of the day and clear out some of the bullshit we ask hard questions of our leaders and demand an end to the militarism that has permeated our society.

Our country has a military budget of 750 billion dollars three times more than China seven times more than Russia All American infrastructure and domestic policy language.

[2:28] And decay in the era of Donald Trump however big Dawn is only the latest in a long line of presidential warmongers our country has lost more than enough to regime change and military operations the world over operations that only take the lives of innocents, all providing no real protection from threats to our homeland Afghanistan Iraq Syria Yemen Somalia is year and the list goes on it's time for a change. Thank you for joining us and so speaking of.

[3:10] Trying to find Leaders with more of a more of an anti-war perspective I think it's time we talked about.

Free recently announced he's for our that are running for president in the Democratic party what it what are you thinking about that.

So

Wow this is going to be a crowded Democratic field I think that's obvious that right at this point usually traditionally.

Hopefully it's been the Republican party that has had the more crowded.

Primary field of candidates in the presidential election right that's that's generally been true I believe.

I think if I was a betting man that's already for people who is actually announced either their candidacy or an exploratory committee which means their candidacy.

[4:03] And I think it's going to be a really interesting mix I'm scared I'm scared that the the. That the Democrats are going to eat their own like they always do they kind of eat their young they turn on each other very quickly as I've learned on the Internet or is it a public writer the really I think, there are there are some concerns out there what we know well we know already that three of the three of The Narrows Canada to women.

[4:33] And that's interesting three out of four of the of the canister women. Two out of three of those the two that I'm going to talk about have a relatively flimsy a record the wrong word strong record on foreign policy it's not their Forte it's not where they've made their names or careers, and that's Kirsten Gillibrand from New York. 52 year old US senator from New York previously congressman from upstate New York which are those of you are not from New York. Upstate New York is a very very different flavor from the city okay so New York. New York City is about half the population, I love the entire state but they have almost nothing in common okay the two of the two places so that's one and then the other one is Liz Warren economics professor at Harvard we talked about her last week surrounded touching her a little today but.

[5:39] Neither of these women has made their career. On foreign policy for the most part wolf of them are domestic policy folks both themselves is very liberal. And on domestic policy that has mostly been true and they mostly been on the Left End of there their respective parties. They both want you to believe that they are the most liberal senator. In the Senate okay maybe besides Bernie Sanders because he's you know actually and out about socialist or Democratic so. Here I hear my concerns number 107 experience on foreign policy not not very strong stance on foreign policy so far from either of these women and number to a couple of things in their past that are. Disconcerting and three this this feeling I have like I said that the left is going to eat its own in this election that we're going to be so. I'm saying we but you know I guess we tend to lean last on these issues but that that that the Democratic party liberal wing of America spectrum is going to be so, in search of a purity right up your perfect candidate that they'll end up dividing staying home on Election Day and losing again to mr. Trump.

[6:56] So let's start with Liz Warren we already talked about her last week she is. Against the war in Afghanistan and actually supports the president pulling out of Syria so like kudos to Liz Warren for unlike many of her Democratic colleagues being willing to agree with Donald Trump. Donald Trump for what's right which is which was I think. It's a really really good time so that she was going to put but issues I had a father I like that but then again she's wildly pro-israel.

[7:29] Are we going on I cannot anti-israel I'm just pro-palestine just throw you in right right not answer you really am not happy Jewish although I also told him that I found my, because God forbid you critique the right-wing fucking wild nationalist theocracy of Benjamin at Yahoo,

right but that this is a common problem.

Hurt her public comments on Israel I've been awful she won't call for the Stop of settlements or illegal international law she won't criticize the wild mismatch of Civilian casualties on the Palestinian side versus the Israeli side okay which is an absolute, humanitarian disaster and so wow what does that tell us I mean that worries me that means that she's probably in the pocket of the Israel Lobby Alpha lobbying institutions the United States and it makes me worry about.

[8:18] Malleability to lobbyists on other foreign policy issues that's my concern with her.

Next we got to talk about Kirsten gillibrand.

I don't really know a whole lot about our foreign policy and I'm a little embarrassed to say that cuz I tend to know a lot about these candidates I've been there a website.

And I've listened to a few speeches on YouTube,

she has come out for pulling the troops out of Afghanistan and I haven't heard any public statements on Syria all those she is.

Relatively on the web for a party which is I think it's a good thing in this instance.

So she wants to portray herself as being most liberal Democratic senator I've heard her say it you know what her argument is,

this is the reason the most liberal Democratic senator remember this is a search for Purity make no mistake liberals can be just as shortest just as overbearing,

as as conservative okay they look for the perfect candidate and anybody who's ever said something you disagree with they just shut them down right.

And that's just reality that date they come out against Free Speech just like just like conservatives do although maybe not quite as bad.

[9:32] So probably gillibrand said she's the most liberal because she's the only person in Congress or in the Senate who voted against every single one of Trumps.

Nominees every single one of Trump's appointments right so that that is right that is a powerful statement but I'm not sure it says a lot about foreign policy,

I mean yeah she did vote against Mattis when most Democrats voted for him,

kudos to her for that as well but I'm not so sure that voting against Trump candidates or Trump cabinet officials is necessarily proof that you're the most liberal I I think we need something more tangible and Paula.

[10:11] Here's what's going to happen with gillibrand surprise surprise everybody we are going to hear that she's not liberal enough because.

Remember what I said about Upstate New York very very different from downstate very different from the city very conservative relatives New York City.

There's a lot of trees and there's a lot of big cats that's what they have Upstate New York okay and.

Gillibrand comes from a relatively World District she's a congresswoman first while she was a congresswoman from New York.

[10:42] She was either a member of or said positive things about the NRA.

And her positions on gun control were much more conservative than they were a wild they were more conservative than the Democratic party's decision today and they are going to throw that in her face.

People to her laugh the Purity seekers in the party.

I got to go back to her past just like we're going to talk about with your candidate and everything to go back to her past they're going to take this out and then I'll throw it out there and they're going to say she doesn't,

empathy for the Parkland school shooting and all that now to her credit gillibrand has come out and said that she renounces her former opinions and that she's involved on the issue that's an old Obama turn right I've evolved on the issue of gay marriage, Rusty Grapple West in another episode when we talk about Madness and the Republican party anyway. That's what I want to say about children so take away is this we need to learn more about these two women with regard to foreign policy I would like to see in a one-hour foreign policy speech meet each other, I'd like to see them lay out their view of America's place in the world and America's military policy in the world and the second thing is we have to be very careful as, people who are genuine generally liberal not to immediately dismiss a candidates.

[12:04] Value just because there's something in their past that might bother us it doesn't mean. We shouldn't take that up and it doesn't mean we should if it's important enough to us we shouldn't disqualify them it means let's be careful about doing that because what we may find is there is no perfect candidate.

Out there,

tell me where he is old and white which is these days not a surly good coin in the Democratic party so that's what I want to say,

the much more policy foreign policy oriented of the three one we're going to take a minute here and talk about Tulsi gabbard.

Tulsi gabbard is someone I think we need to spend a whole lot of time on and I know you agree.

Tulsi gabbard she's a lot of Firsts okay she's the first Hindu American representative in Congress OKC represents why but she's person to American representative her first American Samoan to be elected to congress as you are in for me recently.

[13:05] Empty the female veteran and there are few other female veterans in the in the legislature but it's still a rare thing I mean

women didn't even she's an officer or became an officer and you know women didn't even graduate from West Point till 1980,

so and I know she didn't go to West Point bus to just to put in perspective how recent a thing, it is to even out the possibility of a female veteran at or female talk about her deployment at some length later again heart on my sleeve.

I always like Tulsi gabbard when she was called one of the rising stars of the Party by Nancy Pelosi way back and I think 2012 I agree with that.

[13:50] A lot of things on paper to like she has come out against a lot of different Mideast interventions and Wars she's,

branded herself as sort of an anti-war that which you know we always say is is a rare thing to rare,

and that's certainly the angle you and I come back I don't think there has been a fight since 9/11 that you or I have really supported except for the initial.

Campaign against al-Qaeda in Afghanistan so that says a lot to like there but we've already discussed some of the shortfalls and it just turns out that when you scratch the surface right. When you scratch below and get the Gil.

[14:32] You see that there's some really disturbing stuff here about Tulsi gabbard and it's disturbing to me personally not just because I disagree with a lot of her stances or I'm concerned with lot of rest answers it's disturbing because I am personally Disturbed, that.

That I like her so much or that I did like her so much and therefore feel torn on this issue but some stuff is come out.

We've discussed her auntie lgp,

TQ write statements referring to

gay marriage proponents as homosexual extremists in the past and that doesn't line up with a lot of her domestic progressivism cuz she's been very strongly economically Progressive and and mostly mostly socially Progressive

then there is her flirtation with this Hindu nationalist movement in India,

led by the Hindu chauvinist Narendra Modi who is there,

prime minister this is a guy we've briefly touched on this who may or may not have been behind whipping up the crowd

okay in the in the district of what she was governor or mayor or both at one time or another.

[15:52] And Tulsi gabbard has joined with the Republicans on a few really distressing issues and I'll mention two.

Don't you remember when Barack Obama was President you know back in the bad old days when we were going to become communist but now Cato is going to take over and he was secretly a Muslim.

Are those scary old days when was Barack Obama was President the silly silly man thought that it was wrong to use the phrase.

Radical Islamic xic Terror to describe.

Terrorism that comes from the greater Middle East is because there's nothing physically eggs long neck,

about terrorism I mean suicide bombing and in suicide in general is essentially not allowed in mainstream Islam just like it isn't in most world religions and what Obama said was be careful with our terms.

Islamic just prefer just refers to being of Islam being of Muslim face OK and of course 99% of Muslims do not engage in violent Jihad and terrorism where has the term he did like to use.

[17:06] Islam missed IST Terror refer to something much more specific and much more accurate and that is those who believed that Islam should pray.

In a Theocratic way how the government is run and so islamist terrorists are those who pick up arms or strap on a suicide vest in the name of creating a worldwide, Islamic theocracy.

[17:37] Contention there's an important distinction but white Republican angry mail America. Couldn't handle it right. They thought that Obama was being too soft on Islam too soft on terrorism.

As long as people truly believe that were in an existential fight between the Christian world in the Islamic world has a really dangerous framing but make no mistake and colder thinks that shit,

okay she does well Tulsi gabbard who should have known better.

Should have known better having served in the Middle East haven't been an educated woman.

[18:12] Okay haven't been a person from a minority group person of color she should have known better instead she join with the Republicans.

And then I'll Salama for not saying radical Islamic terrorist but it's not.

Because when you combine it with this Hindu chauvinism okay of which she has flirted.

The Hindu chauvinism is by its nature chauvinist against who,

well against the major minority group in India which is Muslims it is almost 200 million Muslims or around 200 Muslims in India fact it's the second-largest,

or third largest I'm sorry.

Muslim Nation even though it's majority Hindu okay the largest being Indonesia the second largest being Pakistan the third largest being, Indian thing because none of those are Arabs by the way so that's another problem a lot of concern Tuesday associate Islam with arabism Bears aren't necessarily Muslim the Muslims are your list and then I know I'm with you, is she wasn't too strong on the Iran nuclear deal okay she kind of flirted with the Republicans on that as well to say the least.

[19:32] She demonize the Ron and and thought that it wasn't prudent.

To get to make a nuclear deal with them a deal which has proven effective.

A deal which has kept Iran according to all International monitors and all the other signees of the agreement which Trump has since, old Adam we are the only nation that pulled out of that seven nation agreement but you know that your mom has been following the deal, they're not developing nuclear weapons are adhering to the terms of the deal our own intelligence agencies say so he's a good deal it's a compromise. It lessens tensions in an already tense part of the world. And it shocked me but maybe it doesn't after I learn all this new stuff that Tulsi gabbard was lukewarm towards the Iran deal.

[20:18] And that's just the surface of it,

in that right Henry yeah there's a there's a lot to say about Tulsi gabbard and took.

And taking notes for this episode.

I look through the lens of president-elect Tulsi gabbard president Tulsi gabbard what would that look like and what would be the things that I would have questions about.

For her becoming a nominee so.

She did resigned her position at the DNC in support of Bernie Sanders during the 2016 primaries I consider that a

a really great moved politically and a great thing to support Bernie cuz we you and I Danny we both admit adamantly support Bernie.

[21:05] Then I started looking at some of her beliefs about gay marriage and after going through it it it it it really I wonder how much it's going to affect other areas quote.

Hawaii Democrats LGBT caucus supported her opponent in 2016 when questioned why which the same caucus actually supported her three years earlier had turned against her the chairman said two things one was her less-than-stellar answers to a question are the LGBT LGBT caucus had sent

the other was a 2015 interview with Ozzy,

in which she confirmed that her personal views on gay marriage and abortion hadn't changed just her view on whether the government should enforce suspicions of morality.

Quote this is a message from The Odyssey article she tells me that know her personal views haven't changed but she doesn't figure it's her job to do as the Iraq use did and force her own beliefs on others.

[22:08] She did meet with President Trump at the White House for a possible position and there was a not bad that she did

about the same time quote since 2011 the United States working with Saudi Arabia the Gulf States in Turkey,

Israel providing support to quote Rebel groups.

And quote fighting over for the government to take over Syria a recent New York Times article

reported that these Rebel groups supported by the United States have entered into battlefields alliances with the ability of outdated Syria formerly known as El Nostra, and quote.

[22:44] And this is the last of the part of the operative here how can the United States work hand-in-hand with the very terrorist organization that is responsible for killing of 3,000 Americans on 9/11 boggles my mind and Curtis my blood.

And quote.

So it's clear that the connections Saudi Arabia holds Al Qaeda and the myopic the myopathy that Americans have towards towards those facts those are both definitely diseases that gabbard suffers from.

Next in she supported el-sisi

in Egypt in 2015 two years after he orchestrated the worst mass killing of protesters in modern history smiling gabbard appeared next to a grinding CC on a visit to Cairo.

After she praised him for showing quote great courage and Leadership and quote in the fight against quote extreme islamist ideology.

[23:43] Everyone I really hope you're enjoying the podcast but truth be told I need your help. No I don't need you to move a couch or borrow a leaf blower no I need you to hit pause on your podcasting up right now.

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[24:30] Journal done.

[24:32] Okay good deal I know Uncle Al will cuss a lot listening to the episode but he'll appreciate it when the cursing stops.

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[25:17] And we may spend a whole bunch more time talking about it depending on the topic, and 4 contributors a bit north of a dollar a month we have some bonus episode some essays of mine and a few other things as well we're still in the process of rebuilding a rewards so if you have any suggestions patreon Rewards.

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[25:43] Fortress on a hill is expanding we're going to start doing,

chapter series as part of our lineup there are some topics that are simply too big and important to leave to discussing in a single headline

and with that in mind I'd like to thank all of our honorary producers who are helping us do just that

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[26:35] You know I'm single friend already Henry and it's a trend of Tulsi gabbard cozying up to Mid East dictators so long as those mid East dictators,

at least nominally are anti-islamist ab and I'm always going to use islamist and I actually understand that cuz she sounds like a lot of my soldiers.

Okay and I understand why a lot of my soldiers are very very sensitive about Islam and a very very sensitive specifically about islamist terrorism because they seen their friends killed they've seen how extreme and how

chauvinistic that version of Islam can be political Islam and so there's a tendency,

to then say well taking this to its logical conclusion anybody who secular.

Or anybody who is least opposes Al-Qaeda or opposes islamist must be a good guy.

And so you take her meeting which I'm not sure if you would imagine it with Bashar al-assad and Syria she like.

[27:45] The only you're one of the only u.s. Congress people who was willing to meet with that monster,

okay and and what what does he have in common with CeCe who was a murderer CeCe is a mast Mast mass murder he was a general.

Cool letter coup that overturned a democratically-elected government Egypt now we stood right behind them pretty soon after

or at least one Trump came in and said he's doing a bang-up job or a tremendous job you like for tremendous but so now he's got gabbard backing el-sisi mass murderer and backing Bashar al-assad mass murderer well you have to look for commonalities I don't want to just bash her I want to understand her and I think I might.

She.

[28:29] Whether she likes to admit it or not appears to have a degree of bigotry against religious Islamic people.

Or at least against islamists in any form even if they're not necessarily a threat to America because she's willing to back it appears,

strong men in the Middle East so long as they are also anti Isis anti Al queda anti political Islam.

[28:58] Well Danny the one commonality that I've seen and I think it's kind of where the tree really branches out from the ground is that she has some very strong connections to Hindu nationalist.

This is a little a little excerpt from The Intercept dozens of gabbard donors have either expressed strong sympathy with or have ties with the

sangh part of our network of religious political paramilitary groups that subscribe to the Hindu supremacist exclusionary ideology known as Hindu

hindutva I'm not sure I'm saying that right according to an intercept analysis of Gabbert's Financial disclosures from 2011 until October 2018

according to their analysis at least a hundred five current or former officers and members of us saying Affiliates of the lady with the party and their families have donated hundreds of thousands of dollars the average campaign since 2011.

So 3/3 even a little joke here that she.

[30:07] Her ties to Internationals the United States runs so deep that the progressive newspaper Telegraph India in 2015 christened her the sayings American mascot, wow so I'm thinking that her her early connections with Modi and. That drive you be very clear drive or seeing and donations from those people I think it all branches from a. Her idea her version of of Hindu nationalism look at the fact that she gifted Modi I can't remember the name of the book that the religious texts that Hindus follow her personal copy she gave it to him, if if we were thinking about in terms of somebody giving somebody their personal Bible they're their childhood Bible or something like that that would be huge but it's not we don't see it in that same context cuz we're mostly Christian Nation.

[31:03] So

[31:05] Then we get to some questions I had about her deployments and and some of these are conjecture on my part but I really think that they're important questions, her first appointment she was at LSA Anaconda doing casualty collection work Danny wants Anaconda close to I couldn't remember is Northwest of Baghdad I believe it was the largest I think it was the largest Logistics support area in Iraq during the main years following invasion, it was a huge air base and it was it's right in that, the Eastern the Eastern like northeastern part of the Sunni triangle that you get right West and you're getting into Fallujah ramadi and then over to the Border. So she, I haven't been able to find her specific MOS but I saw a couple places that she's listed as an Administration Clerk and working pasta collection with your unit. In and then she was working alongside the hospital there I'm sure that was a difficult job it was seeing people's names come across the board that she knew or even didn't do I didn't know excuse.

[32:18] But she was given a combat combat medic badge she's not a medic.

[32:26] It's like a it's a basis for the award you have to have a medic MOS and usually have to be attached to a front line unit in order to get it how did she qualify. How to understand a basic level I'm just curious abandoned I just think it's a really good question and here's one for you Danny she also received a meritorious service medal as an e-4 for this deployment.

[32:55] On her toes.

[33:00] It's huge that's it that's a noble to Sergeant of my knee been in 13 years of former drill sergeant really sharp guy he got an MSM on his way out of the army.

[33:12] That was it you know but but this is just ludicrous here's the next one. She used her on our time to go to London to give condolences to London officials over the London bombings she claimed that it was kind of a spur-of-the-moment thing, but she opted to do that instead of going home to Hawaii, for her or gnarly it really sounds like that it was something that was planned ahead of time because she even got an op-ed published in the Honolulu observe about it.

You know.

[33:49] I mean that that is odd thing to do and I don't want to question her motives yet so I know more but that is an odd thing.

The standard okay I'm not saying this is right or wrong but in my career the standard for an MSM.

Was usually a company Commander okay as senior captain.

Who took his unit the combat and then completed another year and commands.

At home would receive an MSM before he PCS before he moved to his next job as a major, that was pretty, and not every company Commander got one okay we're talking about guys with 10 or 12 years service usually two deployments I usually at least one combat swim in Japan,

that's the kind of folks that usually get it and then sometimes their first sergeant as well, yeah we have to be 14 to 18 years will also get an MSM at the completion of commanding or being the assistant to the commander of an entire unit of entire company so I asked.

I never knew it was even plausible to get that as an e-4 I guess I just assumed cuz you know she becomes an officer I guess I just assumed that's when she would have gotten her MSM.

[35:08] No it's,

it said that she got to got it during the deployment and I got a little quote here from her up ahead on and she said I've had a very nice R&R traveling through Europe but for me to be here in London to pay my respects person

has been the highlight of my trip in the perfect ending to my vacation,

as a frog local girl former state representative and a soldier fighting against terrorism in Iraq this is truly an honor and efficient experience I couldn't ask for anything more,

and quote that she was 21 if I if fish.

[35:44] Why was she doing this at that that day she says that she resigned because she felt conflicted about being a state representative and serving in the military at the same time yet she took her R&R trip to do.

[36:00] So

Then we move along a little bit and she becomes an officer she currently holds the rank of major in the in the Hawaiian National Guard and that led me to a different question about that.

Can't should or can elected officials be officers in the military at the same time and alongside that.

[36:21] How far out the outside the box could you really step.

You know if it is I mean she she grew up in politics and so I could see you now I can sense the you know the nature of that and what kind of learning to groom your language and eloquence and I'm not saying any of those are bad things and that her words on their own. Are good but it really paints a picture of somebody who's always looking for the next thing and they're looking and Ed again.

We're talking about guys you remember those that age Danny you remember leading troops that age.

Could you imagine any of your guys would do something like this on R&R I know my guys are too busy marrying girls from the internet but they never met, there is that there is yet also it's a very odd thing as it does you know again it's very difficult to judge someone's motives and I'm really careful about it but that's an odd thing as a political Act.

It it's it's definitely not typical doesn't mean it's a bad thing but it does show I think it appears to show political.

[37:29] Ambitionz well beyond the twenty-one-year-old will be on an enlisted Soldier on R&R from deployment to Iraq absolutely there's no doubt about that all right now we're going to listen to a couple Clips here this is a speech that gabbard gave at a conference for the Christians United for Israel.

[37:51] Extremist terrorists there must be a three-prong strategy first to take decisive strategic military action working with regional Partners on the ground.

[38:02] Second take a country-by-country or region-by-region approach to supporting political solutions that will take away the oxygen that is allowed groups like Isis. To exist and thrive.

[38:15] And third take actions to counter the radical Islamic ideology that's fueling their Terror which is being inculcated. And a new generation of terrorists through madrasas and being used to recruit foreign fighters from around the world.

[38:32] Well there you have it she used the term Islamic Terror instead of islamist Terror. Which may sound like a small thing but as we discussed it isn't that isn't small thing there's no doubt that she's cozying up to the Israeli right wing. With her discussion and nobody likes Isis no one thinks terrorism is is a good thing. But this notion that there's a worldwide war between Hindus and Muslims which I fear is the way your mind works or between Christians and Muslims or Jews and Muslims or that she has to you know.

[39:09] Say what the American Israel Christians conference or whatever they're called wants wants her to say which is they want to hear her talk about the next generation of terrorists and how they're being, growing up in Madras as I mean there's nothing There's no distinction made there between.

[39:26] Madrasah meaning School of religion and madrasah meaning, Isis version of a madrasah write this like it's like saying that you know every Catholic School creates freeze to molest children write a vast majority madrasas. Create Isis Fighters you know, so the first two pages on their on their website that I got that clip from include videos from Colonel retired Oliver North of Vietnam War crime Fame and dr. Sebastian Gorka former Trump advisor in racist assholes. Then we move on to one other clip that I wanted to share and it's it's specifically on the subject of torture and through all of the research that I've seen so far I've never seen her diss about torture as a policy of national security so here's the clip.

[40:43] Currently I'm conflicted I'm conflicted on this report there are I think the jury is still out on the report itself, as I think about it myself. On the other side I can also understand that any of us if we're in a situation where our family. I believe that if I were the president of the United States. Definition of conduct.

[41:55] So what do you think about that Danny equivocation on torture is. Oso 2004 you know I mean that's how I feel when I mean that doesn't sound a lot different than Dick Cheney on Meet the Press, right in two thousand three or four saying hello you knowing when there's a ticking time bomb out there we might have to play on the dark side I mean, that we're going to know there's an imminent attack in an hour unless we tortured some dude, we're not going to stop the attack feels like a profound misunderstanding about how intelligence work really happens what analysts really do how many months and years are put into building these cases against individual terrorists I mean when she talks about what we might have to torture someone put in an hour there for the attack on the World Trade Center again I mean that's the Kiefer Sutherland 24 yo TV version of how torture works and it just ain't the way, I mean if she had a position herself to the right, okay I'm President Obama on torture that's highly problematic as we all know about him was a moderate Obama was a moderate and even he said no, no enhanced interrogation techniques you follow the army manual you don't add anything else, you know you know euphemisms we use the word torture he said and I had a little flipping or maybe you seemed a little like that you know what he said in a speech you said you know.

[43:24] A lot of bad things happen during the Bush Administration and you-know-what frankly, we tortured some folks because he put it in a common American language and use the word torture he didn't say oh we enhanced interrogated if you motherfuckers you know what I mean he was like, and she's not willing to say the word torture.

[43:44] What's a decision donkey that data say that is a decision on her part not to use the word torture she's like careful about not saying it isn't yes it's just very very careful about it it did it seem to you a little bit like the reporter, was kind of leading her a little bit it seemed like there was some statements there and then it died and is sore as a soldier do you feel differently like somehow we will. That plateau. American real right-leaning militaristic spot that soldiers were in a judge on Kelly and fucking Sarah Sanders and they're bullshit about you know can't question a 4-star General. So I thought you was leaving I thought it was leading question the very presumption that a soldier. Would have a different view on torture which is international league is against international law and international right so. The fundamental premise I Soldier should could or would, what would be entitled to having a pro-torture opinion solely because said person was a veteran I find Ashley insulting as a veteran, yes I I I know the oath that I took to the Constitution I'm aware of the values I'm supposed to serve as an officer it was my job, to make sure soldiers didn't step over the line and I'll watch them a few times come real close and had to step in and.

[45:12] You know Wheatley waterboarding people to 300 x same individual if you're not ready to call that torture you know who did call it torture. The Nuremberg trials United States leading the Nuremberg trials which were the war crimes

tribunals after World War II.

[45:30] Sentence Japanese officers to hang by the neck until death for waterboarding American soldiers so I guess it was torture then huh.

And I thought it was torture the Spanish Inquisition would love to use the water cure who love to use another word for waterboarding hard and fast on Against torture.

I know I just I don't know what to make of that in 2019 I don't know it sounds very neocon Circa 2005.

[46:03] In 2014 when the Senate torture report came out Bernie Sanders put out a statement, in support of what what was in it and that torture was unequivocally wrong in any used no matter what,

she went into this interview this was this was her equivalent of doing what Bernie it essentially

and you act like you said we didn't do it perfect Danny about that she's now an officer as specifically she's a military police officer and so that that hits home for me a little bit I wasn't an officer but I was in empty,

the only people who've been truly punished for anything related to torture,

not including whistleblowers where the soldier underlings at Abu ghraib these troops were mostly military police if not all of them

and now that's all she is literally a leader of our soldiers who may be asked to guard to work with detainee's on future deployments it is a really did really present some hard questions my thought is what would you find acceptable.

[47:06] Jim Mattis came out and said that he thought a pack of smokes and a beer or two lot better than torture gym mats

and his and his nickname is mad dog okay so you know what I hate having him as a yardstick for this but,

she's to the right of Jim Mattis and that really tells you something you know what that at first your meeting with Trump I was like I don't know what that's about but now I know it makes perfect sense why she had that meeting.

[47:34] So I'm going to strap play something else from that as a military police officer serving the United States Constitution she is obligated to follow,

the terms conditions and standards of the army field manual on interrogation which means, any of the techniques that she's hinting might be okay or illegal they are legal for her to

subscribe to illegal and you know you know it doesn't say,

it doesn't say hey you got to follow these rules.

Unless there's a ticking time-bomb unless your family is at stake and there's no caveat it's like this is the law of the land.

And she's an officer come on that's honestly her answer is immature.

It is seriously intellectually immature to answer what those kind of caveat.

It's Bumble FAQ is what it is actually unbelievable if she's better than that or I would or I hope she has her or was she is or what she was.

[48:41] The the frightening thought that I had is that,

she said it's much closer regarding torture to somebody like John Bolton their Tom Cotton you and I've discussed Tom Cotton On the podcast a few times and how amazingly fucked up an officer he must be with his beliefs.

It so I do I find her fundamentally unqualified do the job let alone to be a congressional representative that sits on several committees that affect National Security she's on

Foreign Affairs and she's on the armed services committee and again what you were talking about earlier with the whole veteran Soldier is better we need to trust them is that she's real thick with that that is that is how she layers everything I was at coats everything in there a lots of people lots of mainstream centrists and Republicans that are absolutely fine with that are something else or do I need to wash the exam her pointed out that she would be the first Soldier president since I in the first serving officer to be president since Truman is he was an inactive reservist during his term Ike resigned his commission before entering politics which I personally think would be the ethical thing to do.

[49:49] What do you think about that should an officer keep their commission entering politics of any kind there has been a lot of National Guard.

The officers serving in Congress famously Lindsey Graham at one time I think he might have been a Jag however lawyer you know Strom Thurmond the king racist himself was actually a National Guard,

Brigadier General I believe in it that are nose Normandie and yada yada yada, and so I'm going to say two things number one if you're going to run for president if I.

[50:26] New well enough that it was a physical to resign his Commission.

Then I think that got standard should work for just about anybody given who's Dwight Eisenhower was the kind of man he was so I don't think the President should be serving the uniform because I'm very very very very.

[50:45] In favor of Civilian control of the military unequivocal willing to debate that.

But I do have one concern

I've been under investigation a few times once pretty in-depth for expressing my opinions in an office,

because I was a serving officer even though I very carefully follow the regulations you know some of those regulations are well.

Open to interpretation

you know who's to say whether one's words are contemptuous of the commander and chief right that's that's squishy isn't it or or contemptuous of the sector. You know I never thought I was doing those things in the army,

sort of exonerated me or at least just gave me like a minor verbal reprimand then and then pass the case into the Netherworld of paperwork but okay if I'm at now.

[51:45] Can she really Hammer Trump if she's serving in uniform he couldn't he.

[51:54] Realistically say you're being contemptuous we couldn't give me and couldn't he judge especially guy who's seemingly as sensitive as a chief right I could see how it would limit the scope,

of her views and the bait I would like to thank.

The Department of Defense would never try that right but they would never try to scale down the scope of opinions that a congresswoman was able to you know who it was able to give publicly,

but it is it raises questions but I do think as presidential candidate that she should resign, probably but that's a personal thing I'm not sure what the law says or if it says anything my guess is it doesn't say anything

on most issues our constitution says that's nothing cuz I can't even imagine some of these.

[52:46] Possibly but we do know that the founding fathers were very scared of military coups. They're very scared of military influence on civilian government which is why they specifically placed War declaration, power in the Congress okay in the ceiling Congress so there's one more element that I think you and I need to hammer out a little bit and we're kind of at the end of the Tulsi Gabbard is train the element that we haven't discussed it is the. What I'm calling the rest of gag reflex Tulsi Gabbard has a lot of very favorable positions to the progressive left.

[53:31] And I believe that there's a lot of argument about whether or not she's qualified. Based upon those loan you know she brings that she is in favor of no more regime change and that she supports better standards for sexual assault victims in the military those are all good things in and of themselves.

[53:55] Is that a reason for her to be the commander-in-chief to me she's way way way way too close to the mark and especially given that her political grooming began at a very very young age you know that that. It it seems like it's been her entire life if she was you know doing trips to London as a 21 year old there's that that tells me something you know that did that shinder just drive to do certain things but it but it's not what kids my age were doing back then especially on R&R and we got the guys that had to fly further which was which was true and I'll go from Iraq or Afghanistan, Hawaii is a lot further you have to go and you have to go the opposite way around around the globe. What people got extra travel days so they made sure that they had those days at home with their family. Stop it it's just odd to me that she wouldn't do that.

[54:56] Yeah no I'm sorry on on President Tulsi Gabbard no I also would not. Would not agree with the idea of her being a vice president to. Anybody anybody that we might support even tangentially even if you know if we, we're okay with having them even if it was Bernie no I wouldn't find her except that first happened either yeah you know it. I'll be honest until I did my homework my full homework on Gabbard I mean I would have seen her potential vice presidential candidate she would have been somewhere, on my list but yeah I'm sick of I'm sick of settling politically you know as a guy who plays around on the left for the most part.

[55:40] I am sick of settling we can do better can't we can't we can't we get another thing it has to be this but can't we get on minority female whose Progressive on domestic issues what is an internationalist. Can we get a progressive woman of color who supports Bernie but. It is sophisticated in her view of what Islamists the first Islamic terrorist and is against. Categorically Against torture like why do I have to compromise time again you already made me vote for Hillary Clinton okay I mean but I've already to place in a position where I vote for Hillary the warmonger Clinton, I'm not sure that was the right hold I don't know what it was I thought it was the adult thing to do with I'm not even sure anymore to be frank but don't put me in this position you're at the year where I have to settle there are enough people there are qualified for their right,

who are unequivocally Against torture.

[56:37] That shouldn't be that to me that's it a litmus test people say there should be limits test in politics well being in favor of gay marriage and Against torture that's my litmus test. You need to be both of those you know and the fact that we have to settle pisses me off I want a veteran I want a woman, I want a person of color I don't want just those things but I'm attracted to each of those qualities sure but we can do better.

[57:02] Absolutely can we absolutely can't and as far as US army officers we can do much better to you know I am there are times where I'm actually would be in favor of somebody dragging themselves up to the Army standard butt, clearly as an MP and especially about the detainee you know what the connection is between detainees and torture.

[57:30] Wow hey ya know we can use we can do better and so far it's for me it's still burning. Bernie is still still the guy and you know Bernie does have some questions that need to be answered about his little boating for a giant military budget nothing other things but he is unequivocally Against torture, and again I'm with you Danny I think both those things being for gay marriage, and Against torture bare minimum litmus test for being our President. I'm ready to say I'm ready to just take off a few things you know you want my vote in the primaries and the primary I can be selective once you put me in the general election now you make me have to fucking go by those half the time but do you want my vote in the primary. Pretty simple. Beyonce wore the anti-regime change before \$15 minimum wage before health insurance as a right. Be Against torture and pro-gay marriage that doesn't sound like too hard of a list is there not a person out there who can be all of those things bernius.

[58:39] So far case of Bernie Sanders in the early 1960s is in Chicago getting arrested. Because he's picketing against School segregation so even on civil rights this old white dude.

[58:55] Hasn't been consistent first 55 years I perfect. You want my vote in the primary show me a candidate whose could do all that I don't think it's too much to ask for. Absolutely absolutely we've had enough warmongers we've had enough tortures we need somebody to help us lean back the other way.

[59:22] Yeah I agree I look I want better than Obama you know maybe I'll ask for you know I mean it look you look back a present Obama right now and there's a lot of things to admire about his personal life and receiving a lot of things to admire about his political but I think that in 2019 or 2020 the next election we deserve better even then Obama okay when you deserve better than the guy who kills an American citizen from the sky with a robot without any to process. We don't even text back we taking a few steps back okay and we don't need somebody who sounds like Dick Cheney on Meet the Press that don't got those days are over as a whole new heart he's a robot now.

[59:58] Music.

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