

Reaction To Obama's Nobel Prize Is Ignorant

That many expressed more than surprise but a sense of utter disdain and vitriol on President Obama getting the Nobel Peace prize is a display of unadulterated ignorance on the significance and reasoning behind him getting the award. One cannot believe that our country is still the bastion of freedom that epitomizes all that is supposed to be good and not see that the vast majority of the world sees President Obama as the American who with a roadmap laid out in his speeches and behind the scene diplomacy intends to significantly change direction of our international policy that many have seen as belligerent and arrogant. To the rest of the world that still sees America as all powerful, whoever turns this juggernaut in a more peace seeking direction is deserving of the prize.

It would be a great academic exercise for one to objectively enumerate the concrete achievements of all past recipients of this award. It will readily become evident that it has always been a political statement. After all, Martin Luther King's dream is still in the stage of realization, while Shimon Peres, Yitzhak Rabin, Yasser Arafat and other Middle Eastern recipients simply attempted at a substantive peace. President Jimmy Carter, while continuously vilified by many in the on the Right, is one of the few recipients that have shown continual moral achievements worldwide, though rarely reported in America, with his several international programs run through Habitat for Humanity and the Carter Center.

Until we start realizing that we are less than 5% of the earth's population and that our ultimate survival depends on the positive relationship we have with the rest of the world, we will continue our descent into irrelevance. Many multination coalitions are formed or in the stages of formation that exclude the United States because of many of our policies over the last several years. Like it or not President Obama represents a symbol to the rest of the world that enhances goodwill towards the United States. That should be celebrated. We should be ashamed at how many react to one of our own being awarded such a significant prize. It simply makes us look petty.