

# JOHN BRENNAN BOASTS THAT AN OBAMA DECISION KILLED ANWAR AL-AWLAKI

Okay, I don't know for a fact that the Senior Administration Official [Jake Tapper rather irresponsibly gave anonymity to](#) is John Brennan. After all, Ben Rhodes loves to boast anonymously too.

But given the Administration's [past caution](#) about describing Obama's role in the Awlaki assassination, I find it interesting that ~~John Brennan~~ this SAO is now claiming credit, in Obama's name, for Awlaki's killing, too.

The president emphasized the internationality of the NATO effort, and that's part of what a senior White House official tells ABC News is the way Obama looks at foreign policy.

"What we're demonstrating is you can move to a more targeted use of US force and be more successful in achieving our objectives," a Senior White House official tells ABC News. This means a "smaller footprint, a more targeted use of force. It means less of a cost to taxpayers and troops, and also clearly results in our ability to take care of our interests."

"With al Qaeda, we're going after them in a very targeted way," the Senior White House official says. "With Libya, we identified the unique capabilities the US has to go after Gadhafi," and then NATO took the lead. The US role from that point on was to be the "glue" of the operation "keeping the coalition together," providing "targeting, intelligence, refueling, and command and control."

“Bin Laden, Awlaki, Gadhafi have all met their demise in some fashion because of decisions the president made” utilizing this foreign policy view, the senior administration official said. [my emphasis]

Not surprisingly, ~~John Brennan~~ this SAO didn't boast about the internationality of our effort in Somalia, where [al-Shabaab made a grisly display](#) of the bodies of 70 Burundian soldiers serving in AMISOM yesterday; al-Shabaab said they had ambushed the soldiers. ~~John Brennan~~ this SAO only boasts about the victories, you see. Nor did ~~John Brennan~~ this SAO claim credit for [killing an American teenager](#) the other day. We're still pretending that was an accident.

But for the record, ~~John Brennan~~ this SAO can no longer control himself. He's gonna claim credit not just for Osama bin Laden and Qaddafi—even claim credit for providing the command and control in what was purportedly a kinetic action—but also boast that Obama's orders resulted in the death of an American citizen.