

WHY ISN'T OBAMA CLEARING BRUSH ON PDB DAY?

✖ Nine years ago today, George W Bush was informed that "Al Qaeda [was] determined to strike in US."

And then he went out to clear more brush at his pig farm in Crawford.

Obama is showing no such presidential manliness in the second year of his term. Yesterday, his Justice Department actually indicted 14 of those who were materially supporting al-Shabaab, which is determined to strike at the US.

And today, in addition to getting his own PDB and Economic Daily Brief and meeting with Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Obama will celebrate the confirmation of just the fourth woman to serve on the Supreme Court (may Elena Kagan be as much of a pleasant surprise on the Court as Sonia Sotomayor has), and will talk about the economy at a small business (though it'd be nice if he did more than talk...).

I may not love everything President Obama is doing on PDB day and every day. But at least he's doing something more than clearing brush on a pig farm.