

97 HOUSE REPUBLICANS JOIN LATEST MOB ATTACK ON AFRICAN- AMERICAN OBAMA APPOINTEE

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And now, Susan Rice.

Republicans are orchestrating yet another mob attack on one of President Obama's African-American appointees. In this case, 97 House Republicans have signed a letter imploring Obama not to nominate Rice to replace Hillary Clinton. Yet they don't raise any of the possibly legitimate reasons to oppose Rice's appointment—her troubling record on Africa, her closeness to Obama.

No.

These 97 Republicans don't even try to make this look like legitimate opposition. Instead, they rehash a Benghazi attack that hearings last week debunked.

Ambassador Rice is widely viewed as having either willfully or incompetently misled the American people in the Benghazi matter. Her actions plausibly give the U.S. (and rivals) abroad reason to question U.S. commitment and credibility when needed.

They don't know what the problem with Rice is, this mob of frothing Republicans. But if she's black, they seem to be saying, she must be either incompetent or deceitful.

This frothing mob includes such leading lights of the racist right as Steve King, Ted Poe, Louie Gohmert, Michelle Bachmann, and Tim Griffin, and such discredited hacks as Scott DesJarlais and Joe Wilson.

While Alan West signed the letter, along with several Latinos, the letter largely pits a bunch of white radicals against a single black woman whom they claim is not credible because she read talking points developed by the CIA.

This is not the act of reasoned legislators. It's a mob attack. A mob attack, like so many others, targeted blindly at an African-American professional appointed by our nation's first African-American President.