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A CRITIQUE OF OBAMA'S JUNE 17, 2013 BERLIN SPEECH

(WITH DOCUMENTATION WHERE APPROPRIATE)

Introduction

This presentation is a grammar critique and a content commentary on Barack Hussein Obama's much awaited speech in Berlin on June 19, 2013. The scrutiny is based on praise of Barack Hussein Obama's being a great orator and rhetorician. (<http://newsbusters.org/blogs/mark-finkelstein/2011/09/08/harold-ford-jr-obama-greatest-orator-office-has-ever-known>.)

An orator is a person who has grammar, content, and voice skills in making public speeches.

A rhetorician is a person who commands the art of using language for persuasion.

When Barack Hussein Obama entered the political speech-giving arena as the keynote speaker at the Democratic National Convention in Boston between 26 and 29 July 2004, he was hailed as a great orator and rhetorician of the Democratic Party. If the reader googles the key words *Obama is a great orator* there will be approximately 206,000 hits. If the reader googles *Obama is a great rhetorician*, there will be approximately 340,000 hits. If the reader googles *Obama thinks he is a great orator*, there will be approximately 55,600,000 hits, not all of them saying that Obama thinks he is a great orator, although that is the major, underlying tone.

Taking into consideration the fact that Barack Hussein Obama is considered to be a great orator and rhetorician it is necessary to examine his speeches according to the elements that make up good oratory and rhetoric. These elements deal with proper grammar that must be utilized in official, public speeches. It is also important that the content of the statements in a speech are the true happenings of history. A third component is that the logic of the speech must be easily followed by the audience and in this case, the reader.

There are opinions on record that maintain that Barack Hussein Obama is a great orator / rhetorician. In short, they claim that Barack Hussein Obama is a great public speaker. It is true that when his speeches are heard, they almost always have a positive reaction from the audience. However, when they are examined for their grammatical proficiency and researched for their content correctness and understandability, completely different results appear regarding his status as a great public speaker.

This author's conclusion is that Barack Hussein Obama's speeches do not hold up to their expectations. The speeches are typical charlatanry executed by a charlatan reading from a teleprompter who, with his sonorous baritone voice that somehow cannot pronounce English correctly, is able to brainwash the listening audience into believing that only Barack Hussein Obama has the genius to deliver speeches and solve the world's problems.

The Proofing

REMARKS BY PRESIDENT OBAMA AT THE BRANDENBURG GATE¹

Berlin, Germany (June 19, 2013)

BEGIN: 3:29 P. M. CEST

1. PRESIDENT OBAMA: Hello, Berlin! (Applause.)

COMMENT: Is Barack Hussein Obama making a telephone call?

2. Thank you, Chancellor Merkel, for your leadership, your friendship, and the example of your life — from a child of the East to the leader of a free and united Germany.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: "from a child of the East" is too inexact. The East is the complete opposite of the West. That is half of the world. What Barack Hussein Obama meant to say was East Germany. Another fact is that Angela Merkel was born in Hamburg, Germany. Her father, an evangelical theologian received a pastorate in Quitzow, Brandenburg, then in the German Democratic Republic. The family moved there a few weeks after Angela was born in 1954.

3. As I've said, Angela and I don't exactly look like previous German and American leaders.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: I've, is a contraction

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: I don't is a contraction.

This is a formal, public speech. Not even mediocre orators use contractions in public speeches. It is a sign that the person speaking does not know English grammar and principles of rhetorical decorum.

¹ The source is <http://blogs.wsj.com/washwire/2013/06/19/transcript-of-obamas-speech-in-berlin/>.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: "As I've said, Angela and I don't exactly look like previous German and American leaders." is a ridiculous statement because how he looks is not at all interesting. Of interest is what he accomplishes, or rather what he does not accomplish.

4. But the fact that we can stand here today, along the fault line where a city was divided, speaks to an eternal truth: No wall can stand against the yearning of justice, the yearnings for freedom, the yearnings for peace that burns in the human heart. (Applause.)

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: Never begin a sentence with But. It is not good English and indicates a childish attitude and knowledge of the English language.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: There should be an and between freedom, and the yearnings.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: *No wall can stand against the yearning of justice, the yearnings for freedom, the yearnings for peace that burns in the human heart.* Substantive disagreement. Is there only one yearning for justice and many yearnings for freedom and peace? It makes no logical sense.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: fault line is not correct. The Berlin Wall to which Barack Hussein Obama alludes was not a fault line and not built on a fault line. A fault line is "a break in the continuity of a rock formation, caused by a shifting or dislodging of the earth's crust, in which adjacent surfaces are differentially displaced parallel to the place of the fracture." Although *fault* also means *mistake*, The German Democratic Republic was certainly not of the opinion that the building of the Berlin Wall was a mistake. Therefore, this meaning does not come into consideration.

5. Mayor Wowereit, distinguished guests, and especially the people of Berlin and of Germany — thank you for this extraordinarily warm welcome.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: The second of is not grammatically correct. It is redundant because it is the double use of the same preposition in the same sentence. Correct is: and especially the citizens of Berlin and Germany...

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Inexact statement. By saying the people of Berlin and of Germany, the listener and/or reader could mistakenly understand that Barack Hussein Obama means to separate the people in Berlin from the people of Germany. Generally speaking, the people in Berlin are Berliners and the people in Germany are Germans and maybe some Berliners who are

not physically present in Berlin, but who come from Berlin. *Citizens* is a better word. People can be any nationality.

6. In fact, it's so warm and I feel so good that I'm actually going to take off my jacket, and anybody else who wants to, feel free to. (Applause.)

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: Contractions should not be used in formal, public speeches. it's is a contraction

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: The conjunction and is not necessary. I'm actually and to. Contractions should not be used in formal speeches.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: I'm is a contraction.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: The determiner actually is not necessary.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: The conjunction and should be deleted.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: Good and orators and rhetoricians do not end sentences with prepositions. The preposition to ends a sentence. Therefore, the statement should be: "In fact, it is so warm I feel so good. I am going to take off my jacket. Anybody else who wants to, feel free to do such. (Applause.)

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Applause is a signal from the audience showing that they agree with the speaker. If the audience agrees with what Barack Hussein Obama states, then they agree with his grammar mistakes. This makes the content doubly questionable.

7. We can be a little more informal among friends. (Applause.)

CONTENT COMMENTARY: We is too inexact. Does Barack Hussein Obama mean the audience, Chancellor Merkel, Mayor Woverit, and himself? If so, how can the audience be a collective friend to Barack Hussein Obama? There is no such relationship as a person having a collective friendship with a group of people that the person does not know, unless of course, the group is the Communist International.

8. As your Chancellor mentioned, five years ago I had the privilege to address this city as senator.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: your is too inexact. Does Barack Hussein Obama mean the Berliners, the Germans, or both?

CONTENT COMMENTARY: senator is the wrong formulation. Barack Hussein Obama should have said "... as a United States senator." German cabinet members in the Berlin government are called Senators and not Ministers.

9. Today, I'm proud to return as President of the United States. (Applause.)

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: I'm is a contraction.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: The title of the country is: the United States of America. There are other United States in the world such as The United States of Europe or the luxury liner the SS United States.

10. And I bring with me the enduring friendship of the American people, as well as my wife, Michelle, and Malia and Sasha. (Applause.)

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CONTENT COMMENTARY: The statement is too inexact. Does Barack Hussein Obama mean just the friendship of the American people or does he also mean the friendship of Michelle, Malia, and Sasha? How do we know that Michelle, Malia, and Sasha have friendship with Germans? Is that possible for a person to have friendship with a collective citizenry? For example, I respect the French citizenry, but I do not have friendship with them. I suppose if one is a socialist/communist one can aggrandize such a relationship.

11. You may notice that they're not here.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: they're is a contraction.

12. The last thing they want to do is to listen to another speech from me. (Laughter.)

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: from me is questionable due to the content commentary below.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: This formulation has a bearing on the content because from me does not mean that Barack Hussein Obama wrote the speech, which is what he claimed when asked by reporters before the speech. He said that he had been working on the speech up to the press conference

with Chancellor Merkel. If this is true (Does Obama lie?), then he should have stated by me. This rules out the situation that someone else wrote the speech.

13. So they're out experiencing the beauty and the history of Berlin.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: they're is a contraction.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: The second the is redundant and not necessary.

14. And this history speaks to us today.

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CONTENT COMMENTARY: The presentation is not exact. If history is the past and it is speaking today, then the past is active at the present. History does not speak but the lessons of history tell human beings what happened and how the happenings in the past can relate to matters in the present day and into the future.

15. Here, for thousands of years, the people of this land have journeyed from tribe to principality to nation-state; through Reformation and Enlightenment, renowned as a "land of poets and thinkers," among them Immanuel Kant, who taught us that freedom is the "unoriginated birthright of man, and it belongs to him by force of his humanity."

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: through Reformation and Enlightenment A definite article should be used: through the Reformation and the Enlightenment.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: The formulation with the definite article makes it explicit that Barack Hussein Obama is referring to the Reformation that originated in Germany and the Enlightenment that had sources of their beginnings in Germany. Other countries have also had reformations and enlightenments. Barack Hussein Obama means those movements that are indigenous to Germany.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: It is not determinable when the first tribal groupings of Germanic tribes came into existence. In the first century AD the Roman writers Pomponius Mela, Pliny the elder, and Tacitus divided the Germanic-speaking peoples into large groupings (tribes) who shared a common ancestry and a common culture. For historical accuracy thousands of years is too inaccurate.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: freedom is the “unoriginated birthright of man, and it belongs to him by force of his humanity.” This quotation is from *The Metaphysics of Ethics* by Immanuel Kant, Book III, Introduction to the Metaphysical Elements of Jurisprudence, General division of Jurisprudence, translated and edited by J.W. Semple, with and Introduction by Rev. Henry Calderwood, (T. & T. Clark, Edinburgh: 1886, 3rd edition, p. 56. It is the very free translation of the original German *"Freiheit (Unabhängigkeit von eines Anderen nöthiger Willkür), sofern sie mit jedes Anderen Freiheit nach einem allgemeinen Gesetz zusammen bestehen kann, ist dieses einzige, ursprüngliche, jedem Menschen kraft seiner Menschheit zustehende Recht."* (Source: Immanuel Kant, *Metaphysik der Sitten*, herausgegeben und erläutert von J. H. von Kirchmann, Verlag des Deutschen Buchhandels, Leipzig: 1870, p. 40.)

This author's translation is: Freedom (independence from another person's coerced will), provided that it can co-exist with every other freedom according to a general law, is the only, original, entitled right of every person by virtue of one's humanity.

As the reader can easily comprehend, although freedom is an entitled right to a person by virtue of one's humanity, the translation leaves out the defining aspect of freedom: independence from another person's coerced despotism and it is dependent on the coexistence with other general laws. The word birthright is not stated by Immanuel Kant.

16. Here, for two centuries, this gate stood tall as the world around it convulsed — through the rise and fall of empires; through revolutions and republics; art and music and science that reflected the height of human endeavor, but also war and carnage that exposed the depths of man's cruelty to man.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: convulsed is the wrong use of the word. Convulsed means "to (physically) shake or agitate violently." A better phrasing would have been *as political conflicts in countries around it erupted into military conflicts and wars*.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: The Brandenburg Gate was one of the original 18 gates of the Berlin Customs Wall that was erected in the 1730s. A new Brandenburg Gate was commissioned by Friedrich Wilhelm II (1744-1797, king from 1786) to represent peace under his rule. It was designed and built between 1788 and 1791 by Carl Gotthard Langhans, the Court Superintendent of Buildings. Evidently, Barack Hussein Obama means the second Brandenburg Gate, although a Brandenburg Gate existed fifty years before the second gate.

17. It was here that Berliners carved out an island of democracy against the greatest of odds.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: It was here that Berliners carved out an island of democracy against the greatest of odds. The word here refers to Berlin. However, Berliners did not carve "out an island of democracy against the greatest of odds." The Western Allies, Great Britain, France, the United States of America, and The Federal Republic of Germany carved out the island of democracy. Berlin was divided into the East Sector (German Democratic Republic and Russia, and the West Sector (France, Great Britain, and the United States of America). Therefore, the Berliners in the Eastern Sector had nothing to do with carving out an island of democracy.

18. As has already been mentioned, they were supported by an airlift of hope, and we are so honored to be joined by Colonel Halvorsen, 92 years old — the original "candy bomber. "

CONTENT COMMENTARY: The airlift was not an airlift of hope. It was an airlift of food, fuel, and clothing supplies that were needed for the people living in West Berlin to maintain their existence. This was instrumental in giving them hope. The airlift, a reaction against the Berlin Blockade, lasted from 24 June 1948 – 12 May 1949.

19. We could not be prouder of him. (Applause.)
20. I hope I look that good, by the way, when I'm 92. (Laughter.)

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: I'm is a contraction.

21. During that time, a Marshall Plan seeded a miracle, and a North Atlantic Alliance protected our people.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: a Marshall Plan The phrase should read the Marshall Plan because it is never referred to as a Marshall Plan. The indefinite article would indicate that the Marshall Plan was something in addition to other economic plans.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: a Marshall Plan seeded a miracle The official title of the Marshall Plan is The European Recovery Program. Its purpose was to aid Europe, not just Germany in economic recovery after WWII.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: The use of the word miracle is not appropriate. The Marshall Plan seeded economic recovery. There was no other direction in which the European economies could go except to prosper and recover from the devastation of WW II. The success was not a miracle. The success

was because the Marshall Plan removed trade barriers, built up industry, and encouraged the use of supply and demand and the profit motive, all capitalist aspects.

22. And those in the neighborhoods and nations to the East drew strength from the knowledge that freedom was possible here, in Berlin — that the waves of crackdowns and suppressions might therefore someday be overcome.

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GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: Commas should separate therefore (,therefore,) from the other portions of the sentence.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: And those in the neighborhoods and nations to the East drew strength from the knowledge that freedom was possible here, in Berlin. The statement is not true! There were no neighborhoods in the east. The nations were the Warsaw Pact Nations. They did not draw "strength from the knowledge that freedom was possible here, in Berlin." They became Cold War adversaries and drew strength from their own Pact that socialism/communism could be finally established in Eastern Europe and possibly in all of Europe.

23. Today, 60 years after they rose up against oppression, we remember the East German heroes of June 17th.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Barack Hussein Obama does not relate the historical happenings of 16 and 17 June 1953 as they did indeed occur.

16 June: 300 East Berlin construction workers began a strike, marching towards government buildings on the Stalinallee. They were protesting pay cuts if they did not meet their work quota. A general strike with protests was announced for 17 June.

17 June: The protestors' demands for the return to the previous lower work quotas transformed into political demands mainly that the East German government resign. The East German government, with Soviet military support, used force to stop the uprising and protests.

The heroes of 17 June were Communist workers who had had enough of Communism.

24. When the wall finally came down, it was their dreams that were fulfilled.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: When the Berlin Wall came down in 1989 more than half of the people who had been alive in Berlin in 1953 had died. Therefore, they could not know that their dreams had been fulfilled. As a matter of fact, there are still a large portion of the population in the eastern German state governments who are pro socialist/communist.

25. Their strength and their passion, their enduring example remind us that for all the power of militaries, for all the authority of governments, it is citizens who choose whether to be defined by a wall, or whether to tear it down.
(Applause.)

CONTENT COMMENTARY: This does not reflect the exact history of the wall. When the Berlin Wall was erected beginning on 13 August 1961, it was the German Democratic Government that decided that East Berlin would be "defined by a wall." The non-action by the German Democratic Government and Russia as a result of the pressure of We are the People (Wir sind das Volk) "defined that the wall would be torn down." Both governments could have decided otherwise. The armies of both countries were ready to defend the Berlin Wall.

26. And we're now surrounded by the symbols of a Germany reborn.

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GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: we're is a contraction.

27. A rebuilt Reichstag and its glistening glass dome.
28. GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: This is not a sentence. It is a fragment
29. An American embassy back at its historic home on Pariser Platz. (Applause.)

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: The statement is not a sentence. It is a fragment.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: The statement is misleading. At the turn of the century the United States embassy was where the United States Ambassador lived. New Ambassadors often changed their addresses. These locations were all temporary addresses, the last of which was located on Bendlerstraße 39 (now Stauffenbergstraße), which is close to the Tiergarten.

30. And this square itself, once a desolate no man's land, is now open to all.

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31. So while I am not the first American President to come to this gate, I am proud to stand on its Eastern side to pay tribute to the past. (Applause.)

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: while is not the best word. *Although* is better.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: The past is too indefinite. *The last fifty years* is better.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Barack Hussein Obama is the first usurper (putative) American President to come to the Brandenburg Gate.

32. For throughout all this history, the fate of this city came down to a simple question: Will we live free or in chains?

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: For is not good English. Barack Hussein Obama means *because*.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: *came* is the wrong tense. It should be present perfect (*has come*).

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Who is meant with the pronoun *we*?

33. Under governments that uphold our universal rights, or regimes that suppress them?

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: The statement is not a question sentence. It is a fragment with a question mark at the end.

34. In open societies that respect the sanctity of the individual and our free will, or in closed societies that suffocate the soul?

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: Sanctity is too religious oriented. *Inviolability* is a better word.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: The statement is not a question sentence. It is a fragment with a question mark at the end.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: In philosophy there is the contention that the human being can lose life through suffocation but that a human being's soul cannot undergo suffocation. A person's soul does not die.

(http://www.philosophyandculture.org/PDFs/09_09_Jay_Shaw.pdf) For

example, a person can undergo torture, yet at the same time the strength of the human being's soul will enable that person to survive. There is a teaching in Judaism and Christianity that the soul does not die.

(<https://www.christiancourier.com/articles/1446-do-human-beings-have-an-immortal-soul>)

35. As free peoples, we stated our convictions long ago.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: The pronoun we is inexact. Who is meant?

36. As Americans, we believe that “all men are created equal” with the right to life and liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: As Americans and we are not appropriate. Barack Hussein Obama is speaking to the citizens of Germany and Berlin and all other people who are present. Are they Americans. Who is meant with the use of we?

CONTENT COMMENTARY: People (citizens) of other countries believe this, too.

37. And as Germans, you declared in your Basic Law that “the dignity of man is inviolable.” (Applause.)

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GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: The word that is a subordinating conjunction before quotation and must not be used before quotations.

38. Around the world, nations have pledged themselves to a Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which recognizes the inherent dignity and rights of all members of our human family.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: The allusion to a human family is nothing more than either a communist phrase, or an Islamic Ummah phrase, or both. There is no such construction as a world human family, except for anthropologists. The phrase is politically non-existent in its meaning, except for Communists and Muslims. Muslim countries have also pledged themselves to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, but only in so far as the declaration does not conflict with Islam and Sharia. Where is the dignity in this respect?

39. And this is what was at stake here in Berlin all those years.

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CONTENT COMMENTARY: The statement is somewhat confusing because the listener/reader does not know to what the word this refers: the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, dignity and rights, the human family, or all of them?

40. And because courageous crowds climbed atop that wall, because corrupt dictatorships gave way to new democracies, because millions across this continent now breathe the fresh air of freedom, we can say, here in Berlin, here in Europe — our values won.

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CONTENT COMMENTARY: To what values is Barack Hussein Obama referring? – life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness, dignity, human rights, equality, the so-called human family? The statement is mush; more than that, it is nothing more than polemics.

41. Openness won.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: What openness won? The opening of the Brandenburg Gate

42. Tolerance won.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE:

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Tolerance of what won?

43. And freedom won here in Berlin. (Applause.)

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CONTENT COMMENTARY: Did freedom win only in Berlin?

44. And yet, more than two decades after that triumph, we must acknowledge that there can, at times, be a complacency among our Western democracies.

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GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: complacency is a collective noun. It must not be preceded by a.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Complacency is not present at some times only. There is always an attitude of complacency, regardless of the political situation.

45. Today, people often come together in places like this to remember history — not to make it.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: The statement is exactly the opposite of what Barack Hussein Obama wants to happen to him and his illegal presidency. He did not come to Berlin in 2008 and in 2013 to remember history. He came to publicize himself.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Whether or not people come together to remember history is debatable. Mostly it is politicians who do this.

46. After all, we face no concrete walls, no barbed wire.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE:

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Who is meant with we?

47. There are no tanks poised across a border.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: The word poised is inappropriate; stationed on alert is better.

48. There are no visits to fallout shelters.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: The word visits is inappropriate. Better is: *There is no seeking of safety in fallout shelters.*

49. And so sometimes there can be a sense that the great challenges have somehow passed.

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CONTENT COMMENTARY: The indisputable logic is that in politics and relationships among nations there are always great challenges.

50. And that brings with it a temptation to turn inward — to think of our own pursuits, and not the sweep of history; to believe that we've settled history's accounts, that we can simply enjoy the fruits won by our forebears.

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CONTENT COMMENTARY: The logic is not apparent. Just because there are no tanks stationed across a border ready to commence an attack on Berlin, and just because it is no longer necessary to seek refuge in bomb shelters, the situation does not mean that the people of Berlin or Germany or anywhere else in the western world will look inward. On the contrary, they will be on the watch to make sure that a new or different Cold War does not develop.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: The word forebears is not correct. Forebear means "to refrain from, to restrain, to desist, to cease." Barack Hussein Obama means *forebearers*.

51. But I come here today, Berlin, to say complacency is not the character of nations.

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52. Today's threats are not as stark as they were half a century ago, but the struggle for freedom and security and human dignity — that struggle goes on.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: the word on is a preposition. Correct English is: that struggle continues.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: To say "Today's threats are not as stark as they were half a century ago, ... is at best an understatement and indicates that Barack Hussein Obama cannot comprehend reality. The threat of Islam is worse than the threats of the Cold War. There were no world-wide terrorist attacks during the Cold War by Cold War adversaries. As of this writing there have been 21,127 acts of deadly terrorism since 9/11.

(<http://atlasshrugs2000.typepad.com/>)

53. And I've come here, to this city of hope, because the tests of our time demand the same fighting spirit that defined Berlin a half-century ago.

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CONTENT COMMENTARY: Inexactness. Does Barack Hussein Obama mean the presence of the Berlin Wall or the June 17, 1953 uprising?

54. Chancellor Merkel mentioned that we mark the anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's stirring defense of freedom, embodied in the people of this great city.
55. His pledge of solidarity — "Ich bin ein Berliner" — (applause) — echoes through the ages.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: Ich bin ein Berliner is grammatically false in German. Ich bin Berliner is correct in German.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: The pledge of solidarity was not necessarily a stirring defense of freedom. It was a stirring defense of solidarity.

56. But that's not all that he said that day.

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GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: that's is a contraction.

57. Less remembered is the challenge that he issued to the crowd before him: "Let me ask you," he said to those Berliners, "let me ask you to lift your eyes beyond the dangers of today" and "beyond the freedom of merely this city."
58. Look, he said, "to the day of peace with justice, beyond yourselves and ourselves to all mankind."

CONTENT COMMENTARY: The logic, (or failed logic?) is interesting, both with John F. Kennedy and with Barack Hussein Obama. It is this: If there is peace in a democratic republic, justice is an automatic corresponding development. If there is peace in a dictatorship, justice is not important.

59. President Kennedy was taken from us less than six months after he spoke those words.

60. And like so many who died in those decades of division, he did not live to see Berlin united and free.

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CONTENT COMMENTARY: The logic is sophomoric. Of course, if one died at that time, that person did not live to see Berlin united and free.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Indeed, the word united is not correct. The political situation was a reunification.

61. Instead, he lives forever as a young man in our memory.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Kennedy does not live in memory as a young man. He lives in memory as an American president who stated "Ich bin ein Berliner", which is grammatically wrong in German, and as an America president who was assassinated in Dallas, Texas on November 22, 1963.

62. But his words are timeless because they call upon us to care more about things than just our own self-comfort, about our own city, about our own country.

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CONTENT COMMENTARY: Kennedy's words are not timeless. They are time-connected to a special happening.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: The word things is too general. A few examples of what Barack Hussein Obama is referring to are necessary. Things are things only.

63. They demand that we embrace the common endeavor of all humanity.

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CONTENT COMMENTARY: The statement is a platitude. What is the common endeavor of all humanity? It surely is not world communism or world Islam in the Ummah. (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ummah>)

64. And if we lift our eyes, as President Kennedy called us to do, then we'll recognize that our work is not yet done.

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CONTENT COMMENTARY: Kennedy did not call people to lift their eyes. He placed emphasis on viewing reality and taking a stance on divided Berlin and divided Germany. Nowhere in the speech are these words used and nowhere in the speech is there an allusion to such an act as eye lifting.

65. For we are not only citizens of America or Germany — we are also citizens of the world.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: The use of for is the meaning of *because*. Stating because would have been better English.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Americans are citizens of the United States of America. Germans are citizens of the Federal Republic of Germany. There is no internationally legally recognized political standard as citizen of the world. There is no such political construction as citizen of the world, unless one is either a Communist or an Islamist concerned with the Ummah.

66. And our fates and fortunes are linked like never before.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: Never begin a sentence with And. It is not good English and indicates a childish attitude and knowledge of the English language.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: The use of like is wrong. The word should be as.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Barack Hussein Obama is being omnipotent in his statement with no valid footing. Who is Barack Hussein Obama to make a value judgment concerning past fates and fortunes compared with present-days fates and fortunes, or for that matter, future fates and fortunes?

67. We may no longer live in fear of global annihilation, but so long as nuclear weapons exist, we are not truly safe. (Applause.)

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: The phrase so long as is incorrect. It should be as long as.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Nuclear weapons kept the Western republics safe throughout the Cold War. However, the nuclear weapons were not controlled by terrorists.

68. We may strike blows against terrorist networks, but if we ignore the instability and intolerance that fuels extremism, our own freedom will eventually be endangered.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Terrorism is the extremism to which Barack Hussein Obama is referring. It is thus not true that instability fuels terrorism. It is not true that intolerance fuels terrorism. The words of the Koran and Muhammad, if he ever lived, fuel the present terroristic threats.

69. We may enjoy a standard of living that is the envy of the world, but so long as hundreds of millions endure the agony of an empty stomach or the anguish of unemployment, we're not truly prosperous. (Applause.)

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: The phrase so long as is not correct. It should be as long as.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Who is meant with we?

70. I say all this here, in the heart of Europe, because our shared past shows that none of these challenges can be met unless we see ourselves as part of something bigger than our own experience.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: all is not necessary because the word this means all in this sentence.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Europe and the United States of America do not have a shared past. They have only some shared historical happenings in the past.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: The heart of Europe is a misused phrase. The heart of Europe is claimed by a number of countries, depending on what the recognized geographical borders of Europe are: Poland, Slovakia, Ukraine, Lithuania, Estonia, Belarus, and Hungary. Germany is not included in countries claiming to be the heart of Europe. A better and more accurate phrase is *the crossroads of Europe*.

(http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geographical_midpoint_of_Europe)

71. Our alliance is the foundation of global security.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: The European and American alliance is NATO, the foundation of security for the North Atlantic region and the countries belonging thereto. It is not the foundation of global security. The countries belonging thereto have interests and a concern for global security. Furthermore, political developments have not reached a point that could be called a foundation.

72. Our trade and our commerce is the engine of our global economy.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: Trade and commerce are plural, but a singular verb is was used.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Does this statement mean to say that Chinese trade and commerce, Japanese trade and commerce, Russian trade and commerce are not engines of global economy? Barack Hussein Obama understands nothing about international economics.

73. Our values call upon us to care about the lives of people we will never meet.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Our values do not "call upon us to care about the lives of people we will never meet." The teachings of Christianity and Judaism "call upon us to care about the lives of people we will never meet." Not all of the values in present-day Europe, Germany and the United States of America are worthy values in the meaning of Judaism and Christianity. An example is the present-day value acceptance of abortion.

74. When Europe and America lead with our hopes instead of our fears, we do things that no other nations can do, no other nations will do.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: The word our is not necessary and is redundant. Who is meant by our?

CONTENT COMMENTARY: The statement is a *things* statement. What are the *things*? *Things* are just things!

75. So we have to lift up our eyes today and consider the day of peace with justice that our generation wants for this world.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: so means "in the manner described, shown, expressed, implied, indicated." In the preceding statements there was no described, shown, expressed, implied, or indicated manner. It would have been most correct to say: We have to lift ...

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Barack Hussein Obama is fifty-two years old (?). His generation is giving way to a new generation. How does he know what his generation wanted or the new generation wants? It is all dependent on the culture and heritage from which a person/generation comes.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Who is meant with we?

76. I'd suggest that peace with justice begins with the example we set here at home, for we know from our own histories that intolerance breeds injustice.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: I'd is a contraction. Does it mean I would, I should, I had, which is sometimes used but is not correct English?

CONTENT COMMENTARY: The statement is too general. Intolerance does not breed injustice. Intolerance may be only one cause. Some other causes of injustice are definitely ignorance, fear, wants, hate, etc.

77. Whether it's based on race, or religion, gender or sexual orientation, we are stronger when all our people — no matter who they are or what they look like — are granted opportunity, and when our wives and our daughters have the same opportunities as our husbands and our sons. (Applause.)

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: Then word it's is a contraction.

78. When we respect the faiths practiced in our churches and synagogues, our mosques and our temples, we're more secure.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Accordingly, when this respect is not shown we are less secure? The logic is confusing. When Islamists conduct raids on Christian and Jewish communities and churches and synagogues, does this mean that the Islamists are less secure or the Christian and Jewish communities in question are less secure?

CONTENT COMMENTARY: There is tolerance and acceptance to the point of bad taste, kowtowing, and surrender of culture to Islam in western nations. However, are western nations secure from Islamic terrorists?

79. When we welcome the immigrant with his talents or her dreams, we are renewed. (Applause.)

CONTENT COMMENTARY: The logic is faulty. If immigrants with talents and dreams are welcomed, this does not mean that those who welcome are renewed. They may be just docile. A country that welcomes such immigrants is not renewed, particularly when the immigrants are illegals. The country may

be more economically, socially, and politically secure or insecure, but not renewed.

80. When we stand up for our gay and lesbian brothers and sisters and treat their love and their rights equally under the law, we defend our own liberty as well.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: The phrase as well should be preceded by a comma.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: The logic is not present. If one stands up for the wishes of gays, lesbians, and their rights under the law, that person is not defending their liberty. That person is defending the gay and lesbian version of liberty. There is no right under the law to be gay or lesbian. There is a right to not be discriminated. There is no right to be of a distinct sexual orientation guaranteed by law. If there is a right guaranteed by law to be gay or lesbian, then where is that right stated?

81. We are more free when all people can pursue their own happiness.
(Applause.)

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: more free should be freer.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: The logic is missing. A person can claim that he is happy or even the happiest when he shoots and kills other people at random. Is that logical? As a sentence it is logical. As a statement of personal, moral happiness it is not logical.

82. And as long as walls exist in our hearts to separate us from those who don't look like us, or think like us, or worship as we do, then we're going to have to work harder, together, to bring those walls of division down.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: Never begin a sentence with And. It is not good English and indicates a childish attitude and knowledge of the English language.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: don't is a contraction.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: we're is a contraction.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Barack Hussein Obama is demanding that people who do not politically believe as he politically believes must politically believe as he politically believes. This approach is nothing more than a dictatorial relationship from him to those who listen to him.

83. Peace with justice means free enterprise that unleashes the talents and creativity that reside in each of us; in other models, direct economic growth from the top down or relies solely on the resources extracted from the earth.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: down or should be separated by a comma.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Failure in the logic. Peace and justice are political and legal terms, not economic terms. They do not mean free enterprise. They can lead to the establishment of free enterprise.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: What are the other models?

84. But we believe that real prosperity comes from our most precious resource — our people.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: Never begin a sentence with But. It is not good English and indicates a childish attitude and knowledge of the English language.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Prosperity comes from less government interference in the citizens' daily lives.

85. And that's why we choose to invest in education, and science and research. (Applause.)

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: Never begin a sentence with And. It is not good English and indicates a childish attitude and knowledge of the English language.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: The phrase that's is a contraction.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: When private persons invest in education and private industry invests in science and research, the results are at least twice better than when the government invests in them. As proof, examine the situations in Detroit, Chicago, and California: three major localities where government interference has caused worse problems.

86. And now, as we emerge from recession, we must not avert our eyes from the insult of widening inequality, or the pain of youth who are unemployed.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: Never begin a sentence with And. It is not good English and indicates a childish attitude and knowledge of the English language.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: The United States of America is not emerging from a recession. The recession is being continued by the flawed (idiotic) monetary policies of Obama and Ben Bernanke and other wrong decisions by the Obama regime. (<http://www.businessinsider.com/us-is-still-hurting-from-the-recession-2013-5>)

87. We have to build new ladders of opportunity in our own societies that — even as we pursue new trade and investment that fuels growth across the Atlantic.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: The underlined portion makes no sense. Firstly, ladders of opportunity is plural and fuels is a singular verb. Secondly, does the verb fuels belong with ladders of opportunity? Is Barack Hussein Obama trying to say: *"We have to build new ladders of opportunity in our own societies concurrently with pursuing new trade and investment which will fuel growth across the Atlantic."* (?)

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Allow the free enterprise system to build so-called ladders of opportunity and there will be less unemployment on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean.

88. America will stand with Europe as you strengthen your union.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: stand is a weak formulation. *America will actively support Europe in the strengthening of the European Union.* is better.

89. And we want to work with you to make sure that every person can enjoy the dignity that comes from work — whether they live in Chicago or Cleveland or Belfast or Berlin, in Athens or Madrid, everybody deserves opportunity.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: Never begin a sentence with And. It is not good English and indicates a childish attitude and knowledge of the English language.

90. GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: The sentence should be divided into two sentences: *We want to work with you to make sure that every person can enjoy the dignity that comes from work. Whether they live in Chicago or Cleveland, Belfast or Berlin, in Athens or Madrid, everybody deserves opportunity.* This alleviates the problems with or and the dash.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: With the unemployment rate in Chicago (ca. 10.9%) compared with that in the other cities: Cleveland (ca. 26.8%), Berlin (ca. 13.8%), Athens, (rate not available), and Madrid (ca. 20.35%) there is surely a long distance from achieving working dignity. At the same time it

must be said that many of the unemployed have no problem with their dignity as long as they remain of the government dole.

91. We have to have economies that are working for all people, not just those at the very top. (Applause.)

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Without those people at the top there would be no working economies.

92. Peace with justice means extending a hand to those who reach for freedom, wherever they live.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Those who reach for freedom by coming into a country are obligated to immigrate legally. The reality is, of course, otherwise. Barack Hussein Obama does not say it, but he thinks that all illegal immigrants, criminals, loafers, those getting over via government support, *must be given citizenship*.

93. Different peoples and cultures will follow their own path, but we must reject the lie that those who live in distant places don't yearn for freedom and self-determination just like we do; that they don't somehow yearn for dignity and rule of law just like we do.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: don't is a contraction.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: The second don't is a contraction.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Consider Islam! There is no freedom and self-determination in Islam. The Koran forbids it. Indeed, Islam means submission.

94. We cannot dictate the pace of change in places like the Arab world, but we must reject the excuse that we can do nothing to support it. (Applause.)

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Barack Hussein Obama surely did dictate the pace of change in Libya and Egypt. He is trying to influence the pace of change in Syria, as well.

95. We cannot shrink from our role of advancing the values we believe in — whether supporting Afghans as they take responsibility for their future, or working for an Israeli-Palestinian peace — (applause) — or engaging as we've done in Burma to help create space for brave people to emerge from decades of dictatorship.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: we've is a contraction.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: There are no guarantees that the authorities in Afghanistan will live up to their responsibilities. The indications are that once all allied forces no longer have authority, the country will fall to the Taliban faster than a house of cards falls. (<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2069091/Afghanistan-collapse-civil-war-western-troops-fall-out.html>; <http://www.npr.org/2012/05/03/151915915/whats-ahead-for-afghanistan>; <http://frontpagemag.com/2013/david-walsh/iraq-afghanistan-and-the-fall-of-the-middle-east/>)

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Palestinians do not want peace with Israel. If they wanted peace, they would recognize Israel's right to exist as a nation-state. Palestinian leaders have always contended that Israel must not exist.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Regarding Burma, Obama voices concern that violence against Muslims must stop in Burma, but he says nothing against Muslim violence against Christians and other believers in Pakistan, Thailand, Nigeria, the Sudan, etc. Burma is not an island of violence.

96. In this century, these are the citizens who long to join the free world.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Are these citizens the only citizens? If this is the situation, then Obama's horizon is not in focus.

97. They are who you were.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: If the citizens to whom Obama is referring are who the Berliners were, then there is something askew in his conception of nationalities. What he means is that the citizens to whom he is referring are in the same political position that the Berliners/Germans were in at one time, i. e., divided politically.

98. They deserve our support, for they too, in their own way, are citizens of Berlin.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: They may not live in freedom but their countries are not divided and their capital city cities are not divided by a wall. Therefore, the connection that in their way they are "citizens of Berlin" is flimsy.

99. And we have to help them every day. (Applause.)

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CONTENT COMMENTARY: Does not the United Nations help them every day and do not foreign aid programs help them every day?

100. Peace with justice means pursuing the security of a world without nuclear weapons — no matter how distant that dream may be.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: There is no logical connection that peace with justice will secure a world without nuclear weapons. In fact, the opposite could be argued. Countries with nuclear weapons who act responsibly can secure peace with justice. The problem is the possibility of having terrorists in control of nuclear weapons.

101. And so, as President, I've strengthened our efforts to stop the spread of nuclear weapons, and reduced the number and role of America's nuclear weapons.

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CONTERNT: The word so is not appropriate. See number 75!

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Here is the true relationship: While Russia has been INCREASING and revitalizing its conventional and nuclear arsenal, the U.S. has been drastically SHRINKING theirs.

"America's armed forces have been reduced, the Navy shrunk from 600 ships to 286, the Air Force from 37 combat wings to 20 and the Army from 17 divisions to 10. Plus, Obama has NOT supported key anti-ballistic missile defense systems and pursued a course of nuclear arms reduction. Aging and obsolete conventional weapons have not been replaced.

Meanwhile, Russia is adding 153,000 soldiers and will conduct 500 drills within the next few months. Russians have been training for pre-emptive nuclear strikes and engaging in "snap drills" of massive size and scope without prior notice. One such drill involved Space Defense forces, long-range aviation, air and anti-missile defense forces and 8,700 personnel! Russian has announced that it will resume nuclear submarine patrols and expand its reach into international waters.

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(<http://www.ruthfullyyours.com/2013/06/18/americas-forces-are-being-reduced-while-russia-revitalizes-and-ramps-up-their-arsenals-see-note-please/>)

102. Because of the New START Treaty, we're on track to cut American and Russian deployed nuclear warheads to their lowest levels since the 1950s. (Applause.)

CONTENT COMMENTARY: The New START Treaty does not give the United States any positive results.

(<http://thedailycougar.com/2010/11/22/new-start-treaty-doesnt-make-sense-for-us/>)

103. But we have more work to do.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: Never begin a sentence with But. It is not good English and indicates a childish attitude and knowledge of the English language.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: The formulation is interesting because Barack Hussein Obama never worked a day in his entire life. He was always *getting over* on the system. (<http://crooksandliars.com/blue-texan/roger-ailen-obama-hes-lazynever-worked>)

104. So today, I'm announcing additional steps forward.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: so is not appropriate. See number 75!

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Forward is the repetition of the socialist/communist call!

105. After a comprehensive review, I've determined that we can ensure the security of America and our allies, and maintain a strong and credible strategic deterrent, while reducing our deployed strategic nuclear weapons by up to one-third.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: I've is a contraction.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: The statement indicates that Obama did the review. If anyone did a review, it was the state department and the United States military. We know with the Benghazi scandal that the state department cannot be trusted. The present Secretary of State does not have the intelligence to know what the policies would mean for the United States. The military is controlled by peacock generals and admirals who will always say yes to Obama. Take into consideration that Barack Hussein Obama does not know how to tell the truth. His statement is not worth a grain of sand.

106. And I intend to seek negotiated cuts with Russia to move beyond Cold War nuclear postures. (Applause.)

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: Never begin a sentence with And. It is not good English and indicates a childish attitude and knowledge of the English language.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Russia will allow the United States to make all of the cuts (one-sided cuts) it wants to make.

107. At the same time, we'll work with our NATO allies to seek bold reductions in U.S. and Russian tactical weapons in Europe.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: The statement is confusing. Does Barack Hussein Obama mean just tactical weapons (non-nuclear equipped weapons that are used in combat situations) or are nuclear tactical weapons included in his statement? Evidently, he does not know what he is saying.

108. And we can forge a new international framework for peaceful nuclear power, and reject the nuclear weaponization that North Korea and Iran may be seeking.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: Never begin a sentence with And. It is not good English and indicates a childish attitude and knowledge of the English language.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: The statement indicates Barack Hussein Obama's inability to comprehend political reality. North Korea may be seeking nuclear weapons is an idiotic statement. They are seeking or already have nuclear capability. The same goes for Iran. Iran maintains that it has a right to have nuclear capabilities for peaceful purposes. However, in their queer logic, the annihilation of Israel is a peaceful purpose.

109. America will host a summit in 2016 to continue our efforts to secure nuclear materials around the world, and we will work to build support in the United States to ratify the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, and call on all nations to begin negotiations on a treaty that ends the production of fissile materials for nuclear weapons.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: This is a run-on sentence. It is better grammar to break the sentence into three sentences. *America will host a summit in 2016 to continue our efforts to secure nuclear materials around the world. We will work to build support in the United States to ratify the Comprehensive Nuclear*

Test Ban Treaty. We call on all nations to begin negotiations on a treaty that ends the production of fissile materials for nuclear weapons.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Those countries/and or terrorists who are seeking or already have nuclear capability will definitely not take part in the summit. They will find ways to evade the agreements reached at such a summit, if any agreements transpire.

110. These are steps we can take to create a world of peace with justice.
(Applause.)

CONTENT COMMENTARY: The logic is failing. "A world of peace and justice" is not reduced to these steps. There are many other steps. Just because you decide to eat chocolate once a week and not every day does not mean that there are other substances that will cause you to have diabetes.

111. Peace with justice means refusing to condemn our children to a harsher, less hospitable planet.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Peace with justice has nothing to do with creating a harsher, less hospitable planet. The best example is the political activities of Islam. There is no peace and there is no justice. Sharia law is the opposite of peace and justice.

112. The effort to slow climate change requires bold action.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE:

CONTENT COMMENTARY: The problem with climate change is that it is a hoax, ... a money-making hoax. (<http://sultanknish.blogspot.de/2013/06/the-end-of-world.html>, <http://cnsnews.com/news/article/global-warming-temperature-very-close-zero-over-15-years>, <http://www.whitehousedossier.com/2013/06/22/obama-climate-change-push-begins-tuesday/>, <http://moonbattery.com/?p=31687>, <http://www.cfact.org/2013/06/06/no-one-told-the-un-conference-that-theres-been-no-warming-for-16-years/>)

113. And on this, Germany and Europe have led.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: Never begin a sentence with And. It is not good English and indicates a childish attitude and knowledge of the English language.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Germany and Europe have been led into a hoax.

114. In the United States, we have recently doubled our renewable energy from clean sources like wind and solar power.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Apparently the opposite is true.
(<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2013-04-23/u-s-states-turn-against-renewable-energy-as-gas-plunges.html>) A close examination of all of the statistics given at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Renewable_energy indicates that the statement the United States have "recently doubled (its) renewable energy from clean sources like wind and solar power" is not true.

115. We're doubling fuel efficiency on our cars.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: At <http://www.fueleconomy.gov/feg/best-worst.shtml> you will find a listing of the most fuel efficient cars and the cars that use the most fuel. A fuel efficient car produced by a United States car manufacturer located in the United States is not listed.

116. Our dangerous carbon emissions have come down.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: have come down is bad English. Better is *have been reduced*.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Carbon emissions have been reduced by 7% when compared to the peak rate in 2007. However it is at about the same rate as in 2002. Moreover, Obama's anti-coal policies will cause a family of four to expend 1000 dollars more for energy per year.
(http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greenhouse_gas_emissions_by_the_United_States; <http://blog.heritage.org/2013/06/26/morning-bell-things-that-will-cost-more-under-obamas-climate-change-plan/>)

117. But we know we have to do more — and we will do more. (Applause.)

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: Never begin a sentence with But. It is not good English and indicates a childish attitude and knowledge of the English language.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Less is more!

118. With a global middle class consuming more energy every day, this must now be an effort of all nations, not just some.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: The energy consuming middle class will be faced with more energy expenditures. Therefore, they will have less income. It is the middle class and the high earners that create jobs! Barack Hussein

Obama's politics are a job killers. It is possible to have energy consumption and less pollution without Obama's politics. In a sense, his political ideas are filled with polluting elements for humankind.

119. For the grim alternative affects all nations — more severe storms, more famine and floods, new waves of refugees, coastlines that vanish, oceans that rise.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: and should be inserted before oceans.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: This is Obama's new religion.

http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/peter-lilley/global-warming-religion_b_3463878.html?utm_hp_ref=tw

120. This is the future we must avert.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: The future that must be averted is the Islamic controlled future. In Sharia there is no future.

121. This is the global threat of our time.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: The global threat is the threat of Islam.

122. And for the sake of future generations, our generation must move toward a global compact to confront a changing climate before it is too late.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: Never begin a sentence with And. It is not good English and indicates a childish attitude and knowledge of the English language.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Yes, there are greenhouse gases and expanding human energy needs. However there are natural causes over which humans have no control: continental drift, volcanoes, the ocean currents, the earth's tilt, changes in the earth's orbit, variations in the sun's energy, changes in the reflective capacity of the earth's atmosphere that is not alone due to greenhouse gases.

123. That is our job.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Does this mean that Barack Hussein Obama is finally going to do some work? Does he include himself in the pronoun our?

124. That is our task.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: A task is "a piece of work assigned by a superior or done as a part of one's duties." Does this mean that Barack Hussein

Obama considers himself superior to work? He has not upheld his responsibilities a president in the last five-plus years, why should he start now? As a matter of fact, and legally speaking, as an usurper president, he has no duties.

125. We have to get to work. (Applause.)

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: get to work is a phrase that is said when using transportation to the workplace. What Barack Hussein Obama means is *We have to start working*.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: If Barack Hussein Obama includes himself in the pronoun we, I would like to see him work!

126. Peace with justice means meeting our moral obligations.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Obama's stance on abortions is proof that he has no moral obligation ... and no ethics.

127. And we have a moral obligation and a profound interest in helping lift the impoverished corners of the world.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: Never begin a sentence with And. It is not good English and indicates a childish attitude and knowledge of the English language.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: There are enough foreign aid programs by wealthy countries. The problem is corruption in the receiving country. There are no foreign aid programs undertaken by Muslim countries to non-Muslim lands. Where is the peace from them? Where is the justice from them?

128. By promoting growth so we spare a child born today a lifetime of extreme poverty.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: so is not appropriate. It is bad usage. See number 75!

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Is Barack Hussein Obama admitting that his stance on abortion is sparing the aborted baby a "lifetime of extreme poverty"?

129. By investing in agriculture, so we aren't just sending food, but also teaching farmers to grow food.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: aren't is a contraction

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: so is not appropriate. It is bad usage. See number 75!

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Farmers in all countries know how to grow food. The governments in the various countries do not know how to grow food.

130. By strengthening public health, so we're not just sending medicine, but training doctors and nurses who will help end the outrage of children dying from preventable diseases.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: so is not appropriate. It is bad usage. See number 75!

CONTENT COMMENTARY: The result is that private charities can accomplish this much better than a government-run program. Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) are exceedingly more efficient. (http://www.economist.com/blogs/charlemagne/2009/06/are_ngos_really_more_democratic and <http://www.modernghana.com/news/113292/1/making-ngos-more-effective-and-responsive-in-a-glo.html>)

131. Making sure that we do everything we can to realize the promise — an achievable promise — of the first AIDS-free generation.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: The statement is not a sentence. It is a fragment that begins with a gerund.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: There can be an AIDS-free generation by conducting sexual relations in the proper manner.

132. That is something that is possible if we feel a sufficient sense of urgency. (Applause.)

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Sometimes it is better to take one's time in solving a problem. Too often government takes action without thinking completely about the problem and the possible solutions.

133. Our efforts have to be about more than just charity.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: The efforts cannot be placed under government control. Charity is far better and charitable organizations are most efficient.

134. They're about new models of empowering people — to build institutions; to abandon the rot of corruption; to create ties of trade, not just aid, both with the

West and among the nations they're seeking to rise and increase their capacity.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: They're and they're are contractions.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Institution building is good, indeed, excellent, as long as it is the private economy (capitalism) that builds them. The rot of corruption most always happens when government has its hands in the processes of economics.

135. Because when they succeed, we will be more successful as well.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: A comma must precede as well.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Who is meant with the pronoun we?

136. Our fates are linked, and we cannot ignore those who are yearning not only for freedom but also prosperity.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: This is no great cause and effect description. It is elementary logic that all human beings have a linked fate. However, this linked fate is only one of very small degrees. The fact that some desire freedom and prosperity does not mean that they should be given handouts and pampered by government programs that discriminate against the legal citizens of a country. (<http://www.infowars.com/government-website-for-immigrants-come-to-america-and-take-advantage-of-our-free-stuff/>)

137. And finally, let's remember that peace with justice depends on our ability to sustain both the security of our societies and the openness that defines them.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: Never begin a sentence with And. It is not good English and indicates a childish attitude and knowledge of the English language.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: let's is a contraction.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Peace with justice depends on a country's ability to observe the law. When the leader and his cronies of a country have no regard for the law of the land, why should the citizens have a respect for the law of the land?

138. Threats to freedom don't merely come from the outside.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: don't is a contraction.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: This is an allusion to Barack Hussein Obama's thinking that the threats to the United States of America come from American Patriots. That is the reason Barack Hussein Obama (Of course, he knew!) had the IRS investigate all organizations that had a reference to patriotism in their documents. (<http://www.infowars.com/did-obama-know-too-irs-officials-knew-patriots-and-tea-party-groups-were-being-targeted-2-years-ago/>)

139. They can emerge from within — from our own fears, from the disengagement of our citizens.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Should fears concerning the continuation of freedoms emerge within a country, the result would certainly be action to secure the freedoms. This is not disengagement of citizens. On the contrary, it is political participation by patriotic citizens.

140. For over a decade, America has been at war.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: For over a decade America has been in a war started by Islamists. Islam is at war with the United States of America. America is defending American traditions, customs, beliefs, and ways of life.

141. Yet much has now changed over the five years since I last spoke here in Berlin.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: The preposition *since* is used with the present perfect and past perfect tenses. A better word would have been *when*.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Yes, Islamic terrorist activity has greatly increased.

142. The Iraq war is now over.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: It should be the War in Iraq or the Iraqi War.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: The war is not over. There are constant conflicts between Shiites and Sunnites.

143. The Afghan war is coming to an end.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: The Afghan War is not coming to an end. It is coming to a surrender.

144. Osama bin Laden is no more. His organization Al-Qaeda still exists and is growing.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: The person Osama bin Laden is no more. However, his concepts have mutated and expanded in an uncontrollable fashion.

145. Our efforts against al Qaeda are evolving.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: The statement is another way of saying *Our efforts against Al Qaeda are not attaining desired goals.*

146. And given these changes, last month, I spoke about America's efforts against terrorism.

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CONTENT COMMENTARY: Barack Hussein Obama is referring to a speech he gave before the National Defense University at Fort McNair, Washington, D.C. on 23 May 2013. The basic content was that he will use drones to combat terrorism. He alone will decide who lives and who dies. In the speech he also underestimated the strength of Al-Qaeda. The efforts that Barack Hussein Obama outlined stand up on their own strength like a wet washcloth.

147. And I drew inspiration from one of our founding fathers, James Madison, who wrote, "No nation could preserve its freedom in the midst of continual warfare."

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CONTENT COMMENTARY: The statement is taken out of context. The source is James Madison, *Political Observations*, April 20, 1795 at <http://founders.archives.gov/?q=%22No%20nation%20could%20preserve%20its%20freedom%20in%20the%20midst%20of%20continual%20warfare.%22&sr=1111311111&sa=&r=1&sr=>. Madison is presenting the argument regarding those who had an aversion to war with Great Britain over commerce, trade, and monopoly in the American Colonies.

148. James Madison is right — which is why, even as we remain vigilant about the threat of terrorism, we must move beyond a mindset of perpetual war.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Madison was not referring to perpetual war. The only doctrine that refers to perpetual war is Islam. War is to be waged against the unbelievers until they acknowledge Allah-Hubal as their god, or pay the

dhimmi jizya tax for the privilege of being second and third class citizens under the control of Muslims.

149. And in America, that means redoubling our efforts to close the prison at Guantanamo. (Applause.)

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CONTENT COMMENTARY: What does "redoubling our efforts to close the prison at Guantanamo" mean? Does it mean that if Barack Hussein Obama made one effort in his first presidential term, he will make two efforts in the second presidential term, etc.?

150. It means tightly controlling our use of new technologies like drones.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: To what does it refer? Does Barack Hussein Obama mean Guantanamo; the statement by James Madison; his speaking "about America's efforts against terrorism"; the statement "efforts against al Qaeda are evolving"; the statement "Al-Qaeda still exists and is growing"; the statement "the Afghan war is coming to an end"; the statement "the Iraq war is now over"; the statement "much has now changed over the five years since he last spoke here in Berlin"; the statement "for or over a decade, America has been at war"; threats to freedom; or the statement "peace with justice depends on our ability to sustain both the security of our societies and the openness that defines them"?

151. It means balancing the pursuit of security with the protection of privacy. (Applause.)

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Same comment as 150.

152. And I'm confident that that balance can be struck.

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GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: I'm is a contraction.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: The second I'm is a contraction.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: What balance? Refer to number 150.

153. I'm confident of that, and I'm confident that working with Germany, we can keep each other safe while at the same time maintaining those essential values for which we fought for.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: I'm (2 times) is a contraction

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: for is a preposition ending a sentence.

154. Our current programs are bound by the rule of law, and they're focused on threats to our security — not the communications of ordinary persons.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: they're is a contraction

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Who is meant with our? The logic is clumsy. The current programs are focused on threats and not communications? What about the communications of ordinary people being voiced threats?
(<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2013/jun/07/nsa-prism-records-surveillance-questions>; <http://www.presstv.ir/detail/2013/06/28/311159/snowdens-revelations-tip-of-iceberg/>)

155. They help confront real dangers, and they keep people safe here in the United States and here in Europe.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: here in the United States. Berlin is not *here in the United States* of America.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Is Barack Hussein Obama talking about the NSA surveillance of telephone calls and internet communications?

156. But we must accept the challenge that all of us in democratic governments face: to listen to the voices who disagree with us; to have an open debate about how we use our powers and how we must constrain them; and to always remember that government exists to serve the power of the individual, and not the other way around.

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CONTENT COMMENTARY: Government does not exist to serve the power of the individual. Government exists to serve the power of the people, by the people, and from the people for the people.

157. That's what makes us who we are, and that's what makes us different from those on the other side of the wall. (Applause.)

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: that's (2 times) is a contraction.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: Government exists to serve the power of the people, by the people, and from the people for the people is what makes democratic republics.

158. That is how we'll stay true to our better history while reaching for the day of peace and justice that is to come.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: we'll is a contraction.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: One does not reach "for the day of peace and justice that is to come. One longs for the day and one achieves peace and justice."

159. These are the beliefs that guide us, the values that inspire us, the principles that bind us together as free peoples who still believe the words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. — that "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. " (Applause.)

CONTENT COMMENTARY: What are the beliefs that guide, the values that inspire? Peace and justice? It is not clear.

160. And we should ask, should anyone ask if our generation has the courage to meet these tests?

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CONTENT COMMENTARY: Is this a reference to Kennedy's plagiarized statement, *Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country*. (<http://mymysore80.blogspot.de/2006/11/patriotic-plagiarism.html>) Ask not what your generation can do for you, but what you can do for your generation?

161. If anybody asks if President Kennedy's words ring true today, let them come to Berlin, for here they will find the people who emerged from the ruins of war to reap the blessings of peace; from the pain of division to the joy of reunification.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: The exceeding majority of people who emerged from the devastation of Berlin after the Second World War are no longer alive.

162. And here, they will recall how people trapped behind a wall braved bullets, and jumped barbed wire, and dashed across minefields, and dug through tunnels, and leapt from buildings, and swam across the Spree to claim their most basic right of freedom. (Applause.)

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CONTENTR: The other uses of and in the listing are not good English,. They are childish.

163. The wall belongs to history.
164. But we have history to make as well.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: Never begin a sentence with But. It is not good English and indicates a childish attitude and knowledge of the English language.

165. And the heroes that came before us now call to us to live up to those highest ideals — to care for the young people who can't find a job in our own countries, and the girls who aren't allowed to go to school overseas; to be vigilant in safeguarding our own freedoms, but also to extend a hand to those who are reaching for freedom abroad.

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GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: can't is a contraction.

GRAMMAR CRITIQUE: aren't is a contraction.

166. CONTENT COMMENTARY: Should a hand be extended only "to those who are reaching for freedom abroad" but not in their own country?
167. This is the lesson of the ages.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: What is the lesson of the ages? Is it the previous statement, peace and justice, the whole speech?

168. This is the spirit of Berlin.

CONTENT COMMENTARY: What is the spirit of Berlin? See number 167!

169. And the greatest tribute that we can pay to those who came before us is by carrying on their work to pursue peace and justice not only in our countries but for all mankind.

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CONTENT COMMENTARY: Does the statement apply to the concepts of peace and justice as defined by dictators?

170. Vielen Dank. (Applause.)
171. God bless you. God bless the peoples of Germany.

COMMENT: Coming from Barack Hussein Obama, the statement is hypocritical.

172. And God bless the United States of America.

COMMENT: Coming from Barack Hussein Obama the statement is doubly hypocritical.

173. Thank you very much. (Applause.)

END: 3:58 P. M. CEST

Transpired time: 31 minutes.

Results of the Proofing

We have critiqued and commented on Barack Hussein Obama's Berlin Speech on June 19, 2013 according to oratorical elements that must be included in an official, public speech. The speech contains 3,335 words that make up 173 statements. They are empty pronouncements that are full of appeasement of America's enemies, clichés, government solutions to problems, hopeless idealism, hot air, naiveté, non-substance, platitudes, polemics, and political pet ideas that according to Barack Hussein Obama will save the world. There were no political initiatives and no major statements on solutions to world problems. Nothing was said

against the world-wide threat of Islamic terrorism. There was only stuff with no stuff in it. However, what makes up this stuffless stuff is interesting, indeed, more interesting than his speech.

Here are the statistics. Barack Hussein Obama

- used the first person singular pronoun I 44 times.
- used the first person accusative pronoun me 106 times.
- used the first person singular possessive pronoun my 3 times.
- used the third person plural pronoun we 112 times.
- used the third person plural possessive pronoun our 88 times.
- began a sentence with And 37 times
- began a sentence with But 9 times
- used the phrase *peace with justice* 10 times.

If Barack Hussein Obama includes his person in the uses of we and our, there are 353 references to himself in 173 statements. If Barack Hussein Obama does not include his person in the uses of we and our, he makes 153 references to his person. It is a fact that who is meant with the use of we and who is meant with the use of our are not always discernible.

Grammar Discrepancies: There are 72 grammar discrepancies out of 173 statements. This yields a grammar discrepancy percentage of 41.6%

Content Discrepancies: There are 144 content discrepancies out of 173 statements. This yields a content discrepancy percentage of 83.2%.

Therefore, the speech is 41.6 % grammatically deficient and 83.2 % content deficient.

If the deficiencies in the content do not represent historical reality, they are falsifications. Therefore, the conclusion is that only 16.8% of Barack Hussein Obama's statements in REMARKS BY PRESIDENT OBAMA AT THE BRANDENBURG GATE on June 17, 2013 are historically correct in their substance. At the same time, how can statements like "Vielen Dank" and "Thank you very much" be historically wrong in their content?

The audience applauded 38 times, evidently without knowing why they applauded.

The acclaimed and publicly praised orator and rhetorician is a miserable failure!

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