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Dangers of unintended consequences

The hazard of offering arms ...

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Talking points

- 1. How do each of these cartoons warn about the potential pitfalls of the U.S. arming Syrian rebels.?
- 2. Who did the U.S. help in the 1980s who later became our foes?
- 3. Can you find other examples of former allies turning into enemies?
- 4. Why should the U.S. get involved in a conflict? To stop a genocide? To save an ally? To protect our economic interests? To topple a dictator?

Between the lines

"What exactly is our objective? It's not clear to me that every nondemocratic government in the world has to be removed by force."-Zbigniew Brzezinski, former national security adviser.

http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/world/obama-pressured-into-decision-on-arm ing-syrian-rebels/article12586938/

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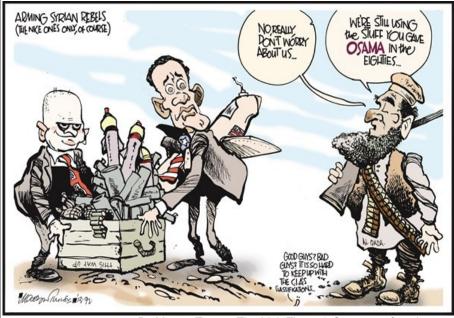
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