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if I learned one lesson from my time

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with the CIA it is this everybody

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believes they're the good guy I was an

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officer with the CIA clandestine service

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and worked undercover on

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counterterrorism and intelligence all

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around the world for almost ten years

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the conversation that's going on in the

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United States right now about Isis and

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about the United States overseas is more

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oversimplified than ever ask most

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Americans whether Isis poses an

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existential threat to this country and

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they'll say yes that's where the

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conversation stops if you're walking

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down the street in Iraq or Syria and ask

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anybody why America dropped bombs you

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get they were waging war on Islam and

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you walk in America and you ask why are

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we attacked on 9/11 and you get they

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hate us because we're free those are

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stories manufactured by a really small

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number of people on both sides who amass

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a great deal of power and wealth by

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convincing the rest of us to keep

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killing each other I think the question

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we need to be asking as Americans

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examining our foreign policy is whether

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or not we're pouring kerosene on a

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candle the only real way to disarm your

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enemy is to listen to him if you hear

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them out if you're brave enough to

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really listen to their story you can see

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that more often than not you might have

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made some of the same choices if you'd

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lived their life instead of yours and

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al-qaeda fighter made a point once

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during a debriefing he said all these

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movies that America makes like

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Independence Day and Hunger Games and

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Star Wars they're all about a small

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scrappy band of rebels who will do

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anything in their power with the limited

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resources available to them to expel an

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outside technologically advanced invader

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and what you don't realize he said is it

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to us to the rest of the world you are

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the Empire and

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we are Luke and Han you are the aliens

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and we're Will Smith but the truth is

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when you talk to the people who are

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really fighting on the ground on both

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sides and ask them why they're there

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they answer with hopes for their

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children specific policies that they

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think are cruel or unfair and while it

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may be easier to dismiss your enemy as

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evil hearing them out on policy concerns

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is actually an amazing thing because as

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long as your enemy is a subhuman

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psychopath that's going to attack you no

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matter what you do this never ends but

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if your enemy is a policy however

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complicated that we can work with