

Come Home, America!

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"Been there, Done that" by Steve Benson, Arizona

"The Runaway General," just published in Rolling Stone magazine, has rocked the whole nation.

The article not only discloses the derisive comments made by the top commander in Afghanistan, Gen. Stanley McChrystal, and his staff about President Obama and his national security team, but also **exposes the war as unwinnable.**

How can Congress possibly appropriate an additional \$33 billion to a General who does not believe in the mission, the Commander-in-Chief or the administration officials he so obviously holds in contempt? The answer is obvious: it cannot and should not.

McChrystal's closest advisors say openly that **they do not believe the war in Afghanistan is winnable. "It's not going to look like a win, smell like a win or taste like a win,"** said Major General Bill Mayville, "This is going to end in an argument."

Where has McChrystal's strategy led us? What he once described as a "model" operation in Marja, General McChrystal now describes as "**a bleeding ulcer.**" His senior advisor said, "**If Americans pulled back and started paying attention to this war, it would become even less popular.**"

Congress needs to pay attention. Handing over the cash McChrystal wanted for his failing operation in Afghanistan will only make things worse. One commentator has said, "Throwing money at the problem only exacerbates the problem."

Firing McChrystal is not enough. Our military forces in Afghanistan are seen as foreign intruders, and have become the rallying cry for insurgency. We need to get out of this senseless war now. Come home, America!



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