

What Jon Stewart Didn't Ask Jimmy Carter

☒ Former President Jimmy Carter was a guest on the Daily Show recently and when the subject turned to Paris and Islamic violence in general, Mr. Carter said this about root causes:

“Well, one of the origins for it is the Palestinian problem. And this aggravates people who are affiliated in any way with the Arab people who live in the West Bank and Gaza, what they are doing now – what’s being done to them. So I think that’s part of it.”

Maybe it is “one of the origins for it.” But I wonder (because Jon Stewart didn’t ask) how much the “Palestinian problem” and “what’s being done to them” contributed to any of these acts of violence – every single one committed by Muslims:

The Shoe Bomber who tried to take down a civilian jetliner en route from Paris to Miami

The Beltway Snipers

The Fort Hood Shooter

The underwear Bomber who tried to blow up a jet over Detroit

The attack on the U-S.S. Cole

The Madrid Train Bombing

The Bali Nightclub Bombing

The London Subway Bombing

The Moscow Theater Terrorists

The Boston Marathon Bombing

The Pan-Am flight 103 Bombing

The Iranian Embassy Takeover

The Beirut U.S. Embassy Bombing

The Benghazi Attack

The Buenos Aires Suicide Bombing

The Israeli Olympic Team Murders

The U.S. Embassy in Kenya Bombing

The Khobar Towers in Saudi Arabia Bombing

The Beirut Marine Barracks Bombing

The first World Trade Center Attack

The Bombay and Mumbai India Attack

The Achille Lauro Cruise Ship Hijacking and Murder

The September 11, 2001 Terrorist Attacks

The Beheadings of innocent civilians

Does Jimmy Carter think that if the Israeli-Palestinian conflict went away tomorrow – or for that matter, if Israel magically ceased to exist – Islamic terrorism would stop? I doubt he believes that, despite his constant harping on the Israelis.

I wish Jon Stewart had said to Jimmy Carter, “Mr. President, do you think there’s something in the literature of Islam that seduces a certain kind of Muslim to go out and slaughter innocent people in the name of his God?” I would have liked to hear the former president’s answer. I also wish somebody would ask the current president the same question.