â€œOBAMA SUPPORTS TERRORISMâ€•

This banner was carried at "the largest number in a political event in the history of mankind" -- the BBC's description of the massive protests throughout Egypt on Sunday (6/30) against the Muslim Brotherhood regime of President Mohamed Morsi.

One Arab correspondent estimated the number of protesters at 17 million, which is improbable -- since it would be equivalent to a protest here involving the entire populations of California and Texas.

But there is no doubt the turnout Sunday greatly exceeded the protests two years ago which brought down the regime of corrupt, but pro-American President Hosni Mubarak.

President Barack Hussein Obama had hailed the protests against Mr. Mubarak as the dawning of an "Arab Spring." But he distanced himself from these much larger protests.

"Our commitment to Egypt has never been around any particular individual or party," the president said at a news conference in Tanzania today (7/02). "Our commitment has been to a process."

Anne Patterson, the U.S. ambassador to Egypt, tried, unsuccessfully, to persuade Coptic Christians not to participate. Persecution of the Copts has soared since Mr. Morsi took office.

"Some say that street action will produce better results than elections," she said. "To be honest, my government and I are deeply skeptical."

The administration's preference for democratic process over street protests is selective, and recent. Hosni Mubarak became president of Egypt in 1981 after Anwar Sadat was assassinated by members of the Muslim Brotherhood, but was re-elected four times, all by larger margins than Mr. Morsi's. Even though Mr. Mubarak was a U.S. ally, the president sided with the protesters, which was decisive in forcing Mr. Mubarak from office.

It's also naïve -- or disingenuous. Adolf Hitler was democratically elected. You may have forgotten. Mr. Morsi hasn't. It was an alliance with Hitler that brought the Muslim Brotherhood (Ikhwan) to prominence.

Like their Nazi mentors, the Ikhwan believe in one man, one vote -- one time. The goal of the Muslim Brotherhood, now as then, is to establish a worldwide "Caliphate" governed by Islamic law.

Since the Muslim Brotherhood is so explicitly anti-democratic and anti-Western, for President Obama to make outreach to the Ikhwan the focal point of his Middle East policy is puzzling.

And counterproductive. The vast majority of Egyptians don't share Mr. Morsi's enthusiasm for Islamist dictatorship.

"Dear World, pay attention," tweeted blogger Sandmonkey. "Muslims protesting in the millions against Islamism. This is historic."

When he was running for president, Mr. Obama criticized the United States for having supported authoritarian pro-Western regimes. In lending support to this hugely unpopular anti-American authoritarian regime, he has put the United States at odds with both the Egyptian people and the military.

Protestors carried pictures of American Ambassador Patterson with a red X drawn across her face. She is "the first enemy of the revolution," said democracy advocate Shadi Al Ghazali Harb. "She is hated even more than Morsi." Obama is hated too, as we can see by the photo above. Here's another:

It is difficult to imagine a more complete failure of policy. Or one so fraught with consequence. If Mr. Morsi clings to power, the result could be civil war.

Egypt is, alas, only the most recent (and egregious) example of a foreign policy that is failing, utterly, across the board.

Nowhere in the world has respect for the United States or its president grown since George W. Bush left office. Europeans are outraged by the administration's alleged spying on them. In just the last week, President Obama has been stiffed, mocked and insulted by the leaders of Russia, China and Ecuador. Ecuador!

Mr. Obama has traveled abroad more than most presidents, spending lavishly on himself and his family. He was in Africa this week, expecting to be hailed for being the first president of African descent. But, noted the Washington Post, "many Africans wish Obama was more like Bush."

The world judges presidents by what they do, not by what they say or who their parents were. But Mr. Obama seems oblivious.

"The White House reaction to the historic outpouring of Egyptians calling for the ouster of President Mohamed Morsi can be summed up as thus: Don't turn attention away from President

Obama's heavily touted African tour," said Bridget Johnson of PJ Media.

Never has Jack Wheeler's designation of Obama - President Zero - seemed more apt.

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