

## VIDEO EXTOLLING OBAMA FOR KILLING OSAMA, GENERATES ACCLAIM AND CENSURE



A video released by the Obama administration, that shows President Obama being praised and exalted for taking the courageous decision of killing Osama Bin Laden, has garnered it share of publicity and controversy. The video features, a suave Bill Clinton, extolling Obama's role, in directing the raid that resulted in the dreaded terrorist's, top on the list of the country's most wanted men, death. The ad aired a year after Osama's death, would have perhaps gone unnoticed or unchallenged, but for the ad, speculating that given similar circumstances Romney would not have taken up the challenge and Osama would have still been alive. Vice-President Biden, reminds viewers that Romney was on record stating he didn't believe it was worth spending millions of dollars and that the effort was not worth it, considering that it was for just the capture of a single individual. Romney had infamously said, "It's not worth moving heaven and earth spending billions of dollars just trying to catch one person." The video says, that 'one person' was responsible for more than 3000 American deaths. Obama campaign adviser Robert Gibbs, former White House Press Secretary felt that the campaign was fair and said, "Osama Bin Laden no longer walks on this planet today because of that brave decision and the brave actions by the men and women in our military -- and quite frankly Mitt Romney said it was a foolish thing to do a few years ago." A senior Romney adviser says that a unifying moment in the country's history has been twisted into a "divisive, partisan and political attack." Senator John McCain of Arizona, who was President Obama's Republican opponent four years ago, angrily retorted that Obama was turning "the one decision he got right into a pathetic, political act of self-congratulation. Shame on Barack Obama for diminishing the memory of September 11th and the killing of Osama Bin Laden by turning it into a cheap political attack ad." Detractors says, that it is purely conjecture and speculation on part of the Democrats to say that Romney would not have given the go ahead. Romney, perhaps regretting his quote, that has returned to haunt him, has since said that he would have given the permission to take out Osama. President Obama said, "As far as my personal role and what other folks would do, I just recommend that everybody take a look at people's previous statements in terms of whether they thought it was appropriate to go into Pakistan and take out Bin Laden. I assume that people meant what they said when they said it. That's been at least my practice. I said we would go after Bin Laden if we had a clear shot at him. And I did. If there are others who have said one thing and now suggest they would do something else, then I would go ahead and let them explain it." There is little doubt that the well-crafted video has thrust the US political world into a wrangle over the ethics of campaigning. Whatever, the Republicans may say, Obama has turned the triumphant, highly courageous and daring raid he ordered of Bin Laden's compound, into a touchable, close-to-our-hearts campaign-year triumph. It was a colossal achievement, it happened because of him and he can rightly take the credit. Moreover, the raid on that house in Abbottabad, in Pakistan is politically more complimentary and flattering to the President than all those dismal unemployment and fallen economy stories. It would be that side of his Presidency that he would like to flaunt.