

Trouble understanding Obama's position on Syria? Forbes puts him on the couch

BY GEORGE SALAMON / Many journalists were as puzzled by President Obama's zigzagging on Syria as were their readers or viewers. The words used to describe his changing positions heard most often in both camps were "confused, confusing, muddled." Detractors described his stance as "incoherent incompetence." No one offered a compelling view of the forces within the president that might have shaped so perplexing a path his positions took.

That is, until Erica Ariel Fox explained it all to us in "Understanding Obama's Syria Negotiation – With Himself," published Sept. 4 on the Forbes magazine website.