

In Favor of a Select Committee on Benghazi
One Minute
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Mr. Speaker,

Nearly two years ago, after the deadly attack in Benghazi that killed four of our countrymen, we heard the following words stream out of our televisions:

“We will not waver in our commitment to see that justice is done for this terrible act. And make no mistake, justice will be done.”

It may shock you today to know that these are the words of President Obama, who made that seemingly-sincere promise to the American people in the days after the attack.

If we knew then that just 19 months later, the president’s press secretary Jay Carney would stand before the White House press corps and laugh about the event and call it a conspiracy theory, we may not have believed it.

But sadly, that is the state of affairs today. Here we have a tragic event against our own people that has nearly become a cold case because of the refusal of the White House to prioritize anything related to Benghazi, except for their own bizarre political spin about what happened.

We have been forced to look into the anguished faces of the victims’ families and tell them we have been blocked from finding answers about the hateful attack that killed their sons.

And we have an entire caucus that has threatened to boycott an investigation they have laughed off as silly or a witch hunt.

In turn, we as a Congress must do everything in our power to do what the president asked for back in 2012: to ensure justice is done for this terrible act.

The only way to do that is to establish the select committee on Benghazi.

I yield back.