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Wieseltier Spanks Obama and Hagel

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Regular readers will know of the profound admiration I have for Leon Wieseltier and for his writings. His article at *The New Republic* this morning challenges some of President Obama's foreign policy inclinations as well as those of Secretary-designate Chuck Hagel. The key sentences: "The merit of a view owes nothing to the biography of the individual who holds it, even if it confers a certain pathos. A chest full of medals hardly denotes a brain full of truths."

I suspect I am more suspicious of military intervention than Wieseltier, but it is refreshing to read a liberal, not a neo-con, making the case for American intervention in Syria.

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