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Obama Mocks ‘Weak’ Russia, Touts US Global Power

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Speaking at the nuclear security summit today, President Obama loudly mocked Russia’s annexation of the Crimea, insisting it was proof that Russia is a weak regional power rapidly falling into obscurity.

Obama went on to insist that Russia’s military posed no real threat to anyone beyond its immediate neighbors, and certainly didn’t amount to a national security issue for the US.

“I continue to be much more concerned when it comes to our security with the prospect of nuclear weapon going off in Manhattan,” insisted Obama. He went on to suggest that Russia wouldn’t dare move farther than Crimea.

Obama argued Russia has had “enormous influence” over Ukraine’s operation for decades, and the loss of control of Ukraine (in violent protests) led them to desperation in trying to militarily retain Crimea. His argument seems to be the fact that pro-US protesters managed to seize power so easily in Ukraine in the first place, ousting the elected government and touting its replacement regime as “democratic” without any election, proved that Russia is too weak to stop such moves even along their own border.