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I was on Anderson Cooper tonight debating Richard Haass, who described what was happening in Libya as a "civil war." I said that Gaddafi wants us to think it's a civil war, but he has to hire mercenaries to fight for him, and as soon as the cloud of fear is lifted just a little bit citizens declare their hatred of him. I note this because when I got back to my computer I must have 100 messages on Twitter and Facebook from Libyans thanking me for making the point. I think we can support them in part just by pushing back against the idea that this is anything other than a popular revolt. The gratitude in these messages is really something.

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