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The ProJo's Ed Fitzpatrick talks to Professor Jared Goldstein and Professor Peter Margulies about the dynamics between the President and Congress on Syria.

From the PROVIDENCE JOURNAL: "[Will Obama listen to voice of nation, Congress?](#)" by Edward Fitzpatrick

What happens if Congress says “no”?

That question is front and center as President Obama prepares to deliver a prime-time address on Tuesday night, aiming to convince a skeptical public and a skeptical Congress that it makes sense to bomb Syria over the use of chemical weapons. [...]



The U.S. Constitution gives Congress the power to declare war but it also gives the president power as commander in chief, and the question of whether congressional authority is needed for the limited military action contemplated in Syria falls into a “gray area,” said **Roger Williams University School of Law Prof. Jared A. Goldstein**, who teaches constitutional law. [...]



“Obama does not have NATO or the United Nations, so in that regard we are in uncharted waters,” said **Roger Williams University law Prof. Peter S. Margulies**, who teaches national security law. [...]

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