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Does Israel Praise Terrorists who Attack Palestinians?

On July 31, 2015, arsonists set fire to two Palestinian homes in the West Bank village of Duma. An 18-month old boy died in the blaze at the Dawabsheh home, and his father succumbed to his injuries a few days later. The boy's mother and sister are in critical condition. Though nothing has been proven yet, Jewish extremists from the West Bank are suspected of the crime.

Murderous attacks by Jews against Arabs are extremely rare and, when they occur, they are immediately denounced by Israel's leaders and the public. "This is an act of terrorism in every respect," Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said, pledging that Israel would "take firm action" against the perpetrators. His denunciation was echoed by Israel's President, Reuven Rivlin, and members of the opposition parties. The horrific attack was likewise condemned by Jews around the world.

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Tip-Toeing Around Obama

Taking on the President on a matter of national security is a decision that the pro-Israel community does not take lightly. It can adversely impact individuals' and organizations' relations with the White House; it can inflame tensions between Israel and the United States, it can stoke anti-Semitism and, after all of these negative consequences, end in defeat.

The danger represented by the Iran nuclear deal is so great, however, that, for the first time in more than 30 years, the pro-Israel community is directing all its resources to undermining what President Obama considers his greatest foreign policy accomplishment. Obama seems prepared to stop at nothing to

win, including resorting to anti-Semitic tropes, while the pro-Israel community is still constrained by fear of losing access, alienating its allies and giving the President ammunition to paint Jews as disloyal.

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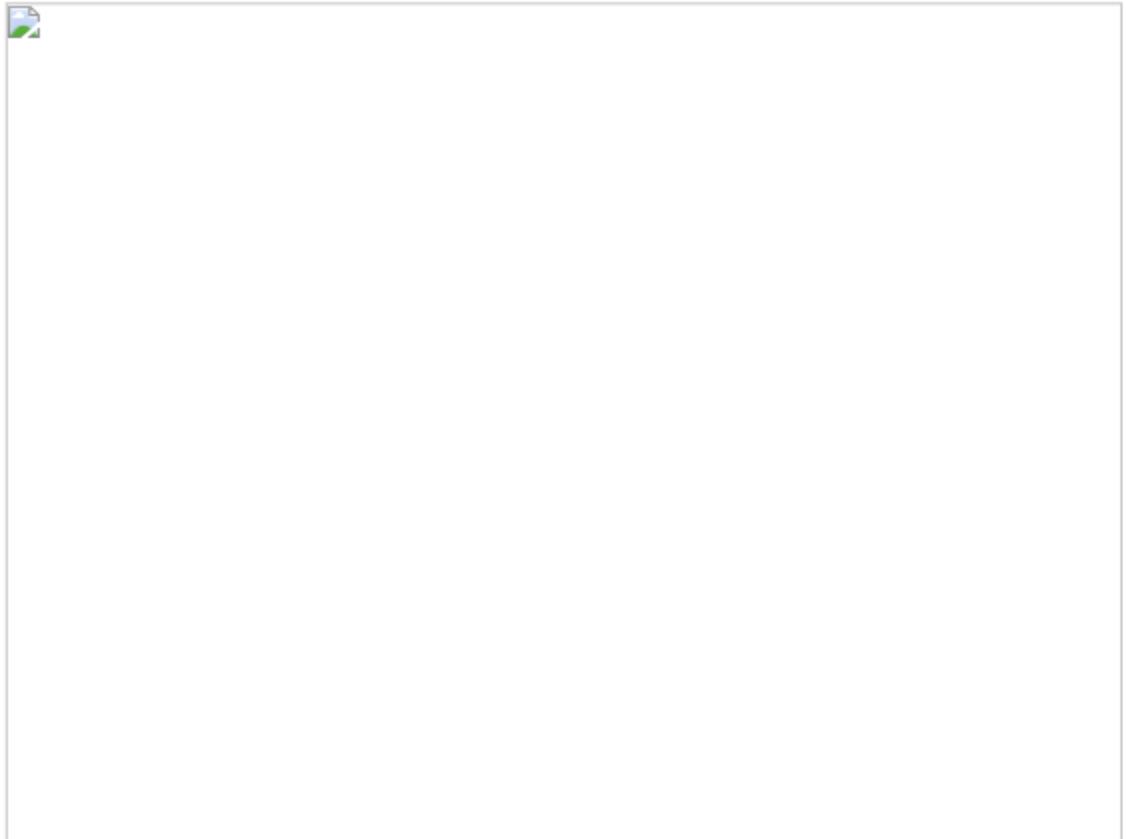
Fact of the Week

Influential Jewish Senator Chuck Schumer Announces his Opposition to the Iran Deal

The most influential Jewish Democrat in Congress, Senator Chuck Schumer, announced with a lengthy statement on August 6, 2015, that he would be voting against approving the nuclear agreement. Schumer cited his chief concern as the fact that the deal may just push a nuclear Iran down the road, and after the deal expires Iran might develop nuclear capabilities. While evaluating the agreement Senator Schumer spent hours meeting with President Obama and his Congressional colleagues, and even met with the P5+1 negotiating team, where he asked and received answers to 14 pages worth of questions. The influential Senator criticized the inspections regime, calling it "weak," and stated that reimposing sanctions on Iran, should they cheat the deal, would be a Herculean task.

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