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## Myths & Facts: Online Exclusive

### Is the Iran Deal Reported in the Media the Best the West Can Get?

The effort to prevent Iran from building nuclear weapons has been at the top of the international agenda for the last several years. Most people agree that the best way to do this is to reach an accord where the Iranians agree to abandon this goal. Unfortunately, the terms of the agreement currently under discussion appear from media reports to be inadequate and dangerous.

Negotiations began with the United States intent on imposing very stringent terms on Iran, which President Obama said would provide a "comprehensive solution that cuts off all of Iran's pathways to a bomb and verifiably ensures the peaceful nature of Iran's nuclear program going forward." Since that time, however, the administration has been retreating from many of the positions it originally held.

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## Mitchell Bard in the Jerusalem Post

### Universities Need to be Held Accountable

Universities like to keep their ivory towers locked and resent outsiders banging on the gates. They insist that they are the sole arbiters of academic freedom, educational quality and professional standards. Like police departments that the public no longer trusts to investigate themselves, universities have become increasingly unreliable when it comes to addressing various types of academic malpractice. Consequently, like police departments, universities need oversight.

One recent example of how universities fail to uphold the standards they profess occurred at the University of California, Riverside. A seminar, "Palestine & Israel: Settler-Colonialism and Apartheid," was offered by an undergraduate student. First, that alone is cause for alarm at a research

university where students pay to be taught by Ph.Ds, though they are often forced to settle for doctoral students. It is extremely unusual for an undergraduate to be allowed to teach any course, let alone one where they have no proven expertise.

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### Fact of the Week

#### Portuguese Citizenship Law Attracts 250 Jewish Applicants

In March 2015, the Portuguese Parliament passed legislation entitling descendants of Jews who left Portugal during the Inquisition period Portuguese citizenship. Three months after the passing of the law, in June 2015, 250 applicants were informed by the Portuguese government that they qualify for citizenship rights under the new law. 200 of these certifications were issued by the Portuguese community of Porto, and 50 were issued by Lisbon. The majority of these approved applicants came from Turkey, but 15 applications were also sent from Israel, and an equal number from the United States. These individuals are not required to relocate to Portugal to receive their citizenship status.

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