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Myths & Facts: Online Exclusive

Did President Obama Back Away from His Early Positions on Requirements for a Deal with Iran?

The administration has changed its position on at least five issues, capitulating to Iranian demands in the belief that these concessions were necessary to reach an agreement (Kristina Wong, "5 key demands US dropped in Iran talks," *The Hill*, April 11, 2015):

1. Since 2009, the Obama administration and the United Nations Security Council demanded that Iran stop all uranium enrichment. Under the framework agreement, however, Iran may continue enriching uranium and producing plutonium for domestic civilian use.
2. Israel originally expected any deal would require Iran to destroy its centrifuges. The administration never made this demand, but envisioned limiting the number to no more than 1,500. Now, however, Iran will be permitted to keep 6,104 centrifuges.
3. The United States originally agreed with the Israeli demand that all of Iran's nuclear facilities be dismantled. Israel was especially insistent on the destruction of the underground nuclear enrichment facility at Fordow and the heavy water reactor at Arak. Both facilities remain open under the framework agreement.
4. The framework does not put any limitations on the continued development of ballistic missiles, including those capable of carrying nuclear warheads.
5. Originally, a deal was supposed to last for more than 20 years, but the administration has now reduced that number to 10 to 15. Worse, President Obama admitted that by the end of the 15 years, Iran would have the capability to reduce the breakout time for building a bomb to almost zero ("Transcript: President Obama's Full NPR Interview On Iran Nuclear Deal", *NPR*, April 7, 2015).

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The Iran Bill to Nowhere

Senator Bob Corker is to be commended for a masterful job of obtaining a consensus to support a bill giving Congress a say in the terms of a final deal with Iran and authority to determine whether U.S. sanctions should be lifted. Unfortunately, the bill is counterproductive and will not accomplish the seminal goal of American diplomacy, which is the curtailing of the Iranian nuclear program.

The number of Democrats prepared to defy their president must have shocked the White House; nevertheless, the administration tried to spin the embarrassment as a victory because of a trivial reduction in the number of days Congress has to review an agreement, and the more substantive removal of a provision requiring the president to certify Iran no longer engages in terrorism. Others suggested the president was forced to abandon his veto threat when it became clear it would be overridden.

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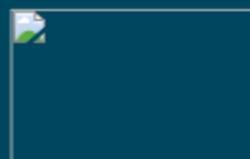
Fact of the Week

Israeli Independence Day is on Thursday April 23

Held on the fifth day of the Hebrew calendar month of Iyar, Yom Ha'atzmaut is a modern holiday celebrating [Israel's independence](#) in 1948. Israeli Independence Day is always immediately preceded by [Yom Hazikaron](#) - Memorial Day for the [Fallen Israeli Soldiers](#). The message of linking these two days is clear: Israelis owe their independence - the very existence of the state - to the soldiers who sacrificed their lives for it.

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