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Letters to the Editor

No Iran Deal

Russell Haas's letter to the editor in your November 23, 2015 issue is not only alarmingly naïve but also both disturbingly illogical and glaringly lacking in source identification concerning key allegations made supporting his hypotheses of the positive good of Obama's what I call "capitulation" to Iran, allowing their unfettered development of nuclear weapons and complementary global delivery systems, called the Iran Nuclear Agreement or the "Iran Deal."

There are at least two major highly debatable premises: First, he writes, "No hard evidence of any Iranian nuclear weapons program has been found by any of our intelligence agencies since 2007."

Does he have classified knowledge not available to me from "our intelligence organizations" about the Iranians since 2007? What proof supports such a claim?

Then he castigates "supposed [but unnamed and unidentified] veterans groups composed of those who served decades ago, but have no access to any present classified knowledge."

Is the word "supposed" a sarcastic insult to hundreds of retired flag officers of various services, with virtually centuries of military experience and expertise, who see from the publicly known portions of the agreement that it possesses the potential to be deadly, lethally detrimental to the Republic?

Just how are their experienced judgments inferior in credibility to Haas's willingness to accept the least bad agreement the Iranians say they are willing to proffer?

How is their opinion inferior to that of a president who stated he wants to "transform" the United States?

Second, he wrote, "This limiting agreement, which is deemed the best available..." What is the credible, specific source deeming this agreement "the best available?"

Further, he asks if the powers-that-be want confrontation with Iran "so as to avoid confronting the many far more serious problems which face our nation and its citizens today?"

What "far more serious problems" are there than a nuclear-armed Iran that is armed due to our intransigence about the idea that any agreement is not as bad as no agreement, even when an agreement gives away the farm, while providing a sworn enemy of America and Israel with nuclear weapons?

TNA entitled Haas's letter "What Are the Downsides to Iran Deal?"

But I pose another, more difficult, more germane question: "What Are the Upsides to Iran Deal?" Keep in mind the capitulation to and appeasement by Neville Chamberlain to Adolf Hitler, for example!

Also remember Ronald Reagan's demonstrated success with "peace through strength." Recall how long it took Iran to release its U.S. hostages after Ronald Reagan succeeded to the presidency after the spineless, gutless, wimpy, effete, impotent foreign policies of President Jimmy Carter.

George Santayana said, "Those who cannot learn from history are doomed to repeat it."

We now have a report from the *National Review* entitled "State Department: Iran Deal Is Not 'Legally Binding' and Iran Didn't Sign It," claiming that Iran did not sign the so-called agreement: "President



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Obama didn't require Iranian leaders to sign the nuclear deal that his team negotiated with the regime."

A second source, MRCTV, reported that the State Department says the deal is not binding in an article entitled "State Dept. Says Iran Deal Not 'Legally Binding or Signed.'" How then is this still a "limiting agreement," in Haas's words, as far as Iran is concerned?

I find no precedent or historical anecdote where capitulation gained anything positive. Indeed, a bully's MO is to take what he gets from a threat and then insist on more. So, therefore, I await a logical explanation of what are any upsides of what I consider the great Iranian giveaway of the opportunity to become a nuclear armed force with no resistance from the United States.

Also, why not implement "peace through strength" and tell Iran that they are not allowed to develop or possess a nuclear capability, and then negotiate with them about precisely how we will ascertain and continue to verify their nuclear impotence?

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