

The Cost of This Bad Iran Deal

- ☒ ***Iran gets most everything it wants.*** Iran gets tens of billions of dollars in sanctions relief upfront while it is reintegrated into the global economy, is continuing to frustrate international inspectors on its past bomb work, and—if it simply waits 15 years—is allowed an internationally recognized nuclear program capable of quickly enriching material for multiple nuclear weapons. ***There are bipartisan objections to giving permanent sanctions relief for temporary nuclear restrictions.***
- ☒ ***Risks a Regional Arms Race.*** This deal will likely set off an arms race in the already volatile Middle East as Arab countries seek to match Iran’s new found strength. As Iran is granted industrial enrichment, countries like Saudi Arabia will likely follow—keeping their options open in case Iran rushes toward the bomb.
- ☒ ***We lose leverage while Iran gains leverage.*** This deal removes key sanctions on Iran’s ballistic missiles and support for terrorism. Yet, if the U.S. moves to re-impose sanctions on Iran for these dangerous activities or ongoing human rights abuses, Iran could use a “nuclear snapback”—claiming we’re violating the deal and threatening to rush towards the bomb.
- ☒ ***Russia Wins Big.*** Putin came out on top, working with Iran at the last minute to gut the UN arms embargo so Russia can sell the terrorist regime millions in weapons. This won’t make anyone safe.

An Alternative Iran Deal

- ➔ ***Must Last Decades.*** In this deal, key restrictions “sunset” in just 8 to 15 years. As 367 Member of Congress called for earlier this year, a better deal would keep them in place for ***decades***.
- ➔ ***Anytime/Anywhere Inspections.*** If inspectors have evidence of cheating, they must be able to quickly investigate. Iran should not get 24 days—or more—to cover its tracks.
- ➔ ***No Missiles.*** Countries develop ICBMs for one reason—to deliver nuclear warheads. As the Secretary of Defense recently made clear—the “I” in ICBM stands for “intercontinental.” That means Iran wants the ability to strike the United States. A better deal would force Iran to end its missile program.
- ➔ ***Truly Limited Enrichment.*** If Iran wants to demonstrate that it has mastered this technology, it could do so with a hundred centrifuges—not the thousands that this agreement leaves spinning. Our closest allies in the Middle East have made clear that they could accept such truly limited enrichment.

How to Get a Better Iran Deal

- ✓ ***Play A Stronger Hand.*** Iran is a terrorist state under heavy international sanctions for threatening international security; the United States is the world’s leading democracy. Our allies look to us for leadership—is this the best deal we could get?
- ✓ ***Maintain Key Sanctions.*** The most effective sanctions were passed by Congress—they cut off Iran’s central bank and force companies and countries to choose between doing business with Iran or with the United States. These powerful sanctions will remain in place if Congress blocks this bad deal.
- ✓ ***Cut off Iran from its Terrorist Proxies.*** An isolated Iran will be more likely to come back to the negotiating table. In May the House passed HR 2297– the Hezbollah International Financing Prevention Act of 2015 by a vote of 423 to 0. The Senate should pass and the President should sign this bipartisan legislation.
- ✓ ***Show American Leadership.*** Bringing Iran and our negotiating partners back to the table to negotiate a good deal will take time and effort but can ultimately be successful. ***No country wants a nuclear armed Iran. Most countries want American leadership.***

