

Israel Lobby Is Actively Promoting War On Iran

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AIPAC Conference Promotes War

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On March 3, AIPAC's 2013 conference began. It "Celebrate(s) 65 Years of Friendship." Washington again was venue. A rogue's gallery of participants attended. Warmongering speeches were featured. AIPAC does it annually.

It calls Iran "the world's leading state sponsor of terrorism and is racing toward a nuclear weapons capability."

AIPAC lobbied successfully to impose lawless sanctions on Iran. It wants Tehran's government toppled.

It wants unchallenged Israeli regional dominance. It favors no-holds-barred belligerence to achieve it.

Expose AIPAC for what it is. It menaces freedom and peace. It embraces war. Its conferences glorify it.

US legislators are heavily pressured. AIPAC wants Washington's diplomatic, military and economic support if Israel attack Iran preemptively.

AIPAC wants war. Doing so is lawless, madness and self-destructive.

"America must make clear that it will act to prevent Iran from achieving the capability to build a nuclear weapon at a time of its choosing," it says.

"Contain(ing) a nuclear Iran" is inadequate. US policy must reject any possibility of Tehran developing nuclear weapons. All options must be considered, including "military action."

Economic sanctions must be "accelerated" and "crippling." Washington should do whatever it takes to prevent a nuclear Iran.

AIPAC president [Michael Kassen](#) welcomed participants. He lied saying Israel is threatened. He called America its most reliable ally.

"Today, that relationship is more important than ever before," he said. "Are we doing everything we can to ensure that America will stand by the side of Israel now and always?"

"For the sake of the United States; for the sake of Israel, our only answer can be and must be 'Yes!' "

He's concerned about America's "growing allure of isolationism." It threatens US/Israeli relations. It's "extremely dangerous" for Israel's security and well-being.

America's leadership is changing, he warned. Over 40% of US legislators in recent years are new. Many never visited Israel. Many others never travelled abroad.

Many on congressional committees have no foreign policy experience. He stressed reaching beyond AIPAC's traditional Jewish base of support.

Silence greeted his warnings. Standing ovations followed his affirmation of US support.

[Michael Oren](#) is Israel's US ambassador. He opened AIPAC's conference. He addressed its plenary session.

He lied saying "diplomacy hasn't worked and sanctions haven't stopped the Iranian nuclear program."

"We seem to be negotiating with ourselves," he added. "What is the price of inaction," he asked?

He wants Israel declared a "major strategic ally." AIPAC prioritizes it. Getting it will be unique. No other nation has it. It may exempt Israel from sequestration cuts. It advance the ball for war.

In Foreign Policy's May/June 2011 edition, [Oren headlined](#) "The Ultimate Ally," saying:

Washington "has no better friend in the world than Israel." Roots are longstanding. Most Americans support it.

"America needs Israel now more than ever."

"Israel has always sided with the United States on major global issues."

Former Secretary of State Alexander Haig called Israel "the largest American aircraft carrier in the world that cannot be sunk, does not carry even one American soldier, and is located in a critical region for American national security."

"Israel not only enhances America's defenses - it also saves American lives," said Oren.

"In return for its aid to Israel, the United States receives not only an armed but an innovative ally, enhancing America's military edge."

"ISRAEL IS AMONG THE FEW COUNTRIES in the world - and the only Middle Eastern state - to consistently stand alongside the United States on strategic issues. "

"A nuclear-armed Iran will imperil every pro-Western Middle Eastern state and ignite a nuclear arms race in an inherently unstable region."

"Israel remains the region's only credible foil to Iran."

"Israel is the only Middle Eastern state never to oppose America on major international issues."

Its benefits are "incalculable." They "outweigh any price." It's a "partner par excellence." It's "America's ultimate ally."

Washington needs Israel now more than ever, said Oren. He's instructed to repeat it ad nauseam. He wants "major strategic ally" status.

He wants America's support for war. He wants its independent government toppled. He wants its major regional rival eliminated. He wants a subservient pro-Western vassal state replacing it.

Netanyahu's home in Israel. He repeated a familiar theme. He said Iran uses nuclear talks to buy time. It "continue(s) enriching nuclear material for an atomic bomb and is indeed getting closer to this goal."

"(I)n the coming days, I will continue my efforts to unify and galvanize forces ahead of the major national and international challenges that we face."

Dennis Ross and Eliot Abrams participated in a Sunday AIPAC panel discussion. They're hawkish pro-Israeli flacks. They're unindicted war criminals. They claimed Iran deceived P5+1 countries.

Ross called its strategy "rope-a-dope." It's buying time. He urged P5+1 countries to "go for an endgame strategy."

He wants Iran made an offer it can't refuse. He wants an alternative stressed if it does. He wants Washington and other P5+1 countries to be more aggressive. He has war in mind.

When Netanyahu and Obama meet, they'll define "prevention." They want "better understanding of when (it) fails and force becomes inevitable."

Abrams favors it. He accused Iran of advancing its nuclear weapons program. No evidence whatever suggests it. Abrams knows it. He lied.

He added more. He said Tehran helps Assad in Syria and Hezbollah in Lebanon. He ignored Washington's support for anti-Syrian government terrorists. He said nothing about its regional menace. He focused on belligerence and bald-faced lies.

Outgoing Israeli Defense Minister [Ehud Barak](#) spoke. He keynoted the conference. He called for Washington to establish a "regional security framework."

He wants one able to unite regional countries around the "joint challenges of radical Islamic terror, border security, missile defense and Iran."

He suggested anti-Iranian sanctions and diplomacy failed. He doesn't believe they'll produce "a moment of truth in which the ayatollahs will give up their nuclear program."

He wants all options considered. "(A)nd we expect all who say it to mean it," he stressed. We in Israel, he added, "mean it. Let me repeat - we mean it."

He left little ambiguity where he stands. Netanyahu is likeminded. So is AIPAC. It's openly stated priority is obtaining "major strategic ally" status. Its equally clear one is war on Iran.

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