



# THE THREAT FROM IRAN

## CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS KNOW THE DANGER POSED BY A NUCLEAR IRAN

Leading members of Congress from both sides of the aisle oppose an Iranian nuclear weapons capability.

“Iran is the chief sponsor of terrorism around the world; it is directly linked to organizations targeting American soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan. Iran trains, finances, and equips groups like Hamas and Hezbollah, groups that support violence and destruction and the end of Israel. But by far the greatest danger that we all face is Iran’s pursuit of nuclear weapons.”

– Speaker of the House John Boehner (R-OH)



“We must be vigilant, as we are, about what is going on in Iran. I repeat, we must act now—and act quickly—to further tighten sanctions against Iran. These sanctions are a key tool as we work to stop them from obtaining nuclear weapons, threatening Israel and further terrorizing other parts of the world.”

– Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV)

“A nuclear-armed Iran would pose a threat to Israel, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, the United Arab Emirates, and Bahrain. It would threaten sea lines of communication and commerce. And it would be further emboldened in its support for terrorist groups and arms proliferators.”

– Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY)



“An Iran with a nuclear weapon would be an urgent threat to global security and to the security of the United States of America. The pursuit of a world free of nuclear weapons is a key pillar of U.S. foreign policy. It is in the interest of America’s security; it has been the policy of Democratic and Republican presidents alike. It is a critical part of building a safer world for our families and for the next generation.”

– House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA)



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“In the Middle East, now is the time to be realists—to wake up, before all dreams turn into an unbearable nightmare. We must stop Iran from developing a nuclear bomb. To minimize the Iranian threat is to fall into the same trap that led to the Holocaust—a lack of imagination about how far evil can go.”

– House Majority Leader Eric Cantor (R-VA)



“A nuclear Iran would be not only a grave danger to Israel but also to the United States and our allies in Europe. It would spark a nuclear arms race in the Persian Gulf and threaten the global oil supply. It also would carry the risk of Iranian nuclear weapons technology potentially ending up in [the] hands of terrorist groups intending to use them against American targets.”

– House Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer (D-MD)



“The Iranian nuclear program is a threat to the entire world ... If Iran is allowed to acquire a nuclear weapons capability, it will set off a cascade of nuclear proliferation as other countries in the region seek atomic arsenals of their own.”

– Senator Joe Lieberman (I-CT)



“The regime in Tehran poses an immediate and growing threat to the United States, to our allies—an existential threat to our friend and ally Israel—and to the Iranian people. A nuclear Iran is unacceptable, and our fundamental strategic objective is to prevent Iran from obtaining a nuclear-weapons capability and to compel it to permanently end its pursuit of such weapons.”

– House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL)  
and House Foreign Affairs Committee Ranking Member Howard Berman (D-CA)