

holding legitimate points of view and valid criticism of Israel-but who in recent years no longer believes the Jewish state should continue to exist and has become the poster boy for anti-Zionists.

Indeed, Beinart has already claimed "I no longer believe in a Jewish state."

Beinart frequently claims his extremist views are from a place of love, because he has family in Israel and still cares about the Jewish people. However, his latest screed in the NYT-"America Needs to Start Telling the Truth About Israel's Nukes"-is an argument that seeks to end the Jewish state's defenses and leave it vulnerable to destruction.

The central thesis of Beinart's article is that the U.S. should not be giving Iran a hard time about its nuclear weapons program while Israel supposedly has one, and is being ignored.

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First, to equate a genocidal terrorist-supporting theocratic Islamist state with the State of Israel, should provide an early indication that this is not going to be a fair piece—let alone remotely sensible. Beinart equates two nuclear programs in the same way as saying the Allies and the Nazis <u>both had militaries</u> during the Second World War.

Outrageously, Beinart neglects to mention the differences in threats Iran and Israel have on their allies, enemies and the rest of the world. The *NY Times* editors apparently <u>didn't think it relevant</u> to insist that Beinart mention these dispositive facts:

The Islamic Republic of Iran is currently the world's number one <u>state supporter</u> <u>of terrorism</u>. It has been on the U.S. State Department's List of State Sponsors of Terrorism since 1984. According to Ashley Lane of the Wilson Center: "Since the 1979 revolution, Iran has built a network of proxies across the Middle East. At the beginning of 2020, Tehran had allies among more than a dozen major militias, some with their own political parties that challenged local and neighboring governments.

"Iran's Revolutionary Guards and the elite Quds Force provided arms, training and financial support to militias and political movements in at least six countries: Bahrain, Iraq, Lebanon, the Palestinian Territories, Syria and Yemen." Iran has <u>committed terrorist attacks</u> in Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America.

In 2005, President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said clearly that Israel should be "wiped off the map." Iran Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, said in 2012 "Israel is a <u>cancerous tumor</u> that should be cut and will be cut."

Most all Iranian government rallies promote "Death to Israel, Death to America" chants, egged on by the Supreme Leader and other senior leaders.

This state-sanctioned incitement to genocide is a crime under international law, which prohibits encouraging genocide. Incitement to genocide is subject to prosecution even if genocide does not occur, because history has taught us that we cannot afford to wait until genocide physically occurs.

Thus, Beinart compares Iran, a nation that has openly declared its intention to destroy a whole nation and millions of people—and is building a capability to do so—with Israel. He also knows that Israel has been described as a "<u>one-bomb</u> <u>country</u>"—which means that while many nations in the world would be able to absorb a nuclear weapons attack, Israel, because of its size and population density, could be destroyed with one nuclear bomb.

Beinart also knows this issue has *nothing* to do with Iran. He simply wants to deprive Israel of the ability to defend itself. Fact is, the State of Israel has <u>not</u> <u>been attacked</u> by any nation in the region since 1973, primarily because of its enemies' understanding of its nuclear capabilities.

This shifting balance of power in the region had led to a cold peace—and now something approaching an alliance—best seen in the recent <u>spate of agreements</u> between Israel and pragmatic Sunni nations.

Many of these agreements are also predicated on a mutual distrust of Iran, which is seen as destabilizing the region. A nuclear Iran would be a threat to all. Beinart's call to unravel Israel's nuclear program directly threatens the newfound placed in media nationwide every month: The dire threats from Iran, Hamas and Hizbollah, the injustice of BDS, Palestinian anti-Semitism and more. If you support a bold voice that tells the truth about Israel in American media, please donate now.





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peace in the region and leaves Israel vulnerable to destruction.

Dennis Ross—a diplomat who worked with the first Bush, then Clinton and Obama administrations—offers a far more sensible strategy. Ross wrote an essay—"To Deter Iran, Give Israel a Big Bomb"—in which he suggests the U.S. provide Israel the capability to <u>destroy Iran's nuclear weapons program</u>, as the Islamic Republic seems to have no interest in returning to negotiations under the JCPOA deal.

Ross suggests pressuring Iran over its nuclear program by providing Israel with "<u>mountain-buster</u>" technology. The U.S. GBU-57 Massive Ordnance Penetrator has the ability to destroy Iran's underground nuclear enrichment facility at Fordow. Ross argues, "The Iranians may doubt whether the U.S. would follow through on its threats; they won't have any trouble believing the Israelis will."

Ross a thoughtful career diplomat (and also a Jew)—who understands international relations and diplomacy—shows the real way to end Iran's nuclear capability. He also understands what Peter Beinart apparently cannot. Indeed, Beinart's thesis is so ludicrous he makes other anti-Semite contributors to the *Times* almost look reasonable. That's scary.

Please let friends, family, colleagues and your elected representatives know that the only way to stop Iran is through a <u>serious threat</u> —not by trying to "level the playing field," and forcing the only Jewish state to give up its greatest tool for preventing a second Holocaust.

I hope you'll also take a minute, while you have this material front and center, to forward this message to friends, visit FLAME's lively <u>Facebook page</u> and review the P.S. immediately below. It describes FLAME's new *hasbarah* campaign —which exposes "The Ugly Truth About Hamas" and those who support the terrorist group.

Best regards,

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P.S. During the war between Hamas and Israel last May, many mainstream media, as well as leftists and a few progressive politicians, opposed Israel's defensive actions against unprovoked missile attacks by the Palestinian terrorist group. Some even actively supported Hamas's aggression. This despite the fact that Hamas is one of the world's most oppressive and warlike ruling parties. To dispel the myth that Hamas is an "underdog" representing legitimate Palestinian interests, FLAME has created a new hasbarah message called "The Ugly Truth about Hamas." I hope you'll review this convincing, fact-based paid editorial, which ran on July 4 in the Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, Chicago Tribune and other media nationwide. It spells out specifically Hamas's avowed mission to kill Jews and destroy the State of Israel. This piece will also be sent to all members of Congress, Vice President Harris and President Biden. If you agree that this kind of public relations effort on Israel's behalf is critical, I urge you to support us. Remember: FLAME's powerful ability to influence public opinion-and U.S. support of Israel -comes from individuals like you, one by one. I hope you'll consider

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