

Reagan's America Funded Israel's Iron Dome, Biden Blocked It

Iran, the world's leading terrorist nation (which previously held Americans hostage for 444 days until President Ronald Reagan secured their release), recently rained down 120 ballistic missiles, 170 drones and 30 cruise missiles on Israel. It was an unprecedented direct attack following its previous Hamas proxy attack on Oct. 6, 2023, which killed 1163 people (including Americans) and was the equivalent of 50,000 Americans being killed in our 9/11 Islamic attack.

President Joe Biden applauded the stunning success of the Jewish leaders employing their "Iron Dome" technology and obliterating 99% of the weapons of destruction. He attempted to bask in the glow of the monumental achievement, but do you know the backstory of Biden's opposition to this advanced system when Reagan presented the concept to America in the '80s?

Heeding History

British statesman Winston Churchill is honored as the leader who primarily saved Western civilization. When Britain's Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain returned from a 1938 meeting with Hitler foolishly declaring, "There is peace in our time!" Churchill knew better, refusing to project weakness and gamble with appeasement by avoiding conflict. He told the English citizens, "Those who fail to learn the lessons of history are condemned to repeat them."

He looked at the big picture, as did Kennedy in the Cuban missile crisis and Reagan in standing up to Marxism and Islamic terrorism. Today we face a similar situation where peaceniks, Jew-hating activists and understandably cautious

people don't want to risk escalating any Middle East tensions. They say we should tolerate the unfair demonizing of Israel; keep giving Iran billions (being used to develop a nuclear weapon and proxy terrorism attacks); avoid justified retaliation; try again for the failed two-state solution; call for a cease-fire; give them \$6 billion in ransom for five hostages; ignore their failure to cooperate with European nations to restore sanctions; and stop being concerned about their growing alliance with China, Russia and North Korea.

Iran's leaders laugh all the way to the bank with the \$100 billion given them directly or indirectly, with the U.S. hoping they'll not continue developing a nuclear weapon to dangerously change the entire Middle East region and bring us to the brink of an apocalyptic holocaust.

Iran's fanatical leaders declare, "Death to Israel and America—the great Satan!"

Iran is the No. 1 state sponsor of terrorism. The nation is developing long-range ballistic missiles capable of hitting America and can cut off oil passing through the Red Sea to bring about another disastrous energy crisis as we had in 1979 (which I remember painfully well).

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Facing Reality

Richard Goldberg, senior advisor for the Security Council of the Trump administration states, "Iran is at the one-yard line of their nuclear weapon capability and in April demonstrated their delivery with the multi missile assault on Israel." Former CIA Director David Petraeus states, "The U.S. and Israel will never let Iran have a nuclear weapon," but will the Biden administration do so?

America's future—and that of our children and grandchildren—is

at stake. Economic, political and especially military measures must be employed as we return to Reagan's "peace through strength."

The acceleration of Iran's nuclear program was ignited when Biden took office. We're inching toward a defining moment in dealing with this powder keg.

Prudent or Patsies?

"The prudent see danger and take refuge but the simple keep going and pay the penalty (Prov. 27:12, NIV).

1983

Reagan unveiled in the Oval Office his vision for replacing Mutually Assured Destruction with a Strategic Defense Initiative to protect America. Democrats mocked it, calling it a "Star Wars" fantasy.

It is a matter of historical record that then Senator Joe Biden and "all Democrats opposed it." For years, they worked to defund it and kill it through amendments.

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As the Dallas Morning News reported, "Among the most vocal critics of the Reagan doctrine and a strong voice for removing it from the bargaining table was then Senator Joe Biden, who said, 'The president's adherence to SDI constitutes one of the most reckless and irresponsible acts in the history of modern state craft.' Reagan stood fast in the face of that pressure and refused to back off his missile defense initiative."

1986

Reagan met with Soviet leader Gorbachev in Iceland for a summit on nuclear disarmament. Biden, the Democrats and

Gorbachev wanted Reagan to bargain away the SDI system, but he refused. He knew that in the Cold War, the Soviets did not have the technology or the resources for such a system. He refused to be intimidated.

Reagan said communism was an “evil empire” that belonged “on the trash heap of history.” He went to the Berlin Wall and called on Gorbachev in no uncertain terms to “tear down this wall!” Then in 1990 the 30-year Berlin Wall came down, and in 1991 the Soviet Union collapsed.

In the face of ongoing opposition from Biden and the Democrat Party, Reagan met with Israeli leaders to share SDI technology to partner in developing it. Since 1986 the United States and Israel developed the “Star Wars” technology that was used to stop and humiliate Iran in this recent Iranian attack. Today, they continue working on an advanced system that will use lasers with pinpoint accuracy to shoot missiles and planes out of the sky.

The historic Abraham Accords engineered by the Trump administration to work with Israel and moderate Arab nations, who distrust and dislike the radical Iranian regime, has tragically been sabotaged and its diplomatic success blunted by the current administration, but the 2024 election brings renewed hope.

Here's the Deal

Reagan once gave a speech citing “twilight’s last gleaming.” He pointed out that our national anthem concludes not with a declaration but a question: “Is our flag still there?”

In this time of growing campus protests (organized and funded, not “spontaneous”), ignorant students celebrate Hamas (who tortured, beheaded, raped and killed 1163 adults, children and babies and featured it in videos). We must learn the lessons of history, act courageously and pray fervently while communicating the gospel and truth so our flag will still be

there.

Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years, telling our children and our grandchildren what it was once like in the United States where men were free.

—Ronald Reagan, "The Gipper"

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