

Highest Ranking US Jewish Lawmaker Calls for Removal of Israel's Democratically Elected Leader

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer says he believes Israel needs to hold new elections in the wake of October 7. It's the harshest criticism of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu since Israel's war with Hamas began.

Schumer (D-NY) says he wants Israel to change course if it wants a safe and prosperous future.

"Prime Minister Netanyahu has lost his way by allowing his political survival to take precedence over the best interest of Israel ... The Netanyahu coalition no longer fits the needs of Israel after October 7," the Senate Majority Leader said.

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He claims Netanyahu has put himself in a coalition with far-right extremists, and as a result, has been too willing to tolerate the toll of the war on civilians in Gaza. "Israel cannot survive if it becomes a pariah," the New York Democrat said.

The top Republican in the Senate, Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY), immediately rebuked Schumer's remarks, calling it "foreign interference" to suggest the removal of a democratically elected leader.

"The Jewish State of Israel deserves an ally that acts like is not a colony of America, whose leaders serve at the pleasure of the party in power in Washington. Only Israel's citizens

should have a say in who runs their government,” McConnell said.

Schumer’s comments came as part of a larger speech about how to move forward after the war.

“The only real and sustainable solution to this decades-old conflict is a negotiated two-state solution, a demilitarized Palestinian state living side-by-side with Israel in equal measures of peace, security, prosperity, dignity and mutual recognition,” he argued.

Schumer said this can never happen unless four key obstacles are removed.

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