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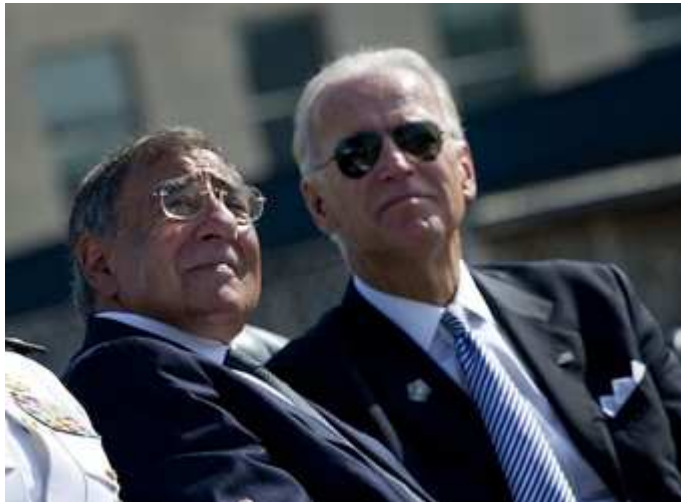
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The Administration Is Swinging Wildly on Iran

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In November, Michael Cohen [wrote](#) ^[3] an item titled “Leon Panetta Is Losing It,” in which he criticized Secretary Panetta for [stating publicly](#) ^[4] his view that the cuts to military spending triggered by the failure of the supercommittee would “invite aggression” and transform the U.S. military into a “paper tiger.”

I’m sad to report that Secretary Panetta apparently still hasn’t found it. On the CBS Evening News last night, he [misinformed](#) ^[5] the American people yet again, this time regarding the threat posed by the Iranian nuclear program:

[Scott] Pelley: So are you saying that Iran can have a nuclear weapon in 2012?

Panetta: It would probably be about a year before they can do it. Perhaps a little less. But one proviso, Scott, is if they have a hidden facility somewhere in Iran that may be enriching fuel.