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## Is the Iran nuclear deal good for U.S.?

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A little more than a year ago, as the 2016 presidential campaign was still in its early stages, the United States and five other world powers unveiled a final agreement with Iran designed to prevent it — or at least postpone it for several years — from developing nuclear weapons.

With two major party nominees headed for a showdown in November, the deal has become a flashpoint in the campaign.

Republican nominee **Donald Trump** has characterized it as a sweetheart deal for Iran and vowed to renegotiate it. Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton has claimed credit for forcing Iran to the negotiating table as U.S. secretary of state and pledged to uphold the deal.

Critics of the deal, including one of today's guest columnists, find plenty to dislike. It grants Iran access to tens of billions of dollars in frozen assets and lets the country go back to selling oil on international markets. Yet it doesn't stop the regime from supporting terrorist groups and other U.S. enemies.

Defenders of the deal, including today's other guest columnist, concede that Iran is still a bad actor, but has complied with the restrictions on its nuclear program to stop it from quickly building a bomb. And these gains were realized without a military confrontation.

Count on hearing more of both views from the candidates — especially when they face off in their debates.

To learn more:

- Read more on the Iran nuclear deal and other topics from the Center for American Progress at [americanprogress.org](http://americanprogress.org).
- The American Foreign Policy Council's take on the Iran deal and other topics are at [afpc.org](http://afpc.org)

- The Cato Institute, a Libertarian think tank, has more on the pros and cons of the deal. Go to [cato.org](http://cato.org) and search "Iran nuclear deal."