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Neither Donald Trump nor Ilhan Omar and Rashida Tlaib should be allowed to undermine bipartisan support for America's closest ally in the Middle East.

Israel is the only democracy in the Middle East, and it stands as a bulwark against radical Islamist threats, whether coming from Iran or ISIS. From this standpoint, values and interests have made Israel an American interest—not a Republican or Democratic interest. Politics can be fickle, and being a bipartisan interest has been critical to Israel's standing in this country. True, at times one party or the other might have been more sympathetic toward Israel. But the important point is that the fundamental nature of Israel being nonpartisan was always sustained...

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