

# How Biden Can Overcome Iran's Maximum Pressure

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**The administration needs to demonstrate that its pursuit of nuclear negotiations will not inhibit the lengths it will go to counter Tehran's regional provocations.**

Iran's Supreme Leader wants sanctions relief. To get the Biden administration off its "compliance for compliance" approach, in which sanctions relief cannot come before the Iranians reverse their breaches of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, Tehran has adopted a Trump-like "maximum pressure" policy. Its leaders are acting as if coercion can work and carries little risk. In this early test of the Biden administration, with others watching to see how the president and his team will respond, Iran's leaders must be shown that they cannot gain from this posture...

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