

# Preventing an Iranian Nuclear Breakout: U.S.-Israel Coordination

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**A**lthough the United States and Israel agree that Iran should not be permitted to have nuclear weapons, they may not see eye-to-eye on how to achieve that goal. In particular, high-profile disagreements have surfaced regarding redlines and deadlines for termination of the regime's nuclear program. In addition to complicating U.S.-Israeli relations, such public rifts could lead Tehran to believe that it can continue its nuclear activities without fear of consequences.

In spring and summer 2012, The Washington Institute convened a strategic dialogue with a small group of knowledgeable and influential Israelis and Americans to discuss bilateral consultation on prevention. This report represents the authors' conclusions after participating in that dialogue. With the presidential campaign season in full swing and the probability of a strike growing, their recommendations for how to coordinate U.S. and Israeli actions are more timely than ever.

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