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## The Failure of Obama's Personal Diplomacy

The 2008 Obama-Biden [Plan](#) on foreign policy compares poorly to the 2012 results of the Obama-Biden administration.

**Standing in the World.** “Barack Obama and Joe Biden will renew America’s security and standing in the world through a new era of American leadership.”

- Anti-American protests have now spread to [33](#) countries in the world.

**Resetting Relationships.** “Obama and Biden . . . will signal that America is ready to come to the table and is willing to lead. And if America is willing to come to the table, the world will be more willing to rally behind American leadership to deal with challenges.”

- Despite the “reset,” Russia has vetoed three United Nations Security Council Resolutions pertaining to Syria.
- “Prosecutors Link Money From China to Iran.” – [New York Times](#), August 29, 2012

**Diplomacy with Iran.** Presidential candidate Obama “supports tough, direct presidential diplomacy with Iran without preconditions. Now is the time to pressure Iran directly to change their troubling behavior.”

- “Iran doubles underground nuclear capacity” – [Reuters](#), August 30, 2012

**U.S. – Israel Relations.** “Barack Obama and Joe Biden strongly support the U.S. – Israel relationship . . . [They] have stated that the United States will never distance itself from Israel.”

- “The Obama administration had declined a request from Mr. Netanyahu’s office for a meeting with Mr. Obama when the Israeli leader attends the United Nations General Assembly this month.” – [New York Times](#), Sept. 12, 2012

Given the failure of President Obama’s personal diplomacy, Henry Kissinger in testimony to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee [criticized](#) “the belief that one can build a consensual basis of foreign policy largely on the emotional rapport with the American leadership.”