

JEWISH INSIDER

1). Do you believe there is a concerning rise of antisemitism on the [Right or Left], including in your own party? How do you propose to address this issue?

There has been a troubling rise of antisemitism in American politics, and in Congress, I have spoken out against it. Bigotry of all forms, including antisemitism, must be condemned, including by increased understanding and tolerance between communities and cultures.

2). Do you think a two-state solution will facilitate peace between Israelis and Palestinians? If so, what are the basic parameters? If not a two-state solution, what do you suggest? What do you agree or disagree with about the Trump peace plan?

I believe that a two-state solution is the best possible outcome between Israelis and Palestinians. A peace agreement should be negotiated primarily by the Israeli and Palestinian governments, resolve the status of each state's borders, and guarantee the security of both sides of the agreement. While I appreciate any effort to reach peace, the Trump administration's proposed peace plan is deeply flawed. The most fundamental issue is that the plan was not a result of negotiations between the Israelis and the Palestinians.

3). Why would you re-enter or stay out of the JCPOA with Iran? If re-enter, under what conditions or changes? How should the United States deal with the Iranian government on an ongoing basis? Should the U.S. military maintain a presence in the Middle East?

I support re-entering the JCPOA. While it is certainly not perfect, the JCPOA represents the most responsible option to hold Iran accountable and halt its pursuit of nuclear weapons. The Trump administration's decision to violate and exit the JCPOA undermines regional, Israeli, and U.S. security interests. The Iranian regime's hostility to both the United States and Israel is no secret. The United States should prioritize diplomatic efforts to keep Iran from developing nuclear weapons and cease its destabilizing behavior. Iran continues to be a threat to the United States' allies and interests, and Congress and the president must continue to hold Iran accountable.

4). Should the U.S. increase, maintain or decrease the amount of foreign aid to Israel and other countries in the Middle East? Should the U.S. condition its aid for specific results? What does the U.S. benefit from its relationship with Israel?

Israel is a friend of the United States, and our most reliable ally in the region. The United States should continue to provide assistance to Israel, and I support the existing

Memorandum of Understanding, which pledges \$38 billion in assistance to Israel through Fiscal Year 2028.