



Foreign Leaders That Won't Be Tweeted By Chicago

Does The Obama Campaign Agree?

ON HIS TRIP ABROAD, ROMNEY'S UNAPOLOGETIC SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL ANGERED THE LIKES OF IRAN, CHINA, AND THE PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY

"Mitt Romney, During A Speech In Jerusalem, Pledged Unflinching U.S. Support For Israel As President, Saying The Two Allied Nations Are 'Bound Together' And Determined To Prevent A Nuclear-Armed Iran." (Russell Berman, "Romney Says Israel, US 'Bound Together,' In Jerusalem Speech," [The Hill](#), 7/29/12)

- **Mitt Romney "Drew A Standing Ovation" As He "Referred Pointedly To Jerusalem As 'The Capital Of Israel.'"** "He also referred pointedly to Jerusalem as 'the capital of Israel,' something Obama administration officials are loath to do, because Palestinians also imagine the city as the future capital of their hoped-for state. The line drew a standing ovation from some in the crowd and, later, an echo from Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who underscored, 'Jerusalem will always be the capital of Israel.'" (Jodi Rudoren and Ashley Parker, "Romney Backs Israeli Stance On Threat Of Nuclear Iran," [The New York Times](#), 7/29/12)

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad Attacked Romney's Strong Support For Israel And Opposition To Iran's Nuclear Program. "Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad is calling a visit to Israel by U.S. presidential candidate Mitt Romney as 'kissing the foot' of the Jewish state to boost his bid for the White House. Ahmadinejad did not specifically name Romney, but his comments were an unmistakable jab at the Republican contender's stop this week in Israel. Romney strongly backed Israel's drive to stop Iran from possibly seeking nuclear weapons. Tehran denies the claims. Ahmadinejad questioned why Romney would make 'concessions to get some pennies for (his) campaign?' Ahmadinejad made the comments during a speech Tuesday broadcast on state TV." ("Iran's Ahmadinejad Mocks Romney For 'Kissing The Foot' Of Israel During Visit," [The Associated Press](#), 7/31/12)

China's Official State-Run News Agency Criticized Romney For Supporting Jerusalem As The Capital Of Israel. "China criticized Mitt Romney on Tuesday, saying the U.S. presidential candidate's statement that Jerusalem is the capital of Israel could worsen an already tense Mideast situation, or even re-ignite a war between Palestinians and Israelis. A commentary Tuesday by the official Xinhua News Agency said Romney's 'hawkish remarks' ignored the sensitive nature of Jerusalem. It said the comments disregarded the Palestinians' claim to the war-won eastern sector of the city, which was annexed by

Israel in 1967 in a move that is not internationally recognized.” (“China Says Romney’s Comments on Jerusalem Wrong,” [The Associated Press](#), 7/31/12)

The Palestinian Authority Attacked Romney’s Praise Of Israel’s Economy. “The reaction of Palestinian leaders to Romney’s comments was swift and pointed. ‘It is a racist statement and this man doesn’t realize that the Palestinian economy cannot reach its potential because there is an Israeli occupation,’ said Saeb Erekat, a senior aide to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas.” (Emily Schultheis, “Romney Comments Get Pushback From Palestinian Official,” [Politico’s “Burns & Haberman” Blog](#), 7/30/12)

WHILE OPPRESSIVE REGIMES CONTINUE TO VOICE THEIR SUPPORT FOR OBAMA

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez Said He Knew That “Barack Obama - Aside From 'The President' - Is A Good Guy.” “With both Chavez and Obama running for re-election this year, Chavez struck a conciliatory tone, saying the latest comments by his U.S. counterpart needed to be seen in context. ‘Obama is campaigning. He’s a candidate. I hope the real revolutionaries understand well. I think that Barack Obama - aside from 'the president' - is a good guy,’ he said.” (Daniel Wallis, “Chavez: Venezuela Is No Threat, Obama Is A ‘Good Guy,’” [Reuters](#), 7/13/12)

Obama Won The Endorsement Of Mariela Castro, Daughter Of Cuban Dictator Raul Castro. “The daughter of Cuba’s president supports the re-election bid of U.S. President Barack Obama, but believes he could do more were it not for the pressures he is facing, she said in an interview broadcast Monday on ‘CNNi’s Amanpour.’ ‘As a citizen of the world, I would like him to win,’ said Mariela Castro Espin, daughter of Raul Castro, in the exclusive interview, which was conducted Friday in New York. ‘Given the choices, I prefer Obama.’” (“Obama Wins Endorsement From Raul Castro’s Daughter,” [CNN](#), 6/4/12)