



Obama Abandons Jerusalem

Obama Continues Walking Back His 2008 Campaign Rhetoric On Israel's Capital

OBAMA'S EVER-CHANGING POLICY ON JERUSALEM

Obama Proclaimed His Support For Jerusalem As Israel's Capital During His 2008 Campaign

In 2008, Obama Told AIPAC That Jerusalem "Will Remain The Capital Of Israel, And It Must Remain Undivided." OBAMA: "Jerusalem will remain the capital of Israel, and it must remain undivided." (Senator Barack Obama, [Remarks At AIPAC Policy Conference](#), Arlington, VA, 6/4/08)

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Obama In 2008: "I Continue To Say That Jerusalem Will Be The Capital Of Israel. And I Have Said That Before And I Will Say It Again." OBAMA: "I continue to say that Jerusalem will be the capital of Israel. And I have said that before and I will say it again. And I also have said that it is important that we don't simply slice the city in half, but I've also said that that's a final status issue. That's an issue that has to be dealt with, with the parties involved, the Palestinians and the Israelis, and it's not the job of the United States to dictate the form in which that will take, but rather to support the efforts that are being made right now to resolve these very difficult issues that have a long history." (Senator Barack Obama, Press Conference, [Sderot, Israel](#), 7/23/08)

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As President, Obama Delayed Moving The U.S. Embassy To Jerusalem

Once In Office, Obama Issued A Waiver To Delay Moving The U.S. Embassy To Jerusalem And Removed Former Language Affirming U.S. Commitment "To Beginning The Process Of Moving Our Embassy To Jerusalem." "In June 2009, Mr. Obama issued Presidential Determination 2009-19, 'Suspension of Limitations Under the Jerusalem Embassy Act,' a legally required waiver to continue to delay the May 31, 1999, deadline for moving the U.S. Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. Presidents have issued this determination twice a year ever since, but Mr. Obama deleted a passage that appeared in previous declarations stating the United States 'remains committed to beginning the process of moving our embassy to Jerusalem.'" (Editorial, "Obama's Faithless Pledges To Israel," [The Washington Times](#), 5/20/11)

Now, The Obama Administration Refuses To Call Jerusalem The Capital Of Israel

In March 2012, State Department Spokesperson Victoria Nuland Refused To Call Jerusalem The Capital Of Israel. QUESTION: "You've spoken to the issue but didn't answer the question. And I think there's a lot of people out there who are interested in hearing a real answer and not saying – and not trying to duck and say that this has got to be resolved by negotiations between the two sides." STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESPERSON VICTORIA NULAND: "That is our –" QUESTION: "What is the capital of Israel?" NULAND: "Our policy with regard to Jerusalem is that it has to be solved through negotiations." That's all I have to say on this issue." (Victoria Nuland, State Department [Daily Press Briefing](#), 3/28/12)

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In July 2012, White House Spokesperson Jay Carney Dodged Questions About What City Obama Recognizes As The Capital Of Israel. REPORTER: "What city does this administration consider to be the capital of Israel, Jerusalem or Tel Aviv?" WHITE HOUSE SPOKESPERSON JAY CARNEY: "Umm, I haven't had that question in awhile, our position has not changed. Can we..." REPORTER: "What's the capital?" CARNEY: "You know our position." REPORTER: "I don't know..." WORLDNETDAILY'S LESTER KINSOLVING: "No no, she doesn't know, that's why she asked." CARNEY: "She does know." KINSOLVING: "She does not know. She just said she doesn't know. I don't know!" (Press Briefing, Washington, DC, 7/26/12)

DEMOCRATS WERE SIMPLY FOLLOWING OBAMA'S POLICY ON JERUSALEM WHEN THEY REMOVED LANGUAGE ON ISRAEL'S CAPITAL FROM THEIR PLATFORM

In Their 2012 Platform, Democrats Omitted Language Recognizing Jerusalem As The Capital Of Israel. "Language calling for Jerusalem to be recognized as the capital of Israel has been omitted from the 2012 Democratic Party platform. ... That language has been replaced by a broader statement about unshakable U.S. support for the Jewish state — with no mention of Jerusalem at all. The statement also omits previously included language about Palestinian refugees and the designed terrorist group Hamas." (Byron Tau, "Jerusalem Capital Plank Not Included In DNC Platform," [Politico](#), 9/4/12)

- **2008 Democratic National Platform:** "Jerusalem is and will remain the capital of Israel. The parties have agreed that Jerusalem is a matter for final status negotiations. It should remain an undivided city accessible to people of all faiths." ([2008 Democratic National Platform](#), 8/25/08)

CNN's Dana Bash Said The DNC Was "Simply Following What The Obama Administration's Policy Is" On Israel. CNN'S WOLF BLITZER: "Dana, we've been talking earlier about the buzz, a lot of buzz out there, that the Democratic Party platform rejected the language that was in the platform four years ago, eight years ago, recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital, also deleting a reference to Israel as being America's staunchest ally in the Middle East. I understand the Democratic National Committee is now responding. What's going on?" CNN'S DANA BASH: "That's right, Wolf. You asked me just a few moments ago why they did it. Well, I asked the DNC for their answer. And the answer was that they are simply following what the Obama administration's policy is." (CNN's "The Situation Room," 9/4/12)

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