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Sen. Chris Coons (D-DE) Says Obama's "Reset" With Russia Hasn't Worked



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NBC's Chuck Todd: "Senator Coons, let me pick up on a criticism that Senator Barrasso made which is about the reset with Russia. Let's be realistic, Russia is standing in the way of doing anything in Syria. That's a bottom line. That's a foreign policy failure on the president's part why?"

Sen. Chris Coons (D-DE): "I do think that Russia and China are responsible for hijacking the Security Council, for preventing responsible action on Syria."

Todd: "Not just Syria, but they were -- they've stood in the way on Iranian sanctions, dragged their feet."

Coons: "Absolutely dragged their feet."

Todd: "And so the reset of Russia hasn't worked, why?"

Coons: "That's right. I think that's because of calculations that Putin's made internally about his own domestic politics. I think it's partly about the leadership in Russia, feeling that their diminished role in the world pushes them to act more aggressively." (MSNBC's "[Morning Joe](#)," 9/24/12)