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Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-NY) Doesn't Know Obama's Position On Jerusalem



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Senator Chuck Schumer (D-NY) Claimed He Did Not Know Obama's Position On Jerusalem. CBS's NORAH O'DONNELL: "At Democratic conventions, and Republican conventions, you have party platforms. For the first time you have removed that Jerusalem should be Israel's capital. Mitt Romney calls that shameful. Why do that?" SENATOR CHUCK SCHUMER: "Oh well, look, everyone knows the vast, overwhelming majority of Democrats, Democrats have always been for Jerusalem being the unified capital of Israel – I'm one of the leading Democrats on Middle East policy, that's been my position for a long time. So this is my tempest in a teapot. The overwhelming Democratic position is just that." CBS's CHARIE ROSE: "What's the president's position?" O'DONNELL: "Not the party platform though?" ROSE: "What's the president's position?" SCHUMER: "It's not in the platform. I don't know why it's in or not in..." ROSE: "What's the president's position?" SCHUMER: "The president has been for a very, very strong Israel." ROSE: "What's the president's position on Jerusalem as capital?" SCHUMER: "You'd have to ask...I don't know if he's ever spoken on that." ROSE: "Oh you know what his position is. Don't you?" SCHUMER: "No, I don't." ROSE: "You don't know? You've never asked him to support Jerusalem as the capital of Israel?" SCHUMER: "I've always assumed that the Democratic position is that and –" ROSE: "How important is this issue to you?" SCHUMER: "To me personally?" ROSE: "Jerusalem is the capital of Israel?" SCHUMER: "For me it's been a position I've had for 20 years." (CBS's ["This Morning,"](#) 9/5/12)