The Iranian President: A False Moderate

Despite what many in Western media outlets claim, Rouhani is in fact a radical who defies Western values to lead a dictatorial regime.

In fact, in 2013, he proclaimed, “Saying ‘Death to America’ is easy. We need to express ‘Death to America’ with action.”

- **Rouhani supports the destruction of the United States and Israel.**
  - Rouhani addressed a parade in Tehran in September of 2013 that included a display of Shahab-3 missiles with messages such as "Death to the USA" and "Israel should cease to exist" on the missiles.i
  - Rouhani attended a rally in July 2015 that included millions of Iranians chanting “Down with America” and “Death to Israel.” Protesters at this rally also burned American and Israeli flags and set a dummy of President Obama on fire.ii

- **Iran increased the number of prisoners it executed when Rouhani took office.** iii Many of these prisoners included political dissidents, homosexuals, those who drink alcohol, and others who were never found guilty of a real crime.
  - Iran already executes more people per capita than any other country on Earth.iv

- Hamid Aboutalebi, Rouhani’s nominee for Ambassador to the UN, directly took part in the 1979 Iranian Hostage Crisisv and helped hold nearly 70 American citizens hostage for 444 days.

- Rouhani chaired Iran’s National Security Council when it blew up the Khobar Towers in Saudi Arabia, killing 19 American servicemen.vi

- Rouhani termed the 2006 war between Israel and Hezbollah as the “beginning of the next Muslim conquests, and subsequent failures of America and Israel.”vii
  - Hezbollah is a US-designated terrorist organization that fired thousands of missiles at Jewish and Arab civilians in the 2006 war. This is the same terrorist group that is aiding Syrian President Assad in the slaughter of his own people.

- In his address to the Supreme Council of Cultural Revolution in 2006, Rouhani explained how he tricked the Europeans while installing parts of Iran’s nuclear weapons program.
  - He said, "When we were negotiating with the Europeans in Teheran we were still installing some of the equipment at the Isfahan site. There was plenty of work to be done to complete the site and finish the work there. In reality, by creating a tame situation, we could finish Isfahan."viii

- The “Chain Murders” (the assassination of 80 leading Iranian intellectuals in 1998) occurred while Rouhani was the head of the National Security and Intelligence services.ix

- In 1999, when Tehran University underwent massive student demonstrations, Rouhani, then the head of the Islamic National Security Council, said:
○ “These students are too pathetic and worthless for us to have to begin changing our directives…”
○ “I issued strict orders against these elements [the students]...People will witness what today's security and disciplinary forces, the heroic members of the Basij (auxiliary militia) will do to these rabble-rousers and thugs…”
○ “The agent that has united our people today, is simply indestructible; that agent is Islam and Islamic rule which is the absolute symbol of the Supreme Leadership.”

This man outlined above is the president of a country that is trying to obtain a nuclear weapon. Rouhani, as well as other Iranian leaders, calls for America and Israel’s destruction. What is even scarier is that Rouhani is considered a “moderate” compared to the Supreme Leader, who holds the real power and makes the final decisions in Iran.

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