

With the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action to keep Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon having been reached, opponents of diplomacy have intensified their onslaught of false and misleading arguments against the deal. Here are the facts showing why the opponents of an agreement are so wrong.



1. INSPECTIONS?

It's not about trust. It's about verification.

Opponents of this agreement say Iran will cheat their way to a nuclear weapon. Not without us knowing in time to stop them. That's why this deal is so important: by subjecting Iran to the most intrusive inspections regime in history, it leaves nothing to trust. Inspections at all nuclear sites. 24/7/365 monitoring. Tracking every ounce of uranium. It all adds up to unprecedented assurance that Iran cannot cheat their way to a weapon undetected.



2. POSSIBLE MILITARY DIMENSIONS?

Iran's past is bad. With no deal, the future is worse.

Opponents of this agreement say Iran must admit to all its past nuclear-weapons related research. Yet it would be foolish to sacrifice knowing what Iran is doing now and in future just to insist that it admit all it did wrong in past. This deal ensures that we'll know what Iran is up to now and going forward—and give us ample time to stop it—because Iran will be subject to the most intrusive inspections regime in history.



3. SANCTIONS?

Limited relief comes only when inspectors say so.

Opponents of the agreement say that it lifts sanctions on Iran in exchange for little or nothing but promises. Nothing could be further from the truth. Sanctions only lift when the international inspectors, part of the most intrusive program in history, verify that Iran is complying with the deal. And if Iran is found to be violating the agreement? Sanctions snap back into place.



4. DURATION?

A lasting end to Iran's nuclear ambitions.

Opponents of this agreement say it only lasts for 10 or 15 years. They're wrong: after rolling back Iran's nuclear program, this deal keeps in place permanent enhanced inspections to prevent it from acquiring a bomb. That's a far better result than the mere two to four years experts say a military strike would set back Iran's nuclear program.



5. DISMANTLEMENT?

Blocking every pathway to a bomb.

Opponents of this agreement insist that Iran's infrastructure must be completely dismantled. Yet this deal is the most direct, workable route to blocking every pathway Iran has to a bomb. It completely defangs Iran's nuclear infrastructure by nearly eliminating uranium stockpiles, cutting centrifuges by two-thirds, and preventing acquisition of plutonium.