

Subject: Zunes articles #171: Netanyahu's speech before Congress (and more)

In my most recent article, posted today on The Progressive magazine's website, I share my thoughts on Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu's address yesterday before a joint session of Congress: <http://www.progressive.org/news/2015/03/188027/netanyahu-still-swaying-us-congress>

Yesterday's speech was not the first time that Netanyahu came before Congress to undermine President Obama's foreign policy. He did so back in 2011, when he repeatedly attacked the administration's modest Israeli-Palestinian peace initiatives, and Democrats joined Republicans in giving him multiple standing ovations. Here's a link to an article I wrote at that time: <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/stephen-zunes/netanyahus-speech-and-the-b-871257.html>

Here are some links to some recent radio interviews I've done on the topic.

I'm among the guests on today's segment of the KPFA radio network program "Up Front" on Netanyahu's speech before Congress and U.S.-Israeli relations. In my segment, which begins at the 36-minute mark, I discuss the influence by AIPAC and the so-called "Israel Lobby," which I argue is often exaggerated. <http://www.kpfa.org/archive/id/111776>

One of the issues which has rarely been mentioned in the debate regarding Netanyahu's hyperbolic speech about the supposed Iranian threat is Israel's already existing nuclear arsenal. I address this in an interview this past Monday on a Portland public radio station. My segment starts at around the 20-minute mark. <http://kboo.fm/stephenzunesoni>

And here are my thoughts on the ongoing nuclear talks with Iran, recorded in this interview with China Radio International yesterday: <http://english.cri.cn/7146/2015/03/03/3641s868358.htm>

Here are links to my twice-monthly column in the Santa Cruz Sentinel and Monterey Herald published since my last mailing:

On U.S. support for the repressive regime in Saudi

Arabia: <http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/opinion/20150220/us-support-for-saudis-belies-claims-of-supporting-democracy>

In defense of Angela Davis and other supporters of boycotts/divestment/sanctions against the Israeli occupation: <http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/opinion/20150206/stephen-zunes-opposition-to-israeli-occupation-consistent-with-other-human-rights-struggles>

And here are links to other articles of mine posted in recent months:

On U.S. efforts to undermine UN initiatives for Israeli-Palestinian peace: <http://fpif.org/latest-blow-israeli-palestinian-peace/>

On bipartisan Congressional efforts in defense of Israeli war crimes in Gaza: <http://fpif.org/gaza-bipartisan-war-human-rights/>

On how U.S. double-standards cripple U.S. leadership against Russian aggression in Ukraine: <http://fpif.org/u-s-leadership-russia-crippled-hypocrisy/>

On how U.S. Iraq policy contributed to the rise of ISIS: <http://www.progressive.org/news/2014/08/187833/us-and-isis> and <http://www.progressive.org/news/2014/06/187738/united-states-tragic-role-iraq>

Finally, here are links to two interviews regarding ISIS:

This is from the nationally-syndicated public affairs program "Uprising." It includes an audio link to the full 18-minute interview (my segment starts at the 19-minute mark) as well as a short video clip.

<http://uprisingradio.org/home/2015/02/12/obamas-request-for-war-authorization-and-the-isis-killing-of-kayla-mueller/>

And here' a link to a ten-minute interview I did for CRI about President Obama's request for Congress for authorization of force against the so-called "Islamic State." My segment begins at the 18:30 mark of the Global Talks section <http://english.cri.cn/7146/2015/02/13/3641s866265.htm>

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