



# **Information Verification: Principle & Practice : An Approach by Imam Bukhari**

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# **News or Views?**

- **News or Views?**
- **Fact of Opinion?**

## • Providing the True information

يَأَيُّهَا الْمُنَّى إِذَا أَقْرَبُوا أَكْفُرُوا إِلَهٌ وَّقُولُوا قُوْلًا سَدِيدًا

• believers! Be mindful of Allah and say what is right. (35:70)

# Islamic Principles of Fact-Checking

## • Being Responsible

كلكم راع وكلكم مسؤولون عن رعيته

• "Every one of you is a shepherd, and every one of you is responsible for his flock

## • Justice ('Adl): العدل

ان الله يأمركم بالعدل والاحسان

## • Accountability: حاسبووا

• Transparency and Accountability حاسبووا

• The methodology, sources, and reasoning behind a fact-check must be clearly articulated. Show your work!

• Islam emphasizes individual responsibility for actions. In the context of AI, this means establishing clear lines of accountability for AI-driven decisions.

• This is crucial for addressing issues like autonomous vehicle accidents or AI-driven medical errors.

## • Evidence-Based: Daleel. (دليل)

• Every claim must be supported by verifiable evidence. Opinions, anecdotes, or personal beliefs are not facts.

• Daleel. (دليل)

• In Islam, Daleel (دليل) means evidence or proof, particularly in the context of Islamic jurisprudence (Fiqh).

• Surah Al-Baqarah (2:111): "Say, 'Produce your proof, if you are truthful.'" (This verse is often cited in contexts where people make unsubstantiated claims about religious matters.)

فُلْنَ هَاتُوا بُرْهَانَكُمْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ

## • Concealing Evidence is Forbidden:

وَلَا تَأْبُسُوا أَكْحَقَ بِالْبَطْلَ وَتَكْنُمُوا أَكْحَقَ وَأَنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ ٤٢

• Do not mix truth with falsehood or hide the truth knowingly. (2:42)

• The Quran strongly condemns the concealment of truth and evidence, especially in matters of justice and testimony.

رَبَّهُمْ وَلَا تَكْنُمُوا الشَّهَادَةَ وَمَنْ يَكْنُمْهَا فَإِنَّهُ عَالِمٌ

Surah Al-Baqarah (2:283): "...and do not conceal testimony, and whoever conceals it, his heart is surely sinful; and Allah knows what you do."

• Surah Al-Baqarah (2:140): "And who is more unjust than someone who conceals a testimony that is with him from Allah?"

## Verification of Chains of Transmission (Isnad):

Imam Bukhari meticulously scrutinized the Isnad (chain of narrators) of each Hadith, requiring a continuous and unbroken chain where each narrator had met and heard the Hadith directly from the previous one.

# Imam Bukhari's Practice Verifying Hadith

This emphasis on direct transmission and verifiable connections within the chain of narrators aimed to establish the provenance and authenticity of the information being transmitted.

## Scrutiny of Narrators Reliability and Integrity:

علم الرجال – Knowledge of Men (Narrators)

In Islamic Hadith science, Ilm al-Rijal (علم الرجال), literally meaning "Knowledge of Men," is a crucial discipline dedicated to evaluating the narrators of Hadith. More commonly understood as the "Science of Narrators" or "Biographical Evaluation," its primary goal is to establish the credibility and reliability of the individuals who transmitted Hadith reports (sayings, actions, and approvals of Prophet Muhammad) in order to distinguish authentic and reliable Hadith from unreliable ones.

## Discrediting and Accrediting

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"Discrediting and attesting (to narrators)." This is a key aspect of **Ilm al-Rijal**, where scholars would assess narrators' **weaknesses** ("jahr") or **strengths** ("ta'deel"). Bukhari heavily relied on this.

- He meticulously evaluated the character, integrity, memory, and accuracy of each narrator in the chain, accepting narrations only from individuals known for their honesty, piety, and ability to recall information without error.
- To assess the reliability of narrators, scholars like Imam Bukhari extensively researched their lives, including their place and date of birth, death date, known character, and memory, using sources like biographical dictionaries (e.g., Al-Tarikh al-Kabir authored by Imam Bukhari).

## • Cross-Referencing of Narrations and Sources:

This approach, where information is **vetted against multiple sources and contexts**, mirrors the principle of **cross-checking** for accuracy in modern fact-checking processes.

## • Expert Consultation history of accuracy

Imam Bukhari's methodology underscores the importance of consulting experts in the field when evaluating information

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## • Scrutinizing the source

Imam Bukhari's approach to Hadith verification laid a foundation for scrutinizing the source, reliability, and content of information, making his methodology highly relevant to understanding the rigorous principles involved in effective fact-checking and authentication, even in a contemporary context.

# Example of Sanad

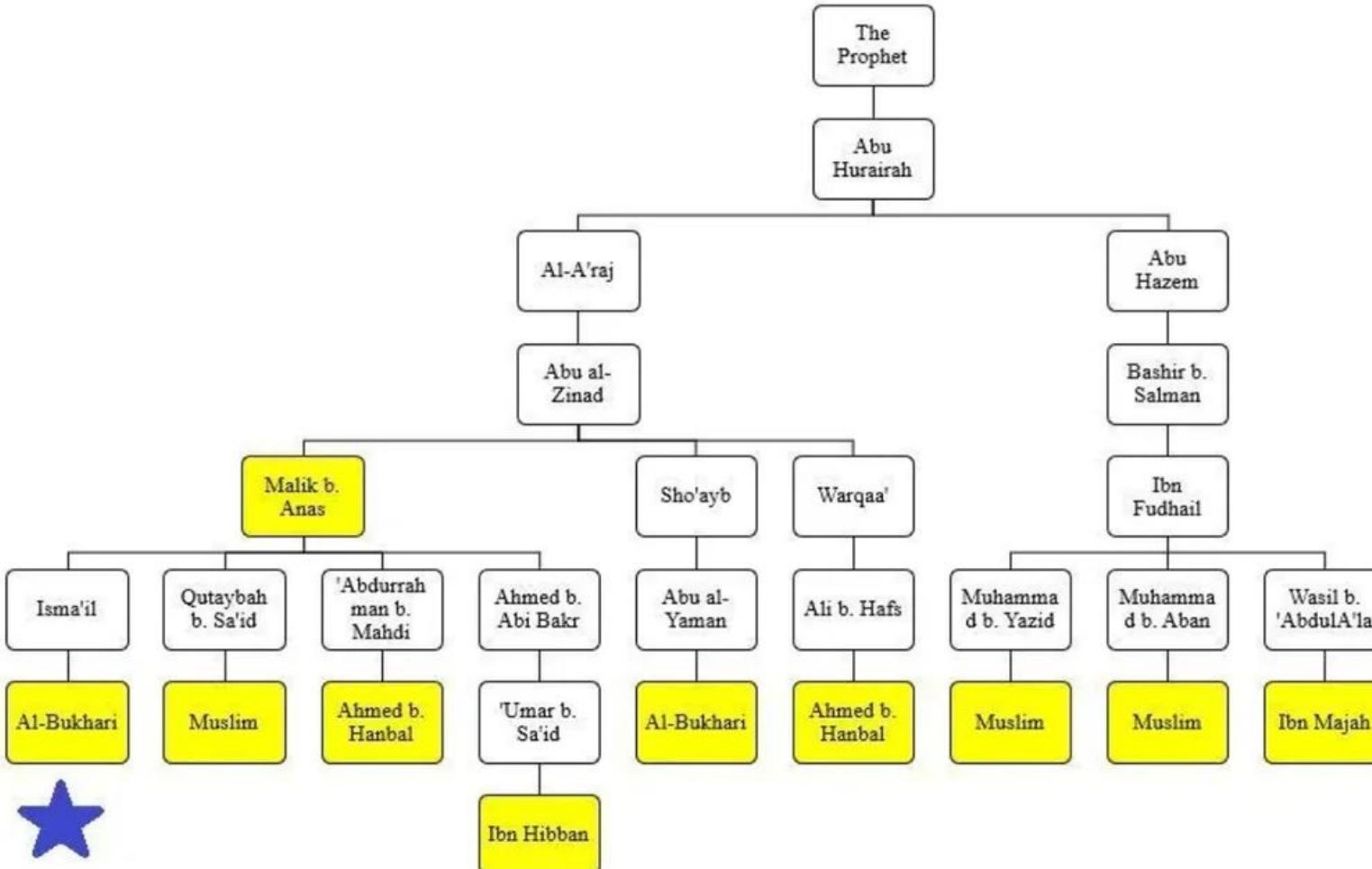


Diagram 1. Bukhari's Chain of Transmission Along with Multiple Corroboration

# **Fact Checking in Social Media Era?**

# Verify Chains of Reporters

**Know, who is narrating?**

**Know the Media, know the Reporter**

- Republican – Democrat
- CNN – Fox News
- Al Jazeera – TRT World

# **Verify their connections**

- Why **CNN** and **Fox News** or **Al Jazeera** reports differently?
  - Who sponsors/Funding them -
- **Verify their connections**

Twisting the word and Language

# Same News: Different Headlines

Why?

Media Policy

Politics

Interest

# Cross-Checking :

How to Cross check a News

- **What do you expect from this media or reporter?**
- **If this news is from CNN where do you need to check?**
- **Moonsighting controversy among Muslim**
- You have to know who is provide you news and who you are talking to

# Expert Consultation

- Consult with someone ‘who KNOWS’
- What does ‘who KNOWS’ mean?
- One area SME doesn’t mean other area SME
- Consult with a person **REALLY KNOWS** the subject

# Scrutinizing the source

- What is reporters' background? Education? Which school?
- Check their History, Look at their Social media posts comment, LinkedIn profile
- **Learn about the Media**
  - Who runs this media?
  - Who is the owner?
  - Who is Editor, What is the policy of this media?
- **History of this .... Media, Owner, Reporter, Connection**

# A Few Examples

- Reporting Style of CNN and FoxNews based on their side
- CNN highlights Epstein case, FoxNews covered very low

# Objective is to display different way of covering News

My objective is not the Content or News. My point is to display, how different media presents the news and why, and this is important to **know who is talking?**

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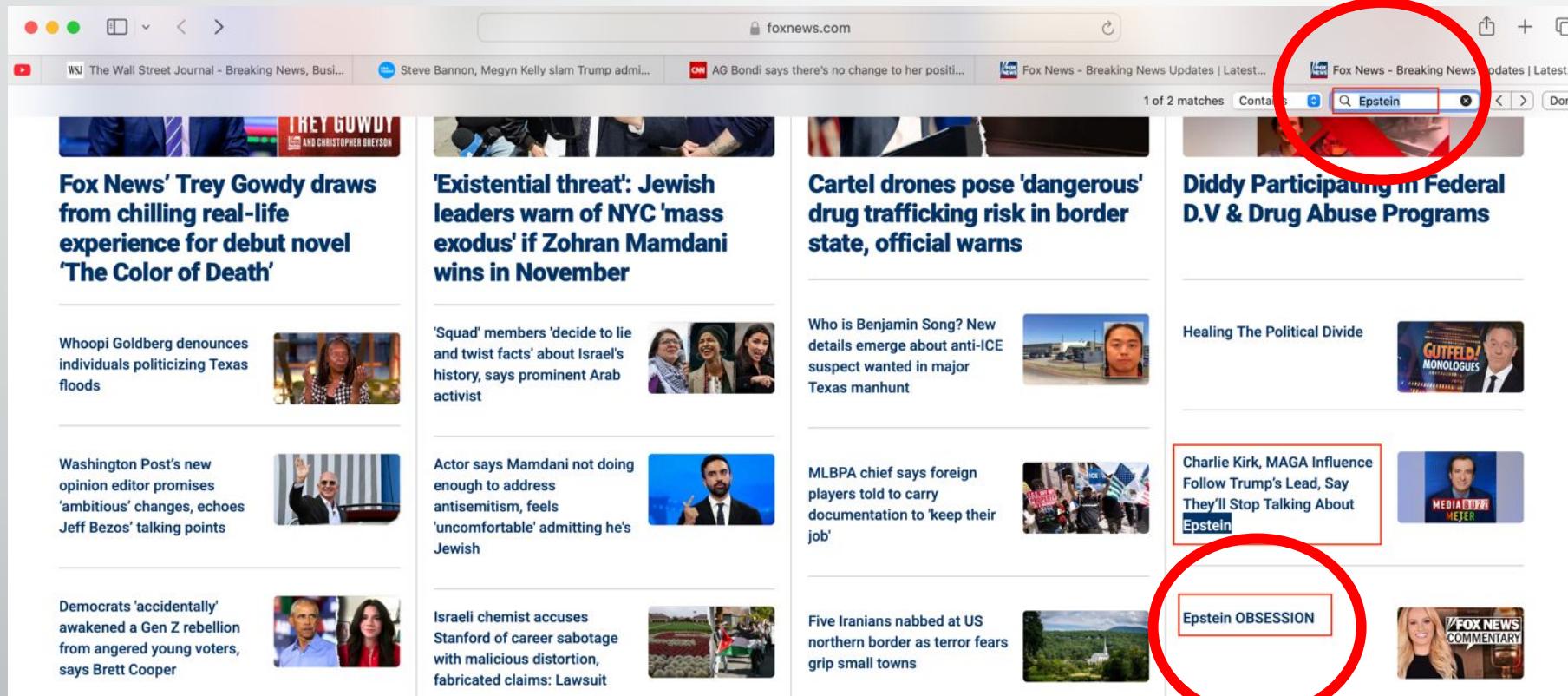
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# Fox News Focuses on Adam Schiff



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# When a news goes confusing

## Or Interesting?

# Tucker Carlson Turns Against Trump

Hummm..Interesting!! ----But WHY?  
Following slides may answer



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# Tucker Carlson FLAMES Epstein, Israel Connection



WHAT???

# Epstein was Israeli Spy

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**Is it just campaign contribution  
or something more,  
something deeper?**

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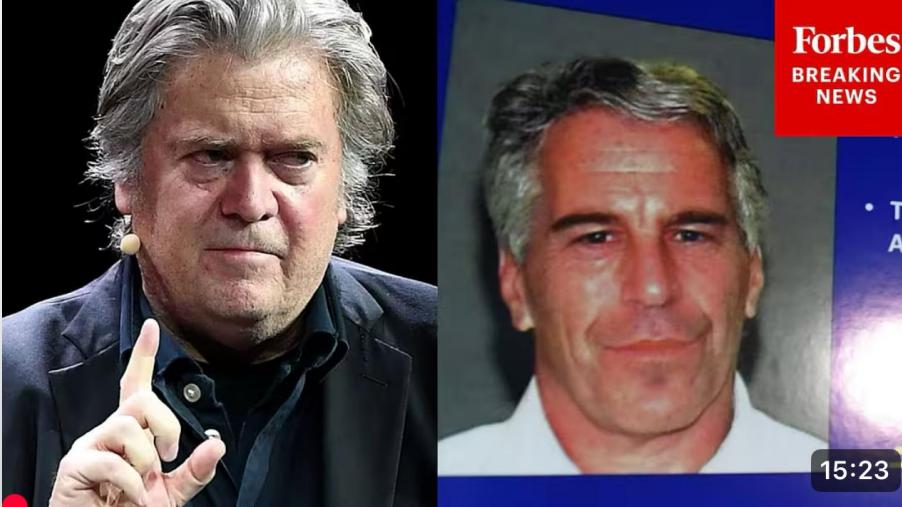
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## Tulsi Gabbard now says Iran could produce nuclear weapon 'within weeks'

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# PBS: American Spy Says

A photograph of Tulsi Gabbard, Director of National Intelligence, speaking at a House Intelligence Committee hearing. She is wearing an orange blazer and looking slightly to her left. Other committee members are visible in the background.

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## America's spies say Iran wasn't building a nuclear weapon. Trump dismisses that assessment

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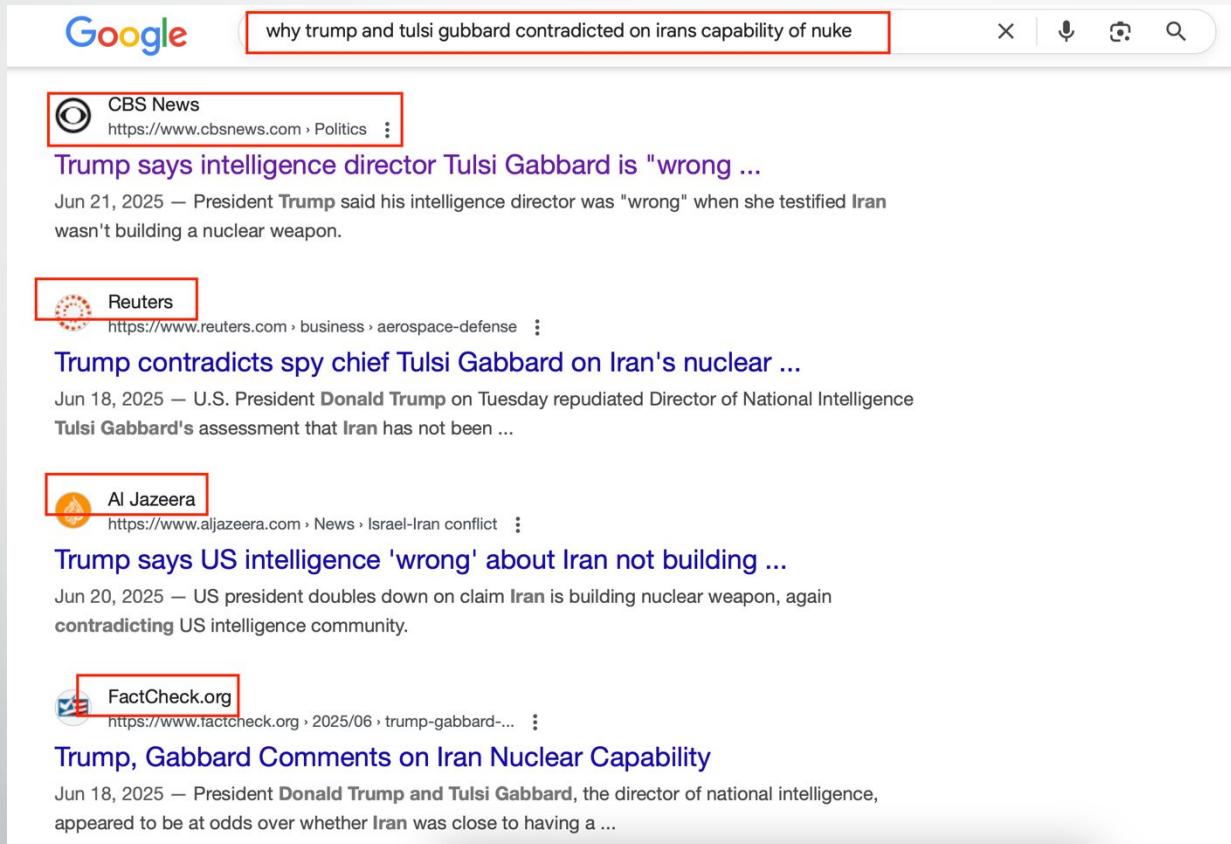
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# Why Trump and Tulsi contradicted on Iran's capability of Nuke



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Trump says intelligence director Tulsi Gabbard is "wrong" ...  
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# Gemini: Trumps statements on Iran **frequently** **mirrored**

- Trumps statements on Iran **frequently mirrored Netanyahu's strong rhetoric**, particularly regarding the need for aggressive action and the belief that Iran was actively pursuing a nuclear weapon.

# Was Trump view on Iran Nuke Capability influenced by Israeli PM ?

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## Gemini

was president trumps view on iran's capability of nuke which contradicted with DNI influenced by politics or Israeli prime minister Netnyahu

◆ It's widely observed that President Trump's statements regarding Iran's nuclear capability have often diverged from the assessments of the U.S. intelligence community (IC), and that these statements appear to be influenced by both political considerations and the strong warnings from Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Here's why:

- Political Narrative: Trump frequently emphasized a more alarmist view of Iran's nuclear program. This aligns with a political narrative of demonstrating strength and decisive action against perceived threats, which resonates with his political base. When the DNI, **Tulsi Gabbard**, presented an assessment that Iran was *not currently building a nuclear weapon*, Trump publicly dismissed it, saying, "I don't care what she said. I think they were very close to having one." This public contradiction of his own intelligence chief is highly unusual and suggests a prioritization of a particular narrative over intelligence findings.
- "Very Close" Interpretation: Trump's phrase "very close" is inherently vague. While the IC assessment, as articulated by Gabbard, focused on Iran's political decision not to build a weapon, it also acknowledged Iran's **capability** to produce fissile material for a weapon in a relatively short timeframe due to its enriched uranium stockpiles. Trump's "very close" aligns with this capability aspect, but he presented it in a way that often implied active weaponization, even when intelligence assessments didn't support that.
- **Netanyahu's Influence:** Prime Minister Netanyahu has consistently and vocally warned about the imminent threat of a nuclear-armed Iran, often presenting a more urgent and dire assessment than that of some Western intelligence agencies. Trump's statements on Iran frequently mirrored Netanyahu's strong rhetoric, particularly regarding the need for aggressive action and the belief that Iran was actively pursuing a nuclear weapon. The

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# DeepSeek on Same question

The screenshot shows a DeepSeek interface. On the left, there's a sidebar with a 'New chat' button and a list of recent messages, including one from 'Trump's Iran Policy Influencer'. The main area has a title 'Trump's Iran Policy Influenced by Netanyahu' and two sections: '1. Alignment with Netanyahu's Hardline Stance' and '2. Distrust of U.S. Intelligence', each with a bulleted list of points. A message input field at the bottom says 'Message DeepSeek'.

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Today

Trump's Iran Policy Influencer ...

Trump's Iran Policy Influenced by Netanyahu

1. Alignment with Netanyahu's Hardline Stance

- Netanyahu was a vocal critic of the Iran nuclear deal (JCPOA) and repeatedly warned that Iran was lying about its nuclear program, even when U.S. intelligence suggested Iran was complying with the deal (2015–2018).
- Trump shared Netanyahu's skepticism and frequently echoed his rhetoric, calling the JCPOA the "worst deal ever" and accusing Iran of covertly pursuing nukes.
- In 2018, Trump cited Netanyahu's presentation (featuring alleged Iranian nuclear documents) as justification for withdrawing from the JCPOA, despite U.S. intelligence maintaining that Iran had no active nuclear weapons program at the time.

2. Distrust of U.S. Intelligence

- Trump often dismissed intelligence community (DNI) assessments when they conflicted with his political agenda, including on Iran.
- In 2019, then-DNI Dan Coats and other officials publicly affirmed that Iran was not developing

Message DeepSeek

# DeepSeek: Trump was heavily Influenced by Ribi

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**Left Sidebar:**

- Logo: deepseek
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- Text: Today
- Text: Trump's Iran Policy Influenc... (with an ellipsis and three dots).

**Main Content Area:**

**Section Title:** Trump's Iran Policy Influenced by Netanyahu

**List:**

- Even in 2020, when U.S. intelligence reiterated that Iran had no active nuclear weapons program, Trump and Pompeo pushed claims of an emerging Iranian nuclear threat—a narrative that aligned with Netanyahu's warnings.
- Some analysts argued that Trump's team exaggerated Iran's capabilities to justify aggressive policies (e.g., sanctions, the 2020 Soleimani strike).

**Conclusion:**

Trump's views were heavily influenced by Netanyahu's long-standing opposition to Iran and the JCPOA, as well as domestic political calculations. His administration's rhetoric often overstated Iran's nuclear progress, diverging from the DNI's more measured assessments. This alignment with Netanyahu and Republican hardliners suggests that politics, not just intelligence, shaped Trump's stance.

Would you like details on specific incidents (e.g., the 2018 Netanyahu "atomic archive" presentation)?

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- **Source Verification:** **Currency:** How recent is the information?  
**Relevance:** Is the information relevant to your needs?  
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- **Identifying Logical Fallacies:** Familiarize with common logical fallacies

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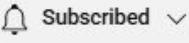
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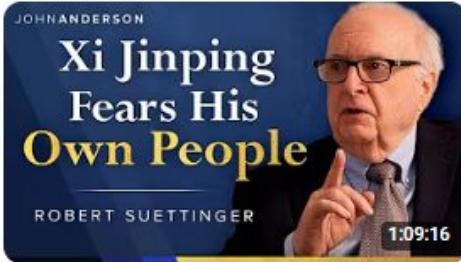
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# Fact Check: Social Media

- **Technical source:** IP Address:
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# Conclusion

# Principle

## In Principle:

- Trustworthy (Amanah)
- Accurate (Qawl Sadeed)
- Transparency (كلمة راسخة)
- Independence
- Fairness ('adl)
- Accountability
- Source of the Fact – Evidence - Daleel
- Tell the truth don't conceal any fact
- Verify, any source (إثبات أي مصداقية)
- Impact – who is beneficiary of this

# Practice: (Bukhari)

- Verify, the transmitter, broadcaster, before you accept it. (Knowledge of Men, علم الرجال)
- Verify, their source, **Evaluated the character, integrity of the information provider**
- Evaluate reporters intentional or unintentional biasness
- **Scrutinizing the source** --- How do they know?
- **Do the Cross checking** – CNN vs FoxNes, Al Jazeera, TRT, Democrat vs Republican
- Discuss an Expert, a person who is knowledgeable on the subject
- Journalists assume they are wrong, and seek corroborating evidence.
- Create your **own habits of Fact-checking**