#### Assad will lash out against Israel

Omri Ceren, outstanding debater and phd candidate at USC, 2011 [http://commentarymagazine.com/2011/08/01/Syrian-collapse-israel/]

But the continued stability of the Syrian regime

AND

Unlikely to be receptive to Western calls for moderation.

Assad uses CBWs

Spector, James Martin Center for nonproliferation Studies, 2011, *Foreign policy* “Assad’s Chemical Romance,” August 23

Meanwhile, it’s possible that an existential threat

And

US warnings may have little deterrent effect

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#### Assad will lash out with chemical weapons against Israel if backed into a corner

Russ **Wellin**, Foreign Policy in Focus, “Assad Is Not All That's Toxic About Syria”, March 9, 2012, p. http://www.fpif.org/blog/assad\_is\_not\_all\_thats\_toxic\_about\_syria

Uh, not so fast. Let's review

AND

about slaughtering Syrians.

#### Post-Assad Syria leads to Palestinian State

Salem, Carnegie Endowment, December 9, 2011 *The National* <http://www.thenational.ae/thenationalconversation/comment/a-new-balance-of-power-if-syria-shifts-away-from-iran>

Alternatively, a new regime in Damascus

AND

Arab peace offer of 2002.

#### Extinction

Louis Rene Beres, Purdue political science professor, November 25, 2011 *Washington Times* p. A19

Once accepted by the international community

AND

Heighten the chances of nuclear weapons use.