Warning Of A U.N. Betrayal, Obama Treats Israel As An Enemy

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**Betrayal:** Slamming Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu, President Obama threatens to withhold America's U.N. veto against Palestinian statehood. He obviously wants Israel as "respected" as he claims to have made the U.S.

'R-E-S-P-E-C-T, find out what it means to me," Aretha Franklin famously sang. What Americans have found is that when Obama claims that "once again, the United States is the most respected country on Earth," his definition of respect is a little different from Aretha's.

Obama's version of respect isn't that our enemies fear us and our friends feel they can depend on us. When he claims "to re-engage the world and say that we want to work with you as partners," it means ceasing our many decades of global leadership, based on the free world's interests.

Now Obama wants Israel to find out what his odd brand of respect means.

In a Tuesday interview with the Jewish state's Channel 2 TV, the president accused Netanyahu of causing "the danger . . . that Israel as a whole loses credibility."

The charge stems from Netanyahu, on the eve of his March re-election, warning that a Palestinian state was not going to be established on his watch. He backed off, somewhat, in the days after.

"Already, the international community does not believe that Israel is serious about a two-state solution," Obama added. What the international community does know, however, is that in Netanyahu Israel has a leader serious about the defense and survival of his much-hated country against threats of various stripes.

One of those threats, unfortunately, is the current president of the United States.

"I'm the closest thing to a Jew that's ever sat in this office," Obama may, as his ex-close aide David Axelrod this week related, claim.

But columnist Charles Krauthammer called it basically a meaningless statement, noting that Israelis "have a pretty good idea of what a Jew is, and, more importantly ... what a friend is." Obama's approval among Israelis, he said, is only about 15%.

When an ex-White House political operative has to reveal the president's "inner Jew" to conduct damage control for the most anti-Israel administration ever, as he mulls betraying Israel in the U.N., we've entered the realm of black comedy.

Netanyahu, reviled by many, as Reagan and Thatcher were, actually has more credibility than probably any other world leader, especially having just been re-elected. His warnings of a nuclear-armed Iran compare to Churchill's lonely voice against Hitler from the back benches of the House of Commons.

Obama's latest attack on him is more proof that he seeks to marginalize our most important Mideast ally — as if it were an adversary.