

The US policy towards Iran's Nuclear Enrichment

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Abstract

The relations between the United States and Iran are going from bad to worse. According to various studies, it has revealed that the 'mistrust' is a hunting ground for this harsh relation between these two states. In this study it is going to emphasize problems between these two states and how the United States deal with Iran and what would be the US policy towards Iran as there is no diplomatic relations between two states. In this study qualitative data will be used to analyze the research problem. Data will be collected through primary data and secondary data. Primary data is collected through online videos such as discussions are speeches which are conducted with some experts. Most of the data will be collected through secondary data such as journals, articles, magazines, reports etc. This antagonism between the United States and Iran has paved the way for a security dilemma in the Middle East region. It can be considered the security environment in this region as hostile. Any crisis or conflict could have a serious impact on the peace and stability of the region. Another fact is that world powers suspect Iran has not been honest about its nuclear programme and is seeking the ability to build a nuclear bomb. Iran's nuclear programme became public in 2002, when an opposition group revealed the secret activities including the construction of a uranium enrichment plant and a heavy-water reactor. Enriched uranium can be used to make reactor fuel but also nuclear weapons, while spent fuel from a heavy-water reactor contains plutonium suitable for a bomb. Iran says it has the right to develop nuclear energy and stresses that its nuclear programme is for peaceful purposes. Diplomats have been seeking a deal that would allow Iran to have nuclear power but reduce the likelihood of them gaining nuclear weapons. As far as these hostile relations between these two countries are concerned it will provide a better knowledge on how the United States deals with Iran towards Iran's Nuclear Enrichment.

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