

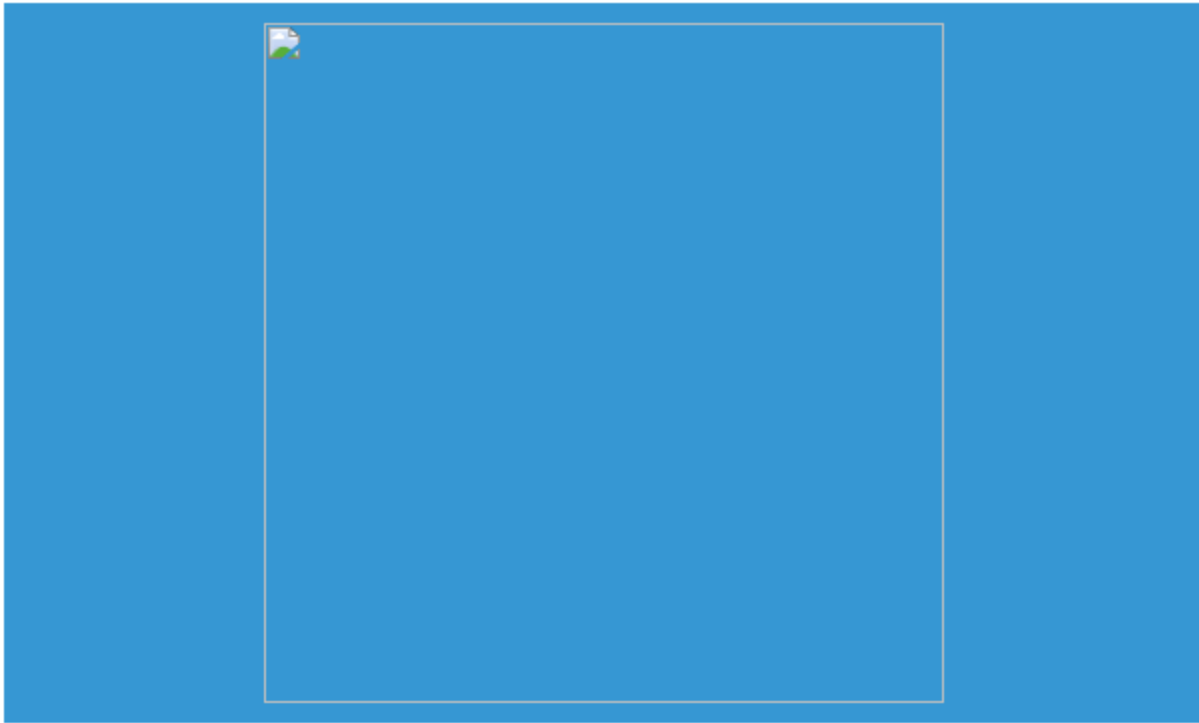
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## Should the United States recognize Israeli sovereignty over the Golan Heights?

On March 21, 2019, [President Donald Trump](#) announced in a tweet: "After 52 years it is time for the United States to fully recognize Israel's Sovereignty over the [Golan Heights](#), which is of critical strategic and security importance to the State of Israel and Regional Stability!" ([@realDonaldTrump](#)).



Not surprisingly, the usual [Arabists](#) and anti-Israel commentators are predicting a cataclysm, just as they did following Trump's [recognition of Jerusalem](#) as Israel's capital and

relocation of the embassy. Rather than rise up in anger, however, the Arab and Muslim world reacted mostly with resignation.

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**"US Should Recognize Israel's  
Sovereignty Over the Golan Heights"  
by Mitchell Bard**

Whenever an incident or an idea related to the Middle East arises, former State Department officials are quick to comment. Those who are [Arabists](#) can be counted on to be critical of Israel and to dismiss the views of its officials and supporters. What is striking about these people is that a) they are consistently wrong; b) their policies failed and frequently damaged American interests when they were in power; c) they never admit their errors; d) they insist on repeating their mistakes; and e) they advise their successors to adopt their failed policies and criticize them if they do not.

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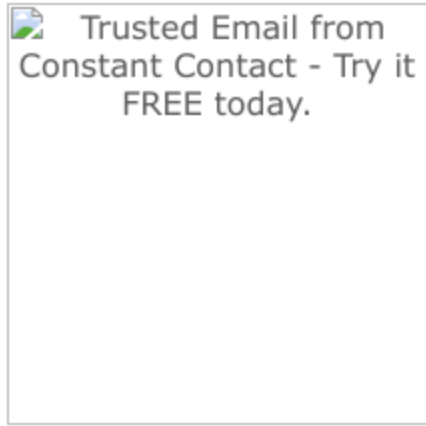


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