As Iran continues to play for time to develop nuclear weapons by expressing renewed interest in negotiations, and as its new president, Hassan Rouhani, continues what has been described as a “charm offensive,” it is important to remember the following:

On Friday, Oct. 4, 2013, CBS News reported: “Iranians chanted ‘Death to America’ and burned the U.S. flag.”

- The United States is still “the Great Satan.” Israel is merely “the Little Satan.”
- Iran is responsible for the murders and maiming of thousands of Americans: From ordering the bombing of the Marine Corps barracks in Beirut, to the bombing of Khobar Towers in Saudi Arabia, to manufacturing or designing every IED (improvised explosive device) used in Iraq and Afghanistan
- An Iranian leader threatened to abduct and amputate the limbs of relatives of American officials should America attack Syria.

- Supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei in December 2000 called Israel a “cancerous tumor” that should be removed from the region.
- On August 15, 2012, during a meeting with veterans of the Iran-Iraq War, Ayatollah Khamenei said that he was confident that “the fake Zionist regime will disappear from the landscape of geography.”
- On August 19, 2012, Khamenei called Israel a “cancerous tumor in the heart of the Islamic world.”
- In August 2012, Brigadier General Gholam Reza Jalali, who heads Iran’s Passive Defense Organization, said ahead of Al-Quds Day that Israel must be destroyed, saying, “[Al-Quds Day] is a reflection of the fact that no other way exists apart from resolve and strength to completely eliminate the aggressive nature and to destroy Israel.”
- “Calling Israel a danger to Islam, the conservative website Alef, with ties to Iran’s supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, said the opportunity must not be lost to remove “this corrupting material. It is a “jurisprudential justification” to kill all the Jews and annihilate Israel, and in that, the Islamic government of Iran must take the helm.”

Iran has been at war with America since 1979. These are some of the U.S. hostages the Iranians held for 444 days. A famous poster of a conference in Iran several years ago. While the focus was on its anti-Israel agenda, a close up shows an already-shattered representation of America.
Iran's actions, nuclear program, and threats have been viewed by Dr. Gregory Stanton, the world's top expert regarding genocide and the founder and director of Genocide Watch, as having taken 6 out of 8 steps on the "path to genocide." Stanton urged the international community to take action against Iran and to isolate it, in order to "curb its genocidal intent." He said that "one of the best predictors of genocide is incitement to genocide... and I believe that is exactly what Iran is doing today." Incitement to genocide is a crime under international law. He stressed that it is important not to dismiss "the early signs" as "diabolical rhetoric or as a tactic meant to advance a different goal," and doing so would "enable the perpetrators." Stanton also said that Iran has classified and symbolized Israel via hate speech and an ideology of exclusion, and has dehumanized Israel by portraying potential victim as "cancer" that should be wiped out. In addition, Stanton said that Iran has organized "fanatical militas," such as the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, while stifling dissent in Iranian society. He added that by denying a previous genocide, the Holocaust, by working on weapons of mass destruction, and through global terrorism, Iran has prepared for genocide. — The Times of Israel, September 18, 2012

“Americans are being played for fools by Iran—and fooling themselves. There is no case to be made that Iran is not pursuing a nuclear weapons capability. There is no evidence that Iran's decision-makers are willing to stop the nuclear program in exchange for lifting sanctions or anything else.”

“The prospect of war with Iran is so distasteful that people are desperate to persuade themselves that the problem is not serious.”

“The Iranians have denied inspectors access to the facilities that inspectors suspect are being used to work on weaponization.

“The price of this refusal, including U.N. and international sanctions, has devastated the Iranian economy. Unemployment and popular dissatisfaction with the regime are high. Unprecedentedly harsh sanctions imposed by the Obama administration are driving off customers for Iran's oil.

“What peaceful purpose could be served by accepting such damage to pursue an illegal nuclear program? The international community has repeatedly offered Iran enriched uranium for its reactors to produce both electricity and medical isotopes—and Iran has refused. Iran's behavior makes sense only if its leadership is determined to have a nuclear program that can develop and field atomic weapons.

“Iran's leaders continue to insist on Iran's right to the nuclear program as it is being built. No Iranian leader has suggested that Iran should comply with the IAEA or abandon the program.

“Add it up any way you like: Iran is starting to race to reach a breakout point at which the international community will be unable to prevent it from acquiring nuclear weapons, short of a massive American military strike. The evidence available supports no other conclusion.

— FREDERICK W. KAGAN AND MASEH ZARIF The Wall Street Journal February 27, 2012

Remember: No matter how nice the man on the right smiles, the man on the left rules and controls Iran