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## **Iran-Nazi Germany Link Confirmed, Study Shows Obama diplomacy efforts may still have tangible benefits**

A new study out of The University of Alabama indicates that Iran uses the same strategies to indoctrinate its people and justify violent attacks as those employed by Nazi Germany during World War II.

The comparison between Iran and Nazi Germany has been made by a number of political figures, including Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and German Chancellor Angela Merkel. Netanyahu, who recently called Iran the greatest threat in Israeli history and has pledged to use all means necessary to prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons, has warned that “It’s 1938, and Iran is Germany, racing to arm itself with atomic bombs.”

Indoctrination techniques are critical, the study explains, because they allow oppressive governments to exploit ordinary people’s psychological tendencies and transform them into torturers, terrorists or genocidal killers.

In both the Nazi and Iranian cases, systematic indoctrination is based around a number of key strategies, including the recruitment of impressionable preteen boys into paramilitary organizations, the use of severe desensitization training practices which make violence feel more normal, and justifications for violence which emphasize pleasing a godlike leader and restoring the nation’s lost glory. Such similarities indicate that if Iran obtains nuclear weapons, it would have the indoctrinated manpower necessary to carry out President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad’s threat that “Israel must be wiped off the map.”

However, the study’s results suggest that despite these dangers, President Barack Obama’s plan to engage Iran in diplomacy may have tangible benefits. As author Adam Lankford explains, “Even if diplomacy ultimately fails, it’s an important first step. If we can increase Iran’s integration into the global community, it would be harder for them to run a secret weapons program, it would increase their people’s knowledge of the outside world and their own moral options, and it could eventually lead to the oppressive regime’s collapse, in accordance with the Soviet Union model.”

Lankford, a professor in the university’s criminal justice department, claims that the United States’ nearly thirty-year policy of isolating Iran is the same flawed strategy that failed to stop Adolf Hitler in Germany, never supplanted Fidel Castro in Cuba, and actually helps Iran indoctrinate its own people.

The study appears in the new book [Human Killing Machines: Systematic Indoctrination in Iran, Nazi Germany, Al Qaeda, and Abu Ghraib](#), which was released on March 28.

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