Biden In No Hurry to Rejoin the Iran Deal?

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Although it seems too good to be true, Israel Hayom reports that some of President-elect Biden's advisers do not want him to simply lift sanctions and reenter the JCPOA, the flawed nuclear deal, with Iran. Apparently Biden's original Iran strategy amounted to plucking defeat from the jaws of victory, by lifting those most effective, because crippling, sanctions imposed by President Trump, and rejoining the JCPOA, as Iran insists, without any modifications, has not met with universal approval in the Biden camp. Some advisors want him to take advantage of what Trump's re-imposition of sanctions managed to accomplish — putting Iran's economy in a parlous state — in order to ensure that Iran will accept an amended nuclear deal, one that would curtail Iran's missile program (not mentioned in the original JCPOA) and its regional aggression (hardly mentioned in the original JCPOA). This would be a reversal of what we were earlier told Biden was certain to do: to simply

return to the original JCPOA, without pushing Iran to make any concessions on missiles or other matters.

The story is here: "Biden may stay out of JCPOA for now, leverage US sanctions," by Ariel Kahana, <u>Jihad Watch</u>.