

SHELDON ADELSON COULD BUY BIBI A VERY EFFECTIVE OCTOBER SURPRISE

The Internet is abuzz today with Sheldon Adelson's announcement that he has already donated \$10 million to Mitt Romney's SuperPAC and plans to provide limitless donations to defeat Obama.

Forbes has confirmed that billionaire Sheldon Adelson, along with his wife Miriam, has donated \$10 million to the leading Super PAC supporting presumptive Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney—and that's just the tip of the iceberg. A well-placed source in the Adelson camp with direct knowledge of the casino billionaire's thinking says that further donations will be "limitless."

But the attention is mostly focused on the sheer numbers he's talking about, not what it suggests that Adelson—who already spent buckets of money to try to defeat Mitt in the primary—has now promised limitless donations to defeat Obama.

This is about Likud trying to decide the American elections.

Adelson doesn't hide the fact that this donation is about Israel as much as it is Obama's "socialism."

Adelson, this source continues, believes that "no price is too high" to protect the U.S. from what he sees as Obama's "socialization" of America, as well as securing the safety of Israel. He added that Adelson, 78, considers this to be the most important election of his lifetime.

Nor is it surprising he's doing this. More than he is for any of these American politicians, Adelson is Bibi Netanyahu's Sugar Daddy. And Obama has been remarkably successful thus far in stymying Bibi's goal of forcing the US to attack Iran. In addition to the sanctions regime that has brought about negotiations, in recent months, the Administration has leaked both a white paper showing that an Iran attack would do nothing but set off a regional war and news of the bases in Azerbaijan Israel would use if it unilaterally attacked Iran. David Sanger quoted Presidential briefers and Joe Biden-Bibi's old nemesis-blaming Israel for freeing StuxNet, possibly intentionally. Leon Panetta has, on the record, told the entire world, including Iran, when Israel planned to attack. (I actually thought Panetta's latest 60 Minutes appearance might have been an attempt to placate Israel.)

It may appear to us that the Administration continues typical American policy of capitulating to Israel. But the Obama Administration has taken surprisingly strong measures to push back against Israel.

And now Sheldon Adelson has promised to use unlimited funds to get rid of President Obama.

As much as the money concerns me, that's not what I worry about the most. The Israelis have never been shy about running off-the-books operations to influence our policies. Indeed, they played a role in Iran-Contra, the start of which goes back to the last October Surprise plot to make sure a Democrat didn't get reelected in 1980. And the state of affairs in Israel's neighborhood (both Syria and Egypt would be excellent candidates, though if I were Turkey I'd be cautious, too) is such that it would be very very very easy to create an October Surprise that would make it a lot harder for Obama to get reelected.

Bibi's Sugar Daddy just announced the world he will do anything in his power to defeat Obama. You can be sure Bibi feels the same way.

Update: Iran/Israel confusion fixed, h/t vl.