Trump risks losing leverage over Iran as midterms approach

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Prof. Zaki Shalom: The president's inconsistent policies and repeated shifts between military threats and negotiations have undermined public confidence in his leadership.

His biggest mistake was the constant reversals and lack of credibility," Shalom said. "Moving toward military action, stopping, shifting to negotiations, then moving toward military action again, stopping and negotiating. The public doesn't like that. It prefers a determined leader, even if that means paying more at the gas pump.

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