

# Tom Friedman, World's Greatest Authority, Has A 'Big Idea': US Should Pay Assad to Expel Iran From Syria

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A well-pleased pleaser, mightily impressed with himself, the *New York Times* columnist Tom Friedman – the World's Greatest Authority – has just announced that he has had a Big Idea about Syria, one that should solve all kinds of problems for Israel and the U.S. Ira Stoll was not impressed. His critical analysis is here: "Tom Friedman's Latest Stratagem Is Having US Taxpayers Subsidize Syria's Assad," [Jihad Watch](#).