Hugh Hewitt: Iran Deal is Key for 2016 GOP Candidates

(CNN) When the U.S. Congress signed on to the elaborate Iranian nuclear deal oversight structure negotiated principally by Sens. Bob Corker (R-Tennessee), Robert Menendez (D-New Jersey) and Ben Cardin (D-Maryland), it turned its collective back on the Framers of the Constitution and their express direction that significant undertakings with foreign powers would be of no lasting, binding effect on future Congresses unless two-thirds of the then-sitting senators ratified the treaty proposed by a president.

Indeed, the Corker-Menendez-Cardin framework turned the Constitution on its head, in essence providing that any "neo-treaty" with Iran could be "quasi-ratified" by a mere 34 senators, barely more than one-third of one house of the Congress. A minority of senators have thus been empowered to not only give tacit approval to the deal but also to in effect alter the Constitution.

That the Iran "deal" -- desperately negotiated, improvidently agreed to and still quite likely concealed in key parts from the legislators being asked to vote it up and down -- is moving forward without a vocal bipartisan objection to having to vote without full disclosure is clear evidence of a disaster too awful in its particulars to allow full disclosure and debate.

The "self-inspection" provisions to which Iran has agreed with the IAEA concerning its military facility at Parchin are a very bad joke. And the supermajority opposition to the deal in the polls demonstrates that the public knows Iran shows zero signs of moderating its state support of terror, its mayhem-creating proxies in Syria, Lebanon, Yemen and around the globe, or even its most public "death to America and Israel" rhetoric at home.