

MY COMMENTARY ON THE WAR WITH IRAN

I was 19 when Iran took our Embassy in Tehran. Can't say I liked Iranians at all after that incident. However, that was 47 years ago and since then I know of no other major incidents by the Iranians against Americans that would cause me to have a lifetime of hate against them. Now here we are in a war against Iran. The MSM wants us to buy into the propaganda, but I'm a little bit older and wiser to their BS. So here is my take on what has been a major FAFO moment. While I don't get involved in politics, politics has a way of getting involved in my life. How? Well we are going to see our economic way of life hit hard! I guess if you have millions in the bank you probably don't give a shit. But I don't have that kind of bank account and to be honest I see no reason for the USA to go start a fight with a country that is not a threat to us! We were in the middle of peace negotiations before this happened. Anyway, this isn't a political post, it's a common sense post on reality. Enjoy!

THE FUNDAMENTAL QUESTION NO ONE IN MAINSTREAM MEDIA IS ASKING

Who asked the American people?

In February 2026, polling showed that only 21 percent of Americans supported strikes on Iran, while 49 percent saw them as unnecessary and expensive. [08] Yet this war was launched. That gap between the will of the people and the actions of their government is not a footnote — it is the central crisis of this conflict.

MISTAKE #1: THE INTELLIGENCE FAILURE AND THE MISCALCULATION

The Trump administration wrongly believed that oil prices would blip up for a few days and then go down, just like they did during the 12-day conflict last year. The White House had not taken Tehran's threats of closing the strategic Strait of Hormuz seriously. [08]

This was not a minor oversight. It was a catastrophic failure of intelligence analysis. One expert who had served as a senior U.S. State Department advisor stated plainly: "I believe it was a miscalculation on the part of Trump, because they didn't expect and understand that Iran has the resilience and the staying power to fight a long, drawn-out war." [08]

The administration's own advisors did not understand their enemy. That is the definition of a failed pre-war assessment.

MISTAKE #2: NO CLEAR ENDGAME, NO DEFINED VICTORY

From the moment Operation Epic Fury was launched, Trump's messaging oscillated between dealmaking and the destruction of Iran. [08] That kind of contradictory signaling is not strength — it is confusion dressed as confidence.

When pressed about when the war would end, Trump said victory would be "where they're not going to be starting the following day to develop a nuclear weapon." [08] That is not a strategic endpoint. That is an open-ended, indefinite military commitment with no clear exit.

Military analysts have pointed out that the military instrument has been “authorised far beyond what the strategic objective can deliver. The US can destroy Iran’s hardware, but it cannot manufacture a political alternative from the air.” [OBJ]

We have seen this movie before — Iraq, Libya, Afghanistan. Regime change from the air does not produce stable democracies. It produces power vacuums and generational wars.

MISTAKE #3: THE CONSTITUTIONAL BREACH

The strikes were launched without congressional authorization. Article 1 of the Constitution gives Congress, not the president, the power to declare war. [OBJ]

This is not a partisan talking point. It is the foundational law of the United States. No U.S.-Israel mutual defense treaty has ever been submitted to the Senate for ratification. [OBJ] Yet American sons and daughters are now dying in a war that was never voted on by the people’s representatives.

The president launched air strikes and pursued regime change in another country without congressional authorization — a move critics across the political spectrum have called unconstitutional. [OBJ]

MISTAKE #4: THE ECONOMIC DEVASTATION TO ORDINARY AMERICANS

This is where the rubber meets the road for American families.

The war is costing the U.S. an estimated \$800 million to \$1 billion a day. If the conflict rages for a total of two months, it will inflict approximately \$65 billion in net new expense on U.S. taxpayers [OBJ] — on top of a deficit that was already at crisis levels.

Analysts had previously expected Brent crude to trade at about \$60 per barrel in 2026. Instead, it rocketed to \$93 per barrel. Goldman Sachs published a worst-case scenario in which \$100 per barrel becomes reality. [OBJ]

Goldman Sachs warned that inflation could snap back to 3% this year if the war drags on. Higher jet fuel prices push airline tickets higher. Rising transportation costs do the same for grocery prices. [OBJ]

The people who voted for this president voted for lower prices. They are getting the opposite.

MISTAKE #5: SERVING A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT’S AGENDA

This must be said plainly, because almost no one in the mainstream is saying it clearly enough.

Netanyahu, the longest-serving prime minister in Israel, has made regime change in Iran the central theme of his 18-year political career. Netanyahu and his government are behind in recent public opinion polls, and no doubt believes the war with Iran will reverse his coalition’s political fortunes. [OBJ]

One analysis concluded that ironically, Netanyahu and Trump's war may be what deals the fatal blow to the U.S.-Israel relationship. A Gallup poll found that, for the first time, more Americans sympathize with Palestinians over Israelis. [OBJ]

An American president's first obligation is to the American people — not to any foreign government, not to any foreign prime minister facing corruption charges and electoral trouble at home.

MISTAKE #6: THE HUMANITARIAN CATASTROPHE AND THE SCHOOL STRIKE

The humanitarian toll is mounting, with more than 1,700 people killed across the region and hundreds of thousands of residents displaced. [OBJ]

The opening salvo also killed more than 160 people when a missile struck a girls' school adjacent to a naval base. [OBJ] Trump brushed off a reporter's question about whether the U.S. would take responsibility for an air strike that killed more than 150 people at an Iranian girls' school, despite growing evidence including video footage indicating it was an American Tomahawk missile. [OBJ]

That is not the America the world must see. And it is not the America most Americans believe themselves to be.

MISTAKE #7: MISSION CREEP IS ALREADY HERE

Wars rarely begin as "forever wars." Leaders sell a short, controlled operation with a defined target. But mission creep turns that pitch into a pattern — retaliation cycles, credibility politics, alliance pressures and market shocks — that pull governments deeper into a crisis and make stopping harder. [OBJ]

Senate Democrats who attended a bipartisan classified briefing with military brass warned that the U.S. risks being dragged into another prolonged conflict in the Middle East [OBJ] — standing in stark contrast to the president's public optimism.

WHAT MUST BE DONE NOW — SEVEN CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

1. Declare a ceasefire and open diplomatic channels immediately.

Iran's president has already personally apologized to neighboring countries Iran had targeted with strikes [OBJ] — that is a signal of willingness to de-escalate. That door must not be ignored.

2. Bring this war before Congress — now.

The Constitution requires it. Retroactive authorization is not enough. The American people, through their elected representatives, must decide whether this war continues. No president — regardless of party — should have unilateral power to drag the nation into open-ended regional war.

3. Reframe the U.S.-Israel relationship on American terms.

The relationship must be grounded in mutual benefit, not unconditional deference to a foreign government's domestic political calculations. America's annual support for Israel must come with enforceable expectations of restraint and accountability. A true friend tells the truth.

4. Immediately address energy prices for American families.

Release strategic petroleum reserves, aggressively pursue diplomatic openings to stabilize the Strait of Hormuz, and coordinate with Gulf partners to backstop supply. The American working family cannot absorb \$100 oil because of a war they never voted for.

5. Halt the “regime change” rhetoric and define a realistic political endpoint.

History — Iraq, Libya, Afghanistan — proves that bombing a government out of existence does not produce freedom. It produces chaos that the U.S. then owns for decades. The objective must be measurable and achievable, not abstract.

6. Establish accountability for civilian casualties.

The girls' school strike must be fully and independently investigated. America's credibility in the world is inseparable from its willingness to hold itself accountable. Dismissing the question is not strength.

7. Return American foreign policy to an America-first framework — honestly.

“America First” cannot mean America bleeds first for another country's strategic ambitions. It means the lives of American service members, the wages of American workers, and the security of American families come before any foreign policy commitment. Seven Americans are already dead. One of them was Sgt. Benjamin N. Pennington, 26, of Glendale, Kentucky, who died of wounds sustained in an enemy attack on March 1, 2026, at Prince Sultan Air Base in Saudi Arabia. ^[O&A] His life had value. His death demands accountability, not cheerleading.

BOTTOM LINE

The mainstream media narrative of “short-term disruption for long-term gain” is the same narrative that was used to sell Iraq in 2003. History judged that wrong. The American people paid for it in blood and treasure for twenty years.

The facts as they stand today: a war launched without a vote of Congress, without the support of a majority of the American people, at the apparent behest of a foreign government whose prime minister had his own political reasons to want it, with no defined endpoint, costing a billion dollars a day, killing American soldiers, and driving up the price of gas and groceries for working families.

That is not America First. That is America Last — and the President needs advisors willing to say so.