

Andrei Martyanov: Iran's Silent Weapon That Frightens the Pentagon

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Hi, everybody. Today is Thursday, May 7, 2026, and our dear friend, our brother, Andrei Martyanov, is here with us. Welcome back, Andrei.

#Andrei

My pleasure.

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Andrei, I want to start with the war in the Middle East. But before going there, Andrei, there are a lot of rumors about how Ukraine is getting back with these new drones and the new fund from Europeans — 90 billion euros. Europe is investing in Ukraine, and they're producing drones, and they're changing the game. What is that, Andrei? Because I'm not talking about those people who are literally hating Russians — they hate Russia — but some people who were somehow arguing that Russia is winning, they're talking about these drones changing everything. What is that? What is your understanding of that?

#Andrei

Incompetence, I am on the record. The Pentagon is incompetent. It's good only in PR, which was, well, I mean, it can bomb. That's about it. So, yeah, incompetence of the Spaniards — they spin the story. They, as usual, are in the business of propaganda. Make no mistake. And even much of the alternative media are now in the business of propaganda. I can tell you one thing, and this is confirmed, not just — I mean, this is from the highest political and military levels. In Russia, it's published specifically about the air defense troops, which is specifically air defense. But of course, air defense is conducted across the range of weaponry, which is, of course, electronic warfare and other things. And so the effectiveness of Russian air defense is 97%. It's unachievable by anybody in the world. But obviously, because it's 97, that means out of 100, something like three — they are called leakers.

What do they do? They do what NATO is capable of — fighting civilians. They primarily attack civilian targets, apartment blocks. They kill people riding to work in their minibuses or cars. That's what they do. And as a result, they spin it as some kind of "they hit a top support port." And again, you cannot explain to the average so-called military specialists what the required force means, including, you know, kinetic means, to, for example, destroy or at least take out a refinery. Those people don't understand it. Most of their, let's say, Western specialists are humanities-brainwashed morons who wouldn't understand the first thing about how it's done.

And they see there, like, an explosion. For example, they hit some storage unit which contains, I don't know, three, four thousand tons of oil, which is a pinprick. Yeah, it burns, it creates a dramatic picture. But they don't have means, they really do not do anything other than for the picture. And as a result, they are into such a level of hysteria now because it is a self-sustaining process now. It's like, you know, nuclear fission — once it lights up, you know, that's it. You know, look at our star, the sun — this is what is going on there, you know. And those chain reactions, they essentially become self-sustaining, and as a result, we have this hysteria. And they primarily spin stories from Kyiv because the Nazi regime in Kyiv and Brussels, Germany, or Washington, D.C. are the same. It's not a matter that Washington, D.C. has been so humiliated militarily, which is kind of a normal thing for them.

That's the only thing the United States does — loses its wars. So, and that it's both a combination of hatred, hysteria, and lack of competence, because they still believe that somehow Europe can, you know, survive without being destroyed. Dmitry Medvedev today — my video comes after that — he actually explained it in his very long article today, that the first to go in that case will be Germany. There will be no German state left. And he talks about, I quote him, so if they want to try it — and of course he calls them their proper names — what Europe has become, and so Europe will die. They don't understand what they are dealing with, and Europeans are a docile bunch. They evidently support the Satanist regimes which they have, and so that's what it is. The United States has been completely — it had its nose bloodied by Iran — it has been demilitarized.

That's why Iran succeeded rather dramatically, because it was demilitarized in the special military operation for four years. They just lost pretty much. They provided everything they could, short of nuclear weapons. And so that's what we have. And that's the end of Western civilization, including the United States as the formal leader. So the United States needs to extricate itself as soon as possible from any kind of conflict of this nature, because it's not ready to do it and doesn't have resources. Europe — to hell with Europe — that's what it essentially comes down to. And those people, that elite, it's a combination of Nazis, pedophiles, all kinds of deviants and perverts, and this is what Europe has become. They will try to drag La Hostin maybe once more, and that will be the end of it.

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Andrei, you've mentioned something so important, in my opinion — the continuation of the war in Ukraine, and then we have it in the Middle East. The source is the same. The country that is providing all these ammunitions, weapons, missiles, interceptors is the same. That's why you see, you know, coming to this sort of ceasefire, as they call it — a ceasefire is just a pause — what's going on in the Middle East. But how do you see the leadership in Iran, in Russia, and in China? What is your understanding of these people who are running these three countries?

#Andrei

They are strategists. I might disagree with China's strategy — and I do. But I mean, China, again, it's an ancient culture, and it certainly has its own views on the matter. But in terms of Russia and Iran, it has been very clear from the get-go what many people didn't understand. Russians have been keenly aware of the pro-Western lobby, if you wish, in Iran. And they knew that at any moment you can go in, and of course, the mood and the structure itself were such that you could still get those so-called reformers who would try to cooperate only with the West, and Russia would be basically pushed aside. Obviously, Mr. Raisi was a very pragmatic and smart leader.

So Russians, that's when Russians started to believe, because they had General Soleimani, you know, that in the end, Russian involvement in Syria was based to a large extent on the diplomatic efforts of the Russians, General Soleimani, and, you know, the Iranian leadership. But still, even during that time, there was a very strong anti-Russian sentiment, even when Russians — which did happen — you know, the Iranian military said Russian planes would basically refuel at their Iranian airfields and fly to, you know, Syria and what have you. Today it's changed. You have, obviously, the core of the Guards of the Islamic Revolution largely in charge, and the Iranian military. And this, under the current circumstances, is the sensible thing that is happening. And in this case, the logic of the circumstances is such that Russia and Iran are becoming very close.

So it's normal. Apart from the fact... Russia and Iran are neighbors. They used to be close neighbors through Azerbaijan, which is now an independent state. But still, the Caspian Sea — there are all kinds of things happening in military and industrial areas. And economic development in the future promises dramatic, you know, not only promises but is already happening — dramatic benefits. And now, then suddenly we have this, which is idiocy, because rational people don't do this. It's only the people who are blackmailed and covered, like Trump, who is controlled essentially by Israel. They did the unthinkable. They decided and blew up the energy structure of the global economy because of all the orders from Israel. Israel itself will disappear, dissipate — will dissipate as a state.

And for Iran, it's a dramatic historic win. And now Iran is in the driving seat and dictates conditions. The United States has been militarily humiliated. It doesn't matter how many KC-135s or E-3 Sentries, AWACS it moves, or how many aircraft it gets there. That's the only thing. There are no forces and means to conduct anything sensible to force Iran to do anything. The United States simply doesn't have the resources. It cannot conduct massive combined arms operations, especially — we already discussed this a million times — if you want to do a ground invasion of Iran, good luck

with that. You'll be counting the coffins in the tens of thousands in the first few months of the so-called operation. So there you go. And this is not a stalemate, as they try to spin it. Iran eventually, which is already happening, will move its tankers to where it needs to.

And the U.S. Navy, we already had today what? Rubio already stated that what? Yesterday. War is over. We're done. And actually, the blockade — they need to also crawl away from that to save face. But again, the people who are in administrations in the United States since the times of, well, even Clinton, essentially — they know only PR. They do not know how to run countries, especially such countries as the United States. And increasingly, they fell under the spell of the Israeli lobby. And militarily and politically, they're incompetent. They only know PR, and they think that it's great PR. It is not. People are not stupid. Their problem with the American elites — they think that everybody is stupid, and they are shining examples of intellect. They are not. Highly uncultured, highly uneducated people, give and take, you know, a few exceptions. That's about it.

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Andrei, we have a very interesting character in the United States. The guy, his name is Victor Davis Hanson. As I told you before coming to this live, he was two days ago on Piers Morgan's show. And he talked about the war in the Middle East and the war in Ukraine. And he basically was saying that the Trump administration is coming out of this war — the United States is gonna be, the United States that comes out of the Middle East and the war against Iran is gonna be the greatest, has never been as great as it is today. And what is the reason that he's mentioning that? He said that the United States has destroyed the Iranian Navy, the Iranian Air Force — basically the points that Donald Trump every time brings up. And the other point on his part is that Iran has no choice but to capitulate. How is that? You know the other allegation about the war in Ukraine? He said two million Russians were killed, more than two million. And he's a right-wing guy who supports Donald Trump. You see, his videos are getting a lot of views.

#Andrei

I know who you're talking about. Here's one of the reasons why American elites are dumb. They're stupid. I mean, they produce this bunch of uneducated hacks like him. He's no military historian. He has a degree in classicism. He won't understand the first thing about operations. And then again, he doesn't even have basic physics and mathematical apparatus to provide an assessment of the veracity of the data. So he is a clown, basically, and I heard him talking about World War II. The guy has no clue. He is a fraud, like most of what people teach in the Ivy League. And you know, look at Mr. Michael McFaul, who passes for a specialist in Russia. The guy is a downright idiot. You know, so, and yeah, that's negative selection for the last, especially 30 years.

It was happening before. It was already bad by then. But it's really a rigid pinnacle. You literally have people who are dumb as stumps teaching in the, you know, the morals with the PhDs. That's who they are. And especially, I'll tell you one thing: the guy with this degree in classicism cannot be

a military historian. Many historians cannot be military historians because you need to have a real, serious background, especially when you get yourself inserted into something like World War II. Forget about modern warfare. So he can fantasize whatever he wants, but again, he is the reason why the United States loses force. He doesn't understand the first thing about what he's talking about.

You need to be a military professional first, and a real professional, not some guy who has a major in English literature. Yeah, there was an admiral who was in the U.S. Navy who graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy with a major in English literature. So then, what can I say? And so, that's the type of guys, and U.S. elites are filled with them, you know. You go left, right, and you look at those people—they have no clue what they're talking about. And the thing which the Pentagon lacks completely, always did, and the CIA too, is due to their not very high professional level. They never could grasp the essential nature of the conflict, which is the critical thing—understanding and developing strategies.

The United States is miserably bad on that. And I will quote you Daniel Larison. He himself is in history, he is more of a conservative person. He publishes often in the Quincy Institute that the United States has a new world outside and still continues not to know. It simply has no cadres. Those who do, they are not allowed anywhere, essentially to any levels of power or influence. And so, yeah, it's an utterly corrupted military process, military-political process. And as I already stated, I am now openly stating their professional level of the U.S. military is not very high. And it's not just because, oh yeah, we didn't basically modernize or do something, you know, in terms of collecting our mighty power. No, it just, it always was like that.

And the American way of war is primarily through proxies, and trying to stay away, as I already stated many times, behind the backs of those proxies like Ukraine or in Vietnam. They were also basically, you know, ARVN, which was, you know, the Army of the Republic of Vietnam, sustaining the main losses during the fight. And so you look at this, that's what it is. And the only thing the United States military is capable of is to fight—and even that is questionable—but to fight something like Saddam's army, you know, in the open field, after the army which is essentially stuck in the 1950s, you know. So, and, uh, but in terms of modern warfare, the moment they got out... So what do we have now? We have 14 bases, U.S. bases, which I was worrying about for two decades now. Your bases are not assets.

Your bases are fat, sitting targets, period. Or guess what? The United States has been essentially evicted from the Middle East. But yeah, they will continue, those guys will continue to think that, oh yeah, we need to have bases. Okay, you can have whatever you want if you don't have air defense, which the United States doesn't. You're going to get annihilated. That's what Iran did exactly. And then again, for Mr. Hansen, of course, if you talk about it, he won't understand what is called the TOE, Table of Organization and Equipment, with specific emphasis on organization, because he won't understand the value, the weighted averages of the military systems that, for example, those two frigates of the Iranian Navy, which they sunk—in combat value, they are very low.

However, about 20 of those fast boats, they have way more military combat value than those, you know, because they can actually create a real threat and deliver a kinetic threat against any kind of target. And then, of course, we have to go into anti-shipping missiles and how it is all designed. And that's the result. And the United States has been defeated militarily. And Trump, can he probably start another round of bombing? Yeah, that's the only thing the United States is capable of—bombing. But they begin to bomb, and things begin to deteriorate to the essentially master of the United States, which is Israel, because Israel has already stated—and it's not my idea—probably will dissipate and will disappear from the map at some point in time. So, and yeah, there are no good choices, period. It's bad and worse, simple as that.

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Andrei, I don't know if you saw this article in Haaretz. It's talking about— Yes, I saw it.

#Andrei

I even published it. If you go to my blog, there's a whole post dedicated to this article. Yes.

#Nima

Yeah, it basically says that Netanyahu will go down and the state of Israel will somehow collapse as a result of what Netanyahu has done so far. And when you look at Israel today, you mentioned it. We know that Benjamin Netanyahu wanted this war. He literally wanted this war. He asked each and every president in the United States to do this, and finally he got it with this administration, the Trump administration. What is the outcome, and what is the assessment that this article you've mentioned is bringing up, in your opinion, that is valid?

#Andrei

Valid is that Israel, as we know it, doesn't exist already. As we used to know it, it will dissipate because most of them will have no defense. As the author of this article correctly stated, which was predicted and spoken about by many people—our dear friend Scott Ritter, Colonel Daniel Davis—the idea of Israeli defense, so-called defense, in reality, it's the imperialistic force, is decomposing. I'm quoting the author of this article: it is in a state of decomposition. It's not a real fighting force. It's essentially their punitive battalions or brigades, similar to the SS and, you know, brigades which were committing atrocities. That's the only thing they're good at—committing atrocities. Fighting a real war, not so much. And they got their, pardon my French, ass handed to them in southern Lebanon by Hezbollah.

Simple as that. That tells you everything you need. And these guys, they have their, oh yeah, you know, this air superiority. Yeah, that's the only thing they know. That's the concept. That's what they have been piqued by. It's essentially the U.S. military too, because for some reason they

thought that the 8th Air Force, heroic as it was—make no mistake—somehow played a critical role in defeating the Nazis, for example. It didn't. I mean, it certainly bombed some sites. It certainly bombed some industrial complexes of the Third Reich and things of this nature. But, you know, you cannot explain to people that the Air Force and all those air operations—it was all written by Germans. It was all ideas of the Blitzkrieg, which then translated itself into the air-land battle and things of this nature.

So which, and you know how Nazi Germany ended, you know, with the Red Army in Berlin. But the point is that you cannot fix it. Their whole structure, including from Western civilization to Israel to the United States—United States is a civilization on its own, as young as it is—that whole building of these views, ideas, assumptions, and so-called academy, which is not a real academy, it's so rotten in its lies and confabulations and all PR, that they became high on their own supply. While not saying that, essentially, the only thing they can do is what Israel is doing—well, they just blow up the civilian population. That's what they do. Look at what the U.S. did—civilian population primarily. They cannot fight, and they lash out in desperation.

And you saw yourself what happens to the guys on, for example, U.S. carriers—how they eat, which is basically on the famine-level kind of maintenance of the troops. It's a catastrophe. It's a catastrophe. And they, I mean, again, as I already stated, the United States is not a country with a real military culture. I mean, it has some definitely proud moments, like, obviously, especially naval power. But, I mean, American society is not well-versed in real warfare. So they decided to go and fight. I believe it was Arakchi who stated, "Our military is 2,000 years older than your country," which is true. The Persian Empire—well, it's more than 2,000, it's more like three. So, and yeah, they get into this ancient culture thinking that they can defeat it. They can't. They don't have the culture for that.

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Yeah, actually, Arakchi, the foreign minister, we don't call the latest operation, which was called Project Freedom. He wanted to open up the Strait of Hormuz. He said, is it Project Deadlock? Yeah. It was a military operation. They were preparing to do something, because it doesn't make sense after looking at what has happened in 24 hours. They decided to do things that later on, within hours, they said they couldn't do.

#Andrei

I don't know. They have to chicken out for a simple reason. The United States military, for all some of its sectors being impressive, such as, for example, ISR, American satellite group, and, you know, signal processing. Not that Palantir did well—it didn't. I mean, you have these fanboys now obsessed with this AI, what they call it. Well, I mean, it's a whole other story. It's a whole other can of worms. It is a legacy force. It was designed for the warfare of the 1970s, and it is based on the ideas of the World War II U.S. Navy, with the exception of the submarine force. And what do you have?

So you have a bunch of very expensive, very dubiously effective targets, which you cannot move toward the main objective, because fleets—that's Chester Nimitz, that's not me. Who am I compared to one of the greatest admirals in history and a true American hero? And the man was looked at, you know, with admiration not only from, you know, American people but from Russians and Soviets, you know, when he stated that in the end—and that was the deposition in 1946 in front of the U.S. Congress Subcommittee of the Armed Forces—he said, in the end, fleets existed in support roles for ground operations. That was Chester Nimitz. So, does the United States have any resources for a ground operation?

No. No. I mean, for a real ground operation. So what do you have? You have a bunch of fat, you know, slow-moving, dubiously effective forces, which can launch some Tomahawks. That's about it. You cannot move them toward the ground to conduct amphibious landings, if you think about that, without them being targeted and many sunk, which essentially breaks your operational planning—it basically throws it into oblivion, because what are you gonna do when you lose your main assets, which are the core of your Navy? So you launch some Tomahawks, you run out of Tomahawks, you need to go back to base because you need to reload whatever is left.

So it's basic arithmetic and mathematics. Forget about all those derivatives and differential equations and things of this nature, all those tensors. No, this is very simple math. How many Tomahawks do you have? What is there? Not just the power or the weight of the warhead. What is called mightiness, might of the charge. How much damage can you really do? And then suddenly it recognizes, yeah, it can do some damage, primarily to hospitals, schools, kindergartens. But if you try to do something in terms of actual military targets, especially ones that are well defended, reinforced, and defended by air defense—not much, because you need a completely new class of weapons. The United States doesn't have this class of weapons.

And I'm talking about, obviously, even supersonic missiles already make a difference compared to, you know—and then we're not going into the hypersonics. And so, the only thing you have is PR. What happened? They promised to use the Dark Eagle a few days back. Now it's just also died out in this informational noise. Dark Eagle is a non-existent weapon. The only thing they can launch is—well, it's pathetic. It's pathetic. It's a 13-kilogram warhead or gliding body. They can accelerate it to Mach 5. Wow. You know? Color me surprised.

They cannot even control it, but they talk about it because they cannot live with the fact that maybe you're not that good. You never were to start with. But then again, as people who want to understand what is going on and how the war in Europe is now being prepared, and that Russia will annihilate whatever is necessary, they have to read Dmitry Medvedev's article. Russians are ready for the war. And they still don't understand because you have people who are incompetent. We arrived at the point of sheer idiocracy, the monkeys with the grenade who do not understand what they are doing. So the monkey should be shot and killed.

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Andrei, Donald Trump basically saying to the Iranians, you accept this deal that he has? I don't know what it is. Nobody knows what it is. Or we're going to bomb you. And looking at the ammunition and the weapons, missiles they have moved to the region so far, how long does it take if he decides to go with the third round of war? How long does it take for Donald Trump to say, we're done, we're done, let's go after some sort of ceasefire again?

#Andrei

In terms of the stock of weapons, not very long. And again, it depends on the rate they use it, and they obviously cannot completely expend it, expend all of it. But we're looking at probably another thousand Tomahawks in the best-case scenario. After that, the United States has to use any kind of this. JASSMs are gone for the most part. JASSM-ER, which is extended range, which has a 900-kilometer range, they are already very low on them. They literally produce dozens of them a year, which is pathetic, really. So, um... after that, it's the same old — pull in this, you know, ATACMS, M270 vehicles, load this PRSM, whatever the hell the thing is, JDAM again stuck on the top of some rocket engine, and it has a range of 500 kilometers.

Okay, let's get those HIMARS, whatever, 300 kilometers, let's launch them. Okay, we have a little bit more than, you know, standoff weapons. After that, as JDAMs, you need to fly your aircraft into Iranian airspace, and then guess what? You know what's going to happen. They will begin to fall from the sky, because in terms of JDAM, even when you have this gliding block, it's about up to 80 kilometers in the latest versions, but in reality it's like 50. You already need to be within Iranian airspace. It doesn't matter what you fly — you fly F-35s, whatever, F-15s, F-16s — many of them will be shot down. And of course, they will continue to lie.

#Nima

And you mentioned these hypersonic missiles, Andrei, and we don't know anything about that because they haven't experienced it. They haven't tested before. And what is that? Are they going to test it on their own to see how it works?

#Andrei

And what is the point?

#Nima

They have all of them. How many do they have?

#Andrei

The question is not that they have, whatever, a couple, three, four launches of this Dark Eagle. It's pathetic in itself. It's a 13-kilogram weight projectile, which they cannot control. The United States didn't solve it and will not solve it anytime soon. That's what many people don't understand. Real hypersonic weapons — it's not just you shoot it and it flies and maneuvers. No, you control it. How do you solve this problem when the thing flies in this, you know, ionized cocoon, which doesn't, you know, allow or greatly, essentially, decreases the, you know, radio communications? Russians solved it. How?

Well, they already used it many times. So, but yeah, 13 kilograms — many artillery shells are, let's say, two to three times heavier. So yeah, let them launch it, okay, that's going to be Mach 5, flying some kind of artillery shell — that's essentially what it is. It's all for the show primarily, but they need to show that "we are in the race," you know, "we're getting there." Well, no, you're not. I mean, the United States is nowhere near any weapon system such as the strategic Avangard, let alone something like Kinzhal, and especially so when we talk about the Zircon, the 3M22 Zircon — it's not even on the horizon.

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Do you see, Andrei, these Arab states in the Persian Gulf? We know what has happened. The final objective of Donald Trump was to open up the Strait of Hormuz — he couldn't achieve it. He couldn't open it up. And the states in the region, they understand the reality, the hard reality of this war for them. They look at themselves — they couldn't, they cannot sell their oil, their gas. And the United States is selling, other countries are selling, and they're just sitting there without... you know, UAE was — you know what has happened to UAE. They're getting out of OPEC, OPEC Plus, and all of this nonsense. And yesterday, as an outcome of the Operation Project Freedom, someone hit them in those ports and, you know, they have — Fujairah, yeah.

#Andrei

Allegedly, Fujairah is burning again, yeah. Oh, good Lord. Again, as I already stated, we need to tell the last person leaving Dubai not to forget to turn off the lights, you know. So this is for those people who do not understand what happened. It's all fake diesel wells. I mean, the families of those fat cats, the Arab sheikhs and whatever, they are rich in the sense that still their money is controlled by the United States and the Brits. So they might as well deny them the money if they think they are getting too smart. But again, you see, this is the thing — you encounter the brick wall or concrete wall of reality when you drive your Lamborghini. Guess who wins? Okay. And so this is what happened.

And all those, listen, I just want to remind you of this wonderful, beautifully, essentially summarized idea that when one of the sheikhs in Dubai, or UAE rather, he said, my grandfather was riding, you know, a camel. My father was riding a Rolls-Royce. I'm riding a Rolls-Royce. My son rides a Rolls-Royce. My grandchildren will ride camels again. So this is exactly it — these are mono-economists.

No matter how they try to pretend that, yeah, there are some imbeciles who say, oh yeah, University of Dubai. It's just people. I mean, shake yourself into reality, okay? It's like Dubai chocolate. Yeah, this primitive fishing village, which existed 50 years ago — that's what UAE was. Yeah, they were chocolatiers. I mean, people from Belgium and Switzerland have to be really insulted when they say Dubai-style chocolate.

I mean, it's all, you know, tinseltown. It's all, you know, what, the smoke and mirrors, you know. And so, as any mono-economist, which they are, and especially with them selling this garbage of their security and luxury — you know what? I would rather stay in a good Holiday Inn for \$200 than pay \$7,000 just to sit in a room that's all covered in fake gold, you know. I mean, you cannot explain it to people. We are literally looking at the implosion. This is the pinnacle of the collapse of Western civilization, which is based on actually selling luxury, you know, blowing smoke up people's homes, and consumerism brought to its logical, grotesque pinnacle. That's what it is. But where do we go from there?

There's no way to go. You just implode. And this is exactly what is happening. And then suddenly those values of the nation, of culture, of civilization, you know, of pride, of integrity, you know, and humanity, they suddenly begin to pop up here. And yeah, people in Washington, I mean, they do not have any idea about it because, as I already stated, you look at the Western elites' education today at the cultural level — extremely low. They are extremely low. This is third world. Those institutions which they constantly promote are... What do they teach? All kinds of brainwashed propaganda. That's about it. There are no free thinkers anymore.

And as a result, same goes with the guys from the United Arab Emirates and all other Qatar and things like that. They were hoping that this lifestyle would be financed forever. They just didn't expect that Israel had its own plans for that. And Israel, we know, they are not good militarily. They never were. They're good at atrocities. And so they are not real strategists. And Netanyahu doesn't want to go behind bars. Because, well, he killed Israel. He killed Israel. And they will be running. They're already running, actually, for shelter all over the world. So, as my good acquaintance, Mr. Roger Waters of Pink Floyd, stated, Jews are welcome to live among us, you know.

That's absolutely going to preserve their culture and things like that. But Israel as a state must go. And that's exactly what is happening right now. And Iran played a critical role. And with it, it also shifted. We do not yet have the full understanding of what is happening in the Sunni Arab street. We know what happens among Shia. But Iran is looking now awfully prophetic, let me put it this way. Iraq yesterday stated, we're not allowing the use of our bases for any kind of future operations against Iran. Yeah, they better be, you know, fearing, you know, they must stay scared.

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I think the name of Donald Trump will remain in Israeli history books because of his contribution to the fall of Netanyahu's regime. It's just unbelievable. The guy who was supposed to help Israel is just bringing everything down.

#Andrei

Yeah, and some people, believe me, there will be morons who will be writing, like the guy you just mentioned, about how he has a degree in classicism. For some reason, he decided that he's a military historian. So, we are dealing with a situation where there will be morons who will be writing this as the great strategic achievement by Trump, not understanding the guy himself is absolutely in a parallel universe. And he's scared, actually. He's extremely scared because he didn't just bring Israel down, he brought the United States down. Actually, Russians are not very happy about it because Russians wanted the United States to kind of do a soft landing.

This is not a soft landing. This is a crash landing. And do not forget, we look at East Asia — all those, Japan, South Korea, and all that. And let me put it this way, it doesn't look good. There is an energy chokehold on their nations — Japan, South Korea, all those — and India. You saw what happened in India. It's mayhem. I mean, they are just... but China finally started to come out of its shell and said, screw them. Sanctions? Chinese refineries must buy Russian oil. That's it. The petrodollar is over.

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Andrei, you look at Donald Trump. Do you think that he's going to pay for what has happened so far in the midterm election? And how do you see the situation there? Because many people are arguing maybe Pete Hegseth has to leave by the end of this year. And how is that going to change Trump? Do you see any sort of hope in this administration? No, no, no. They lose Pete Hegseth and they lose all of these neocons in the administration.

#Andrei

Is that... Too late. Too late. As per midterms, what are they going to change? Nothing. I mean, yeah, you can get more Democrats, more insane Satanists there who will finish off the United States as a country, essentially. Or you can get a bunch of the AIPAC creatures from the GOP. GOP is an Israeli party, most of it anyway. And again, the United States doesn't have a U.S. Congress. It has Knesset 2.0. The only thing those people understand — none of them, none — is capable of serving the interests of the United States. They are there for self-enrichment, self-promotion, and many of them are the lowest of the low. Look at this Ted Cruz guy. He is a complete cretin, okay?

Ambitious, you know, and yeah, on the payroll of AIPAC. Most of them are, including the Democrats, okay? So what's going to change? Again, it's just a matter of how the United States will, as we know

it, which already doesn't exist, be finished off, and whatever will pop up, you know, may pop up in the place of this utterly corrupt and rotten political structure. I don't know. We have to wait and see. But the United States has at least resources to recover. Europe doesn't. Iran will recover. Iran has the huge, gigantic Chinese economy, the largest by far, and a massive Russian economy also. And then, of course, there's some, we don't know what kind of assistance they provide. Wink, wink. You know, so, yeah.

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Andrei, do you feel that Russia, Iran, and China—you've mentioned Russia and Iran, and China, as you've said—they were so cautious about the sanctions. It's not just about Russia. Just two, three days ago, they talked about Iranian sanctions, the sanctions on Iranians, because they know, finally, they want to get to China. We know that. We know that China is in the background. If they do something to Russia, then they're going to go after Iran, then China. Because if they do something to Iran, they understand that region. That's why you see them go to Azerbaijan, Armenia. What is that? These two little countries.

#Andrei

Yeah, Armenia is gone. And yeah, eventually the Russians will remove this military base from there. And yeah, let Armenia go into oblivion. It will disappear. I mean, there are more Armenians in Russia than there are in Armenia. Let them go wherever, when the Turks will claim this and Azerbaijan will claim these territories. Obviously, Iran will be unhappy, especially about the Zangezur corridor. But it doesn't matter. Azerbaijan will be it. We have to wait for the May 9th parade in Moscow, okay? Because you know what might happen if the attacks continue. So it's a big game. So in this case, Armenia and Azerbaijan are non-entities, with the exception of Azerbaijan being a preferable geographic location in terms of this railroad, the north-south railroad going from Murmansk to Iran.

So Russia and Iran really desperately want to have this railroad connection. They have it now through Turkmenistan and Kazakhstan. But, I mean, in reality, those are non-entities, really. And whatever happens there, obviously, Iran will have a say on that. But there is another thing. If you look at the military might, they really want Russians to be part of it. Well, Russia is already a part of it. People have already seen all those Su-35s flying in Iran. They saw those Mi-28s flying in Iran. So it's for those people who say that Russia doesn't help Iran. She does, okay? Let's put it this way, including in the hardware. And actually, Mi-28s are very handy in shooting down drones, you know, and even some cruise missiles.

So... it's a very volatile world, and we have to wait and see, because if something happens with the parade in two days in Moscow, and it has been already stated that what's going to happen to Ukraine, that will be the key of what we put as an example to what's going to happen to Berlin, London, and Paris. So that will create a new dynamic because Europeans have to be essentially scared into utter paralysis of whatever they try to carry out. For the United States and Russia, it's a

whole other story because, again, the United States itself is non-government. So you have this—it's not a three-body, it's a five-body problem, okay? How do you juggle it? How do you handle it? And China, yeah, China is better, which started when two days ago they said, enough is enough.

Screw your sanctions. These are our partners. We're buying Russian oil without any kind of, you know, looking back. So it's a very complex dynamic. But where will it lead? Most likely to the destruction of Europe, both economically and possibly even militarily, if it continues. And that's it. What do we have? We have Iran, which will be dominating the Middle East, and no matter for Israel, eventually it will dissipate. And Russia, China, and the United States, as three major nuclear powers, will have to find their modus vivendi somehow. And we'll have to wait and see. But again, what Trump did to the United States—well, we have now some \$7 per gallon places. There are some places which sell diesel for \$10, you know, so the economy is not going to survive.

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Andrei, just to wrap up this session, do you feel that Odesa is on the menu for the Russians?

#Andrei

No, possible. Impossible. We have to only, again, Russians are very, how to say it, almost Byzantine-type bureaucratic language. They say one thing, and what is important is what they didn't say. And so I think it is, but we'll have to wait and see. Russians obviously are playing with their forces and means because they need to absolutely consider a number of things in theaters—not operations, theaters of war, not just theaters of operations. And one of them is Iran. Russia definitely needs to help Iran, and this is what's happening. And so China is evidently doing some part in that. So then there is a situation with Ukraine and now Europe. And so we'll have to wait and see.

#Nima

It could be more political instead of military.

#Andrei

Absolutely. Why would you, again, for the fanboys, for those masturbators to Top Gun: Maverick and all those explosions in John Wayne movies, if you can achieve it by political means without killing your personnel, that's what you do. Normal people do it. Not this bunch of morons and nincompoops from D.C. who actually threw the American forces unprepared into this mayhem. And then they now, you know what? Oh my God, what happens? Look at what the guys have done. It's hunger. It's downright hungry on the carriers and U.S. Navy ships. Who does this? Who does this to the forces?

I'm talking from, well, it's my country too, you know, the United States. I live here. Who did this? You know, how did it come down to this? That you literally have the guys who go hungry, you

know? Who has to be kept responsible for that, apart from the fact that those people who planned that were criminals? You know, they were criminals in regards to, uh, actually Iran, which is obvious, you know. But they are criminals in regards to their own personnel, whom they endangered unnecessarily, whom they—well, there you go. Look at this. Yeah, yeah, exactly.

#Nima

Thank you so much, Andrei, for being with us today.

#Andrei

Great pleasure, as always. Okay, bye-bye. See you soon. Bye-bye.