

# Iran's Missiles STRIKE US Destroyers as Trump Restarts WAR | Martyanov

Andrei Martyanov joins to discuss the massive retaliation from Iran to US attack on a tanker and port infrastructure as the war that Trump claims is over soon reignites in a big way. Andrei's channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@UCjxgKuAiHatLO-YskZU6PQQ> Andrei's blog: <https://smoothiex12.blogspot.com/> Support the Channel: Patreon: <https://www.patreon.com/dannyhaiphong> SUBSCRIBE ON RUMBLE: Rumble: <https://rumble.com/c/DannyHaiphong> Follow Me on Social Media: Twitter: <https://twitter.com/DannyHaiphong> Telegram: <https://t.me/DannyHaiphong> Support the channel in other ways: <https://www.buymeacoffee.com/dannyhaiphong> Substack: [chroniclesofhaiphong.substack.com](https://chroniclesofhaiphong.substack.com) Cashapp: \$Dhaiphong Venmo: @dannyH2020 Paypal: <https://paypal.me/spiritofho> #iran #iranwar #trump

## #Danny

Welcome, everyone. Welcome back to the show. It's your host, Danny Haiphong. And as you can see, I am joined by geopolitical analyst, commentator, author, and host of his own YouTube channel, Andrei Martyanov. Andrei, good to see you again.

## #Martyanov

My pleasure.

## #Danny

Of course, yes. Pleasure is mine as well. Everyone, hit the like button as you come on. That helps boost the show. And Andrei actually has a background as a naval officer, which is perfect for understanding what has happened in the last 24 hours, Andrei. Before the show, you said it's a pinprick in the midst of the larger war and what's going on. But just to review a little bit about what happened overnight, you had the U.S. military conducting strikes on Iran at the Khashoggi port, Bandar Abbas. And then you had Iran announcing that they had fired missiles, drones, and had sent some of their fast attack boats there to retaliate against U.S. destroyers. They claimed that three U.S. destroyers, the USS Truxton, USS Mason, and the USS Rafael Peralta, were damaged and forced to flee.

I can show some potential evidence of that from satellite radar. The U.S. has denied this, and Trump said that everything is fine, nothing wrong has happened to these destroyers. Satellite imagery seems to show that there are a few vessels on fire in the Strait of Hormuz right now. And ongoing as we speak, there are clashes, with Iran saying that any commercial vessel that gets within kilometers

of these warships might face some friendly fire. So Andrei, help us understand what happened, what is happening right now, and why is it that despite Project Freedom being offline, the United States took these measures and Iran retaliated? What exactly is going on here?

## **#Martyanov**

Well, it's lashing out. It's because of this impotent rage of Trump and Iran. That's the only thing. Uh, and yeah, he will send two destroyers because evidently he's not very good at understanding what is going on. Uh, and neither is his administration, but we already know that. Uh, first, both sides will claim successes or what have you. And in the end, we have to wait and see what really happened. But yes, you correctly stated infrared thermal took basically a shot of the area, and there is something burning there, that's for sure. So we will consider that at least one of the destroyers might have been damaged or something like that. And yes, it's not news.

Brandon Weichert of *\*The National Interest\** fame, and I know him personally, he already stated that the U.S. Navy already tries to actually, well... use every single excuse at their disposal to not follow insane orders by the Trump administration, because essentially, yes, once you get into the firing range, after that, well, the salvo model kicks in, and you have to understand that Iran might not necessarily even be trying to hit anyone, but it certainly tries to keep the U.S. Navy assets away from the territorial waters and the economic zone there. And that's pretty much it. Did they hit something? Very well could be. So we will not know it for a while. But yes, as you correctly stated, this is what we have, and thermal gives us some kind of fires there. Could that be one or two of the U.S. destroyers? Very well could be.

## **#Danny**

Yeah, and this is the NASA FIRMS satellite detecting these multiple fires that seem to correspond, Andrei, with the Iranian reports of these destroyers having to retreat to the Sea of Oman. And that is where they are kind of stationed under all of that damage. Yeah. But I guess I'm curious, Andrei, what this says about—especially, you know, you talk a lot about the state of the U.S. empire and where it is right now. Maybe you can help us understand how these so-called battles and the destroyers and all this in the Strait of Hormuz, what it says about the state of the empire right now.

## **#Martyanov**

Oh, it's not right now. It was actually pretty bad for a long time now. It's nothing new. I wrote four books about it. And again, I've been on it for about the second decade now. And the issue is that if you take a look at the American war record — the United States loses its wars. It loses them technologically. It loses them, obviously, on the political end. But again, people have to understand wars are won on the operational and strategic levels. All this tactical minutia like, oh yeah, we'll launch this and something flew back — yeah, it's important, make no mistake.

I'm not saying that this is not important. But overall, the United States military has primarily been promoted by the PR of Hollywood. And this Al Bundy moment, you know, those four touchdowns while playing for the school, Polk High, in the high school football game—then when they beat, basically, the crap out of Saddam's army, which was just retarded, underfunded, under-equipped, and semi-literate—oh my God, it's such a victory in ideal conditions. But after that, well, we cannot forget, of course, the mighty victory over Grenada.

## **#Danny**

That was the war.

## **#Martyanov**

And so you have people there who are incompetent on a political and military level. And so professionals on the middle operational level, like, you know, those summary or admirals and, you know, people who command squadrons and obviously the commanding officers of the ships, like destroyers or nuclear-powered submarines, carriers, they understand the game. They know they cannot go out and say, we are an absolute force, because we cannot participate in the missile exchange. We're going to get hit, and our multi-billion-dollar assets may even sink. So that's the PR. And one of the critical points here is that the United States lies through its teeth about its casualties, obviously.

So much that NBC has to come out and say, oh my God, well, those 13 bases are just gone, pretty much. The United States has been evicted from the Middle East. And now it operates only—again, it's from the get-go—it's a puppet of Israel. Trump does what Israel says, period. And he is owned by Israel. And what we observe here is a complete collapse of the political structure in terms of the governance of this country. And as a result, we have those also manifestations, which are private symptoms, if you wish, you know, of the whole decay. And yes, what do you have? You have some Arleigh Burke-class destroyer, which, with 96 cells, half of those 96 cells are air defense missiles.

And they have over the deck, obviously, they have the Sea Sparrow, whatever the SeaRAMs are—missiles, which are also air defense missiles. And they have TLAMs, which are the Tomahawk land-attack missiles. They probably launched most of their TLAMs now. And the only thing they have now is to hang out there, you know, hoping that they can intercept something. And evidently, if we are to believe, again, this thermal image, yeah, we might consider that something was hit there. And we're talking about not civilian tankers, you know, which do get hit periodically. But we probably have some situation with that—something which is, like, unexplainable. Recently, USS Higgins also, for some reason, caught fire.

Lost the whole thing, you know, in the middle of nowhere. And nobody, of course, knows where this Higgins is because it is in the Pacific Command. It's, you know, operated out of Yokosuka in Japan. But suddenly, where is this destroyer? Could it have been that it was near Iran? Very well could be.

They don't disclose location. And how it happens that the modern ship, I mean, she's not young, 26 years old, but suddenly loses everything—loses power, loses, obviously, movement, propulsion, and things like that. What happened? Mystery, all right? It's like this small fire in the laundry room on the aircraft carrier. Thirty hours fighting the fire in laundry rooms, really? Yeah. I mean, yeah, it just doesn't make sense.

## **#Danny**

Yeah. In this case, the PR, as you said, is not working as well as it used to either, Andre. Help us understand that. You know, CNN has called it the Mosquito Fleet. You said that the U.S. has lost strategically in this war and that this is a manifestation of it—these naval battles now that are underway. What is this? How would you understand the Mosquito Fleet, these small, fast attack boats that Iran deploys as part of its naval arsenal? What are they? How do they work? And how do they cause trouble for the United States', I guess, naval assets in the region?

## **#Martyanov**

Well, I mean, they are fast. Some of them have speeds up to 50 knots, you know, so it's almost 90 kilometers per hour for those. Or, yeah, it's basically about 55 regular U.S. miles per hour. So they're fast, they are very maneuverable, so they are not easy to hit. You still can hit them, but the issue here is that nobody knows what they carry. Some of them carry machine guns, good caliber machine guns. Others can carry something similar to an anti-tank guided missile, which is enough to create some kind of impact, for example, on civilian tankers, you know, so you can hit them. And even, well, obviously the military naval ship can fight them off, but still, there is this term which is used. It is a term used everywhere around the world by militaries.

It's called leaker. A leaker is something which leaks through your air defenses. And even a small boat, which has a good, you know, dedicated crew, can break through and even launch something like an ATGM, an anti-tank guided missile, at even a destroyer or any other naval ship, and that can do some damage, okay? It's not going to sink the ship, but it certainly can create a rather unpleasant situation, which also will involve the death or casualties of the personnel who man those ships. So that's what they do. These are patrol, hit-and-run type things, okay? But what many people do not understand, as already has been stated and demonstrated last night, it's all about the system, how it works on the level of, you know, system of systems. That's the war.

It's just one of the tools which Iran uses. The main tool of Iran, of course, is anti-shipping missiles, anti-shipping missiles. They used, evidently, what has been shown at least by the Iranian TV launches. We don't know. There is no geospatial, you know, kind of tie-in. You cannot say where and when. But they use those like slow subsonic probes, C-802, which is based on the Chinese design, which in itself took from the old Soviet design of P-15. But, I mean, these are light missiles.

P-15s were much heavier. And so they can do damage, obviously. They're not going to sink the ship unless, of course, they create such a fire that you cannot control it. The ship basically loses it. And even still, it can probably remain afloat. But it's all about what is called the salvo model.

Salvo model is a discrete model developed by the genius, operational-tactical genius of the U.S. Navy, late Captain Wayne Hughes. And that explains, actually, it's also a tuition model, which tells you how many, of what quantity and quality of the missiles you have to launch to basically break through and provide the leaker. And you can calculate probabilities. Iranians are very good mathematicians, and they're very good operationally, so they know how it works, and they design their structure of their salvos. You can send, for example, a couple of drones and a couple of these missiles. Let's say they shoot down three of them. One considers a leak. If it is a drone, it can explode. It will get some damage, you know, but it's going to be, so to speak, you know, you can handle it. But, of course, if you have a couple of those anti-shiping missiles breaking through...

Then you are cooked, because that's going to be damage which will require the effort of most of the crew. And you will be taken out of essentially commission, if you wish, or any kind of action in the theater. So it all depends. And there are so many factors which go in there, including the training of the crews, including what is called probabilities of the proper operation of the technical means, such as radar, such as all other means of detection, and of course developing the firing solutions on all those things which fly in. So we have to wait and see what really happened. But depending on the size of the salvo, considering, let's put it this way, not very good American air defense after it was demonstrated from Ukraine into, you know, the Middle East.

And maybe it doesn't fare much better. They have a better view in terms of the radio horizon because you have only sea, you know. But it's not very good. And so who knows? Did they shoot down all of it? Or did they get a leaker or two? Very well could be that the leakage, so to speak, which is whatever breaks through the air defense wall, did happen. So it could have been the case. And, yeah, evidently they left. The fact that they left their area, those destroyers, tells you something. But, again, you look at people in the Trump administration, which is wholesale incompetent. If you look attentively at the minister of, you know, the secretary of war, I mean, the tattooed guy who is alcoholic, and he has a degree, actually, in politics, and he was the Fox anchor.

Oh, yeah, he was in Afghanistan. Okay, he went through ROTC, whatever it teaches you there, which is... So, if you look at this, good Lord... You have Mr. Kane, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He's a pilot, okay? And U.S. pilots, they do not really have a handle on real combined arms operations, let alone the, you know. And so, yeah, that's what you get. And we have, as I already stated, we have to wait and see. We know the framework. But as I already stated, if you would ask me to be a Cassandra, I would say that the probability that they hit at least one destroyer is relatively high. It's about probably 70–75% of that.

**#Danny**

Yeah. And Andre, you know, Donald Trump has said that none of this constitutes a restarting of the war, that the ceasefire is still very much in place, and that Iran better take the deal or things will get a lot worse for Iran. Iran is not speaking or acting in a way that makes me believe that it is taking heed of these threats. I mean, Iran has said straight up that the ceasefire has long been breached. But maybe you can help us understand, too. You know, the UAE has come to the forefront of this war. They're ongoing still.

You could say clashes, but Iran is firing at the UAE. The UAE is saying their air defenses are activated close to the Dubai airport. There is a plume of smoke up because of the missile and drone attacks that are light in number, but Iran seems to be sending more of a message than it is attempting to escalate to the farthest degree. But maybe you can help us understand why the UAE right now is pushed up to the forefront of this war. How does this make any sense, especially for the United States strategically, in terms of this war? I'm curious about your thoughts on this.

## **#Martyanov**

Well, yeah, I mean, you have to understand. Actually, the latest information, which I looked up prior to coming up here, is that Egypt sent its Rafales, whatever their essence, also to participate. Arabs don't like Shiites. The Sunni Arab world, and especially their governments, they are utterly corrupt. They are basically always making deals with Israel and the United States. Do not forget the petrodollar, where that money is. I'm not talking about Egypt. Egypt is a whole other story, I mean. But the point is that they are controlled, essentially. Really, the only thing they are good at is creating those tinsel towns, like this plastic shopping mall called Dubai. You know, no history, no culture, no nothing. Just, you know, those things for the nouveau riche riffraff to go there shopping, buying overpriced junk.

But that's pretty much it. This is the only thing they do. And again, do not forget, they don't know how to work in the Middle East. I mean, those elites. If you look at the United Arab Emirates or Qatar or what have you, it's slave labor. They use slave labor from Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, whatever. And so, yeah, those people are literally slaves. They build this infrastructure, which they sell to imbeciles in Europe and the United States who have some money. They go there just virtue signaling and parading and flaunting their wealth. That's about it. There is nothing behind it. And even in terms of the extraction and development, or whatever they have in terms of gas and oil extraction, they produce some, for example, like Qatar, I believe. I could be mistaken.

But they produce also some aluminum. That's about it. Those are mono-economies based on hydrocarbons. And tourism, selling this idiotic picture for the, again, as I already stated, very uncultured and very primitive people who got money from whatever, the stock options, what have you. So, and that's what it is. And it has been called—now they understand—again, you have to understand what happened to Dubai. The Wall Street Journal yesterday reported that actually their occupancy rate in the Dubai hotels is about 10%. It's a catastrophe. And so they are obviously pissed off. And obviously they are playing with their daddy, who is the United States, because the

United States controls their money. Some of their money is in London, the rest is within the United States, and they're disposed of in the United States.

So, and this is the, how to say it, you don't have to be an economist — I have a PhD in economics — to understand what is going on. If I own your money, I can do whatever I want. And again, if you look at the Arab world, Arab elites are completely detached from the Arab street, which always was poor. It's going to get — I mean, they will become paupers, you know. And so these people, they need to find some kind of outlet for whatever they think. They are not really good strategists. So they will participate in trying to, you know, hit those nasty Shiite guys who are now — Iran has overwhelming support of the international community. It is a country which is admired by 90% of the world.

So those guys, they cannot take it. The only thing they can sell is, again, some overpriced garbage made in China, which is called Louis Vuitton. So you understand what I'm talking about. Sell those Lamborghinis, which you cannot drive in normal conditions anyway. So, yeah, that's the only thing they have. They have nothing behind them. Just that, you know. And eventually, when you look at what is happening with Dubai, with the tourism industry, which is dead, of course they're pissed off. Of course they're frustrated. So they will be trying to break what they think is this blockade. But you have to understand, Arab militaries are pathetic. Okay? Always were.

Doesn't mean that there are no competent people and courageous ones, but they're few and far between. It has everything to do with this whole culture of the area there. And so there you have this country of 93 million people who, for some reason, have a very different view of Islam, to put it mildly, okay? And they fought Al-Qaeda, they fought ISIS, you know, and then suddenly you look at them, they are staring down the United States and Israel. Israel is actually the complex of inferiority of Arabs because they've been beaten into a bloody pulp by those guys. Well, guess what? Now you have Iran, which turned Israel into the—well, turning it into a parking lot—and Israel chickened out.

I mean, you have to understand the moral, social, cultural impact of that. So they say, oh, okay, we have been constantly beaten and humiliated by these people. And then suddenly you have these guys, and they're staring down the United States and Israel. And they gather, you know, basically the sympathy of the whole world. I mean, that's got to hurt, man. I mean, that's, and especially in the culture which is all about signaling and flaunting your wealth, your position. This is what the Middle East is, okay? Exaggeration, you know, figure of speech, you know, things of this nature. But here are the guys who, without all that, they're just doing the deed. Everybody's like, oh, my God.

## **#Danny**

Yeah, well, it's quite ironic, right? There was once a time when many people around the world wouldn't be able to locate Iran on a map. But now it seems like this war has nearly, or at least, put a lot of these Gulf monarchies in danger of being wiped off the map, so to speak. Yeah, absolutely, it is.

## **#Martyanov**

Dubai is done. Many people do not understand. Dubai is done. The last person who's going to be leaving it, don't forget to turn the lights off, okay? Because many people do not understand what had happened. And the repercussions, the ramifications, are so gigantic. And again, the moment the United States stepped out from behind the backs of its proxies, which have been annihilated in Ukraine, and the United States has been demilitarized, that is why Iran has had so much success. Once they stepped out from behind—because that's what the United States usually does, fights through proxies—that was it. You know, it was called directly by Iran, and there you are. We have now, what, 13 bases in the air, which you cannot... It's a bomb. Simple as that.

## **#Danny**

They're gone. And now, I mean, you've seen the reports, I'm sure, Andre, from The Washington Post, CNN. It's coming out better late than never, I guess. But yeah, no, these bases are unusable. And just to get a sense of what you're talking about too, Andre, because I had some sources pulled up on this very point, just to speak to the kind of contradiction between the hubris and the reality here. Here's the United States claiming that they have 70 Iranian tankers being prevented—I mean, this is—to brag about this also is really interesting because it's a war crime to try to starve a country from being able to trade its export oil. But nonetheless, 70 tankers U.S. forces are preventing from entering or leaving Iranian ports.

That's 166 million barrels of Iranian oil worth \$13 billion. But then, Andre, if you look at the facts of what's happening to oil in the region, it speaks to exactly what you're talking about. There is a small decline, but the smallest decline in output is Iran in the region, while the Persian Gulf producers have collapsed. And here's the vaunted UAE, negative 40%. And here are the graphics, the 2026 results, barrels per day average here, and you can see that line absolutely collapsing since the war in that third month there. And Iran is in a different situation. Here it is, it's declined a bit, but it is still well above the five-year average. So that's also got to hurt, honestly, because that's... yeah, I mean, of course.

## **#Martyanov**

I mean, these guys are parasites, essentially, as already stated. They live off... Remember this. I repeat it many times, this famous saying. It's not an urban legend. It actually was said by one of the sheikhs, from one of his, and it was like in the 70s or 80s, when he said, my grandfather was riding a camel, I'm riding now in a Rolls-Royce, my son will be riding in a Rolls-Royce, but my grandson will be riding on a camel again. And this is exactly what is happening. Those are mono-economists. The only thing they know is how to extract, maybe process some, and sell it. That's it. These countries are nothing but a desert with some oil wells. There is nothing intrinsic there.

They were always poor. And they will become poor again because, yeah, Iran owns their state of affairs. And they're not going to give it up. And this is this, what is this, dude in the White House and his administration, because they are controlled by Israel. This is what they achieved. So now Iran is the gigantic major player. They, of course, already have, you know, buddy relations with Oman. They will split in some form those gigantic profits. And that's it. So this is yet another U.S. war which the United States lost. And the only thing that they have is pinpricks because, let's face it, the United States is down to the bottom of the barrel with its standoff weapons.

And the United States doesn't like—it cannot fight real continental warfare, which would, for example, necessitate a massive ground operation. The United States has no experience, no ability to do this. No, I'm not talking about that skirmish, which was the Gulf War. That was actually an anomalous war. We're talking about a country with 93 million people, with an army that actually can fight, and they know how to fight, and they will not allow the United States to even appear in the assembly areas if they decide to do some kind of ground operation. I mean, can the United States throw those 50,000 unlucky guys, you know, American GIs, boys and girls, to die for nothing?

I won't put it past the Trump administration. And not because of the—you know what—the only reason he didn't do it, not just because some people in the Pentagon told him that it is suicide. No, but because obviously he is afraid of—there's no morality there. The masks all came off. We know who those people are. They are sociopaths and war criminals. But he's afraid because obviously it's gonna work. We already know that the real casualties are much higher. You know, it is implied and openly stated by, for example, as you said, CNN and NBC. And so when you have even Iranian F-5s bombing Iran...

## **#Danny**

American F-5s. Yeah, maybe you can go into that.

## **#Martyanov**

It's an ancient aircraft, and yet they're still flying in and bombing the hell out of one of the bases. So this is everything you need to know. But again, what can I say? They're going to be covering up the actual losses because the United States is primarily good at PR wars. In terms of real wars, let's face it, again, as I already stated, look at the war record, you know, and again, you have to understand the combined West put its bet—it bet its house—on defeating Russia. You know how it all went really badly, let's put it this way. And Europe is done. So because of that, the United States essentially has been removed from any active participation in the special military operation because they simply ran out of equipment.

They don't have the resources to fight it. And so now we have Iran and Iran. Again, it's a tectonic, historic moment. It's the end of the West as we know it. And it's a once-in-1,500-years event of

historical... It's shocking in its scale. So that's what we are observing. And all those, you know, minutiae, like we get this thing, we launch additional Tomahawks and, you know... and they hit some kind of, whatever, shack somewhere in the middle of a desert. Oh, okay. You know, we're cool. You know, it's over. It's just—and the world saw it. The world already took notice.

## **#Danny**

Yeah. Yeah. I mean, those are all great points. And just to underscore this, this is just in the last several hours, you know, you have Iran sending out a message being reported by CNN to those vessels in the Strait of Hormuz: for your safety, because sometimes we need to teach the Yankees a lesson with missiles and drones. They should stay 10 miles away, at least from U.S. warships. And then this also is very interesting. You know, the CIA had a report in the Washington Post—or at least the CIA, well, I should actually say it's accurate—the CIA had a report in the Washington Post, which is their post.

Um, stating that they had about 70% capacity of missiles and drones, Iran. And then Abbas Araqchi said, no, this is wrong. We're not at 75%. We're at 120% of our military capabilities, essentially underscoring that they haven't lost anything, that they might have actually gained. So, you know... It seems like what you're saying, Andrei, is that we are in for this. You know, it seems like when the U.S. loses wars, yeah, it doesn't pull out of the wars, but it certainly changes how it approaches the wars. And you're saying that we're more likely going to see the pinpricks as a face-saving measure.

## **#Martyanov**

Yeah, that's the only thing they are good at. First, when was the CIA correct about anything? Essentially, today's CIA is nothing more than an extension of Mossad. And they were never good to start with. You know, there were some... yeah, I'm not going to go there. First, I don't work for the CIA, but I saw their assessments of Russia. These guys know nothing. I mean, they are no good at anything, you know? So, but the point is that, yeah, obviously Iran continues to produce the missiles. They have those underground facilities which never stood idle, from what I know. So they continue to reproduce it. And what can I say? I mean, yeah, the United States will linger for a simple reason—because they need to save face. But the more they do it, that's what they don't understand.

Because, obviously, there never was, with the exception of the outright victory in the Pacific War, which still exists. The Soviet Union and the Red Army helped, but yeah, it was primarily America's effort. But in terms of Europe, yeah, they forgot to mention the Red Army, which basically took out the Wehrmacht and the Axis forces in Europe. But yeah, when you have this essentially mythologized, confabulated military history, what do you expect? You cannot take it. You cannot say that... At some point in time, it all ends up, obviously, with the embassy in 1975 all over again. We saw what happened in Afghanistan, which the United States didn't control already since 2005, 2006. And it was actually openly stated by the famous Washington Post files, which disclosed that U.S. generals knew it.

They knew they lost the war already in 2006. You can go, it's all online. You can look it up and read those, you know, messages. So same here. And Brandon Weichert, he stated also in his conversation yesterday that, yeah, U.S. Navy commanders, essentially, they are trying to ignore Trump's orders because they are military professionals. They understand what is the real danger and how they can or cannot handle it. So they do not want to put their personnel and ships in danger for Israel. Not all of them are Christian Zionists. There are still very many normal people among them who understand they don't want to, you know, die for Netanyahu and his, you know, gang of war criminals. And so we have this. It's a complete disaster for the United States. And what can I say? As I already stated, there's no coming back from it.

## **#Danny**

Yeah, the conscientious objector lines I've heard are buzzing because of all of this. And yeah, there were those reports early in the war, Andra, I'm sure you remember, of generals in the military or commanders who were telling their subordinates that this was a war for Armageddon and for the resurrection of Jesus Christ in their heads. A lot of U.S. forces at the lower levels were calling up those lines saying, what the hell are they talking about?

## **#Martyanov**

Well, I mean, most people in this Trump administration, they are not really Christians. This idiot guy, what's his name, Pete Hapsen, he's not Christian. This is essentially what it comes down to, what Tucker Carlson stated when he was talking with this cinematographer, a very famous guy, I don't remember his name, but he was on this topic. They are Talmudic Jews wrapped in Christian rhetoric. It has nothing to do with Christianity in its original form. And they are heretics. And when you look at them, they're just basically a death cult. And that's who they are. We have to face this. They are Israeli assets. And if you look at it, I am on record, you can quote me, I was saying this for a long time now, that the U.S. doesn't have a U.S. Congress. It has Knesset 2.0. Washington, D.C. doesn't work for the United States and the American people. It works for Israel, which owns its ass, okay? And so this is what is happening.

## **#Danny**

Well, Andra, I wanted to also ask you about the Ukraine situation. And I wanted to ask you because, you know, tomorrow is Victory Day. And I wanted to ask you, there are all kinds of reports, of course, you've seen them, about there being no Russian tanks on Victory Day because they're all fighting and lost. Yeah, it's all BS. Yeah, it's all crap. Yeah. And even now, there are reports that Ukraine is turning the tide amid all the Iran news and all the developments there. Ukraine is turning the tide now, says, of course, the Institute for the Study of War. But what's actually happening here? What is this Victory Day hubbub, and why is there this narrative, despite what seems like the Trump administration's relative disinterest in this war, at least at the level of any kind of diplomatic

involvement anymore? Why is it now that we're hearing about Victory Day and Russian tanks and all of this?

## **#Martyanov**

What's going on here? Because the average Western journalist is a prostitute. They have no honor, no integrity. And you can read the definition of the Western press from Hunter Thompson in his *\*Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas\**. But I'm not going to be quoting that thing. But you can go out and look it up. This is who they are. They are a propaganda machine, and when you look at the Institute for the Study of War, none of them, including their board members such as General Keane, have any clue about real warfare. Generally, the American generals don't have an understanding of war because, first, they lose them all the time, and they don't understand what continental combined arms operations at scale are.

Simple as that. Most of them would not pass the entrance exams into Russian military academies to even become a first-year cadet. They simply do not have the toolkit, and academically, operationally, strategically, they're simply incompetent. And technologically, especially, because most of them are not real engineers. They don't understand the foundation of this all. So what do they do? The Institute for the Study of War is the Kagans' operation. It's Victoria Nuland, Robert Kagan of the, you know, New American Century crowd, which is the neocons, neocons. So they are butthurt. They are hateful, fanatical people.

And so when you look at their qualifications or understanding of anything about war, they have no clue. So the only thing they do is get that Kool-Aid provided to them from Kiev, and they do the propaganda. None of them is qualified to understand what is going on. As I already stated, the Pentagon doesn't know anything as a whole about continental warfare and large-scale combined arms operations. So they come up with propaganda. No, Russia moves ahead, continues to move every day. So there is no need to use tanks and other equipment because absolutely there is no doubt there is a danger of an actual attack by Ukrainian drones.

And there are many sleeper cells from Ukraine, which is the main intelligence directorate, and there's no need to subject the people, especially military equipment, to this type of possible PR outcome. So basically, the celebration will continue mostly with personnel. And again, it's not a round anniversary. Last year, which was still, you know, dangerous, was, as you saw yourself, a large military parade with the equipment. But this time it changed because, and you know, there have been issued statements by the Russian Defense Ministry and Russian Foreign Ministry.

And evidently their diplomatic cover, so to speak, of what is coming, started about the 15th of April, when the Russian Defense Ministry published the list of those so-called shops and plants which make drones for Ukraine, which are located in Italy, Denmark, Germany, and what have you. And so, what can I say? I mean, yeah, they align. That's what they do. As I already stated, if you're communicating with somebody from the Institute for the Study of War or CNN or BBC, make sure

your doctor prescribes you a good course of antibiotics in order for you not to get infected and, you know, die from the filth. They are just... human trash.

That's who they are. And most of them are, for example, the Institute for the Study of War is the propaganda cog of the CIA and the Kagan clan and neocons. Most of them are war criminals. I mean, so American generals are, in general, war criminals, because they are good at killing civilians. That's the only thing they are good at. And so when you look at what is happening, so sure, Argentinian is a pathetic Arab-owned outlet. I can buy any of them if I offer a bigger price, okay? They are all prostitutes. And so in this case, yeah, you can, whatever they write, who cares, you know? But reality on the ground is very simple.

If you look at the, especially the tallies, everyday tallies in terms of the two and a half, about two and a half million KIAs on the Ukrainian side. And so we're looking at altogether about between five and a half, probably six and a half million casualties on the Ukrainian side. So if people, most graduates of West Point and the U.S. Army War College, they have no toolkit to grasp it. They do not understand it. The United States is extremely sensitive to its own losses, extremely sensitive. And so they don't understand this war, cannot figure out why the Patriot PAC-3 is laughed at by Russians, you know, because, and again, I can quote you the deputy commander of the Russian Aerospace Forces who, I quote him, direct quote, verbatim, "PAC-3 cannot defend itself."

## **#Danny**

Forget about defending anything else. And you saw for yourself what Iran did, too.

## **#Martyanov**

You know, so you look at this, they grew up on this Hollywood thing, on these fairy tales, which were written for them by the defeated German Wehrmacht generals, such as, you know, Manstein, Hauser, Manteuffel, who said, oh yeah, the United States liberated, you know, but the Soviets, they just killed 85% of Axis forces. So, and yeah, that's the type of people, that's the officer corps of the United States, which comes through primarily not those U.S. military academies, which themselves academically do not measure up to real serious Russian academies, but they go through those ROTCs and officer candidate schools where they are not given proper academic nourishment. They get their commission. Look at Mr. Haiphong. So guess what?

The United States has actually an admiral—I don't remember his name—who graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy majoring in English literature. So there you go. And then you ask why they can believe any kind of BS in the Kool-Aid. They got very high on their own supply. And then suddenly they recognized what was happening. It's just that everything they threw at Russia was destroyed. Do you want to look at the numbers? I will send you the link, but they are usually in my videos. And

it's just basically there are, let's say, about three full ground armies, like the types the United States used in, what's the name of it, Desert Storm in 1991, that have been, in terms of equipment and personnel, obliterated—just completely.

And they still cannot understand what is going on. One of the reasons actually why Iran achieved such a significant effect is because obviously the United States simply doesn't have the resources to support whatever they can support. Many people still do not recognize that the United States doesn't even make tanks. The F-35s do not have radars. They fly with those, you know, discs from their, you know, weightlifting things in order to balance their... I'm not kidding you. It's not my words. These are in the open. They are in the news media and things of this nature. And there they are. So what's left? They will rewrite history. General Patton defeated those, you know, I mean, yeah, sure. Yeah. So that's what they think.

But in reality, they are the Pentagon and the CIA. They are afraid like hell of the stream of coffins covered in, you know, red, white, and blue. Because the United States, U.S. society, doesn't know what war is. But once the stream of coffins starts—they saw the result during the Vietnam War—which, by the way, the United States was primarily bombing. Most of the fighting was done by, as you know, the Republic of Vietnam Army, which was, of course, you know, ARVN, which actually sustained 1.4 million casualties with more than 350,000 killed, you know. So, but yes, still, you know, it's when you have your whole military history confabulated, you know, that, oh, we're the greatest. If you're the greatest, win the war.

## **#Danny**

Yeah, great points. And in the last 10 minutes or so, I want to ask you about this point I've been seeing go around, and I want to ask you if you buy any of it. There are some who are arguing that the United States is more than willing to face military losses if it can achieve, for example, here what many are saying is that they're trying to essentially seize control over the oil and gas pipelines, waterways, trade routes, etc., from what's happening around West Asia, the Persian Gulf, the Strait of Hormuz, to Venezuela, and now they even cite Ukraine and, of course, NATO behind it, U.S.-NATO behind it, hitting Russia's oil refineries. So this overall objective of trying to cut off China and Russia and really the world from Russia independently being able to obtain energy and trade energy, that this is enough for the United States to say at least that it has won something. Do you buy this? No, no, no.

## **#Martyanov**

It's all crap. I mean, first, the United States doesn't have resources. It doesn't have political will, nor does it have experience. It has experience only from World War II. Eisenhower, who was the last great American strategist, he stopped the war in Korea. You know, he did what he promised to do. He stopped it, you know, and he knew what was happening already then. No, it's all crap. The United States doesn't have resources. Okay, let's face it, it's a paper tiger militarily. The only thing

the United States basically stands out for is because it's the second-largest nuclear arsenal. It is also getting obsolete. This is a legacy military force which was built around ideas that are obsolete. For example, a carrier-centric navy. And if you look at, sorry, what is their ground, actually, nuclear deterrent, it's Minuteman III. This is upgraded, of course, modified, but still, they are missiles from the 1960s.

And so when you look at what the United States has in terms of the naval deterrent, these are Ohio-class submarines, which are, some of them, you know, the famous USS Alabama, you know, \*Crimson Tide\*. She's already 41 years old, you know, if anybody wants to know. The youngest submarine of the Ohio class is actually 22 years old. So most of this Ohio-class submarine fleet is also getting old. What do they carry? They carry Trident II D5 missiles. It is from the 1990s. It is a good missile, make no mistake. But still, they are facing now what they saw. They saw for the first time what real air defense is, for which the United States Air Force is not prepared and not trained to fight. And it simply doesn't have the academic experience or all other things of this nature to even somehow offset it.

They tried it in Ukraine with disastrous results for them, which, of course, they will never say in the United States. This will all be covered up because they are afraid, because it's all about image. It is all about PR. Now it's gone, you know, so what can I say? It's just sad, I know. But the United States cannot take their casualties. It's not prepared. And if anybody wants to know, in 2023 already—and make no mistake, there are still some competent people in the U.S. Army, for example, in the U.S. Armed Forces—and in the main publication of the U.S. Army War College, which is called \*Parameters\*, it's a very famous magazine, and I read it periodically, not always, but periodically, the people from TRADOC, Training and Doctrine Command, which, again, has been transformed into something else.

That's what the United States does all the time. It doesn't learn how to fight. It just transforms their commands into something. But they wrote, it's called \*The Lessons of the War in Ukraine\*, in this \*Parameters\* magazine. And they, at that time, explained very clearly—and this is 2023, three years ago—they said that if the United States would fight Russia under the conditions which existed at that time, the United States would sustain 3,600 casualties daily. So the United States would achieve the losses of Vietnam, which they still cannot recover from—56,000 KIAs and others—within four weeks.

So if they want to fight that kind of war, I don't think the United States can take anything above 100,000 casualties before this country will explode again. In order to fight Russia, the United States has to actually mobilize its rather weakened economy. It's not an industrial superpower as it used to be during the Vietnam War. And they have to reinstitute the draft. And, yeah, if they want to fight Russia, what are they looking at? Millions of their casualties. So if the United States is ready to do that, I doubt it. But, you know, what can I say? And, again, you need to be a military professional to understand it. Mostly what we have is Hollywood.

**#Danny**

Yeah. Well, that gets me to my final question to you, Andrei. In the last five minutes or so here, it's the strikes or the targeting of Russia's oil refineries. What is that? Is that having any impact not just on the war, but in Russia in general? Because there's a lot every single day we hear. Yeah, you hear. Yeah. So what's the reality?

## **#Martyanov**

The reality is they hit two countries' storage facilities in the port of Tuapse. They never damaged the refinery. And again, you see, this is military science. You have to understand what a refinery is and what it takes to actually take it out. They lied about the Ust-Luga port and refinery, which never stopped operating. They hit some—what is the name of those cylindrical storages? And yeah, it burns, you know, it makes smoke. It's dramatic, you know, but in terms of the real operation, it doesn't really affect much. And so, yeah, that's what they try to do. But again, these are pinpricks, and Russia continues. Actually, if you go to my website, yesterday I posted precisely about what was going on with the production and production from Russia selling oil.

But they will not come out and say, actually, Ust-Luga port operates normally. Of course they will not. They will say, oh yeah, they hit this, you know. Yeah, they try. They will, again, succeed at some point in time, maybe. But in order for you to even do something, even if you look at the top, say, refinery, not port facilities, which are loading, refinery, you will need probably a massive airspace operation, which you will need to have, I don't know, 100 Tomahawks at least, and then just polish it with JDAMs. Then, yeah, probably you will damage it, and it will take a year or so to restore it. But again, you cannot explain it to people who know, as Major General Robert Latiff.

DARPA, 20 years, PhD in physics, no less. In his wonderful book *\*The Future of War\**, and I quote, everything that U.S. public and political people know about war is primarily from the entertainment industry. You cannot explain to an idiot that a single drone, which still lights up the, you know, you get the crude oil and throw some kind of thermal event into it, you know, and it's just like, yeah, it lights up. They don't understand what they are talking about. They are incompetent hacks who are primarily doing what the United States always was good at—propaganda, PR, that's it. So, I mean, I'm talking about dealing with international situations and the balance of power.

## **#Danny**

Yeah, I think the theme of our conversation today has definitely been the difference between appearance and essence. The United States definitely puts in a lot of effort into appearing to be strong, tough, to be the hegemon that you believe it to be. Yeah, yeah. And a lot of it actually, in terms of making that appearance somewhat of a reality, is what it's done to Iran, what it's done in Ukraine, which is destroying people's lives, essentially, and trying to kill as many people as possible. But that doesn't necessarily, I think, lead to more dominance. That leads to some kind of entire revival.

## **#Martyanov**

We're not seeing that. Yeah, I don't think we're seeing that. But any final words, Andrei, to the audience as we end here? No, I mean, we pretty much discussed most of it, you know. And again, military science is hard. It's actually very serious, hard. You need to know a lot about the theory of probabilities on a very different level than they give you in school, you know. And we're not even going into all kinds of tensors and things like that, which they really study in the real military academies, you know. And history, yeah, before making any conclusions, one has to go and look at history as it is, which is not easy in the Western world. But there are still ways.

## **#Danny**

Yeah. Well, that's why I want everyone, everyone, as you depart this show today, be sure, you know, in the video description, you can find both Andrei's YouTube channel and his blog. So be sure to check those out because that will help you understand the situation a lot better. This military science, yes, it is hard. And I appreciate your efforts. Thanks to all who became members. Thanks to those who gave super chats. I'm pulling them up on the stream, so thank you so much to all of you today. Hit the like button before you go. That helps boost the show so more people hear Andrei and my conversation. This was a great one, and we'll be sure to do it again, Andrei. So everyone, hit the like button. In the video description, you can find Andrei's work as well as all the places to support this channel. I'll be back tomorrow, I believe, at 12 noon Eastern time with Stas Kropivnik, a mutual friend of ours. So we'll give more updates then. Until next time, everyone, bye-bye.

## **#Martyanov**

Bye-bye.