

Trump turns DC to Vegas as Iran war fails

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#Max

This is Trump. This is at the Doral golf course. He held a \$20 million gold statue of himself pumping his fist. Oh my God.

#Aaron

I mean, that's hideous.

#Max

He's focused on this while the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies is devising his war plans. He's going on late-night AI binges that are so bizarre. And here's one of his paid influencers. This guy's one of the most pathetic MAGA bootlicker influencers, Eric Daughtry. Trump posted this image of himself chilling in the Lincoln Memorial reflecting pool. Marco and JD are there too. Liberals can't stand seeing this. No, like any rational person who lives in the United States would reel in horror that this is what the president is doing. And Donald Trump has many pools on his property. When have you ever seen Donald Trump with his shirt off in a single photo in a pool? It's really never. You will never see Donald Trump with his shirt off in a pool. Is that Nancy Mace, by the way?

#Aaron

I have no idea. It's really amazing, the contrast. It's really amazing, the contrast between Trump's first term and his second term. Trump had it so good in his first term. His opposition was obsessed with their conspiracy theories — he's controlled by Putin. They were like a walking caricature every single day. And, of course, he won as a result. I mean, Democrats just wasted his entire first term. In his second term, though, I mean, Trump is just — the tables have turned, and now he's the caricature. He's the buffoon that they all said he was in his first term. But the one thing that's keeping him somewhat afloat — or not the one thing, but one thing that helps him — is Democrats still haven't seized the moment.

They could be organizing big rallies around the rising costs because of the war in Iran. But even as we saw recently with the No Kings rallies, there was still some hesitancy to really call out the war and to connect, as that video we just saw from More Perfect Union did, you know, the high cost of war to, you know, the fact that Trump is hurting farmers and his own base. There's still some reluctance to do that. And that speaks to the broader sort of demobilization that's happened since the Obama era, when Obama won on a surge of anti-war sentiment and shut all that down. And Democrats haven't gone back to that ever since, when right now would be a golden opportunity.

#Max

That's why No Kings attracts primarily gray-haired boomers — the turbo-lib boomers who obsess over all of the kind of neocon-oriented conspiracies like Russiagate and are still sort of detoxifying themselves from that era and can't quite get out of it, even though they would naturally oppose this war. The whole concept of No Kings, to me, was to kind of water down the more progressive and anti-war instinct of the grassroots base of the old Democratic Party — the grassroots base that marched against the Iraq war of George W. Bush, which really weakened George W. Bush and drove his approval ratings into the low 20s. That's all gone. And No Kings just prevents any coherent anti-war protests from taking place.

Then anti-war groups and progressive groups have to enter into this giant mass movement of every Democrat-oriented issue and march alongside people with Trump-Russia signs in order to get their message out there. And it doesn't really break through. No Kings is run by Democratic operatives who are sponsored by, who else, Soros and Open Society. They're not exactly anti-war veterans. So you have Guido Reichstag climbing the Frederick Douglass Bridge and staging this dramatic protest, but the Democrats aren't exactly sending their base out to support him. They're afraid of that, especially Chuck Schumer and Hakeem Jeffries, AIPAC Shakur, Chuck Schumer. We talked about Amos Hochstein, the Biden envoy to Lebanon, declaring on—was it Fareed Zakaria or Christiane Amanpour, I can't remember which—that he would have supported attacking Iran. The problem is in the execution. That's always the Democrats' problem.

#Aaron

Yeah, he said if Biden had a second term, they would have done Midnight Hammer, the strike that they did last June. He said they were even talking about that in the Biden administration. Yeah.