

Paul Craig Roberts: Iran's Revenge FORCES US Military to RETREAT!

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#Nima

Hi, everybody. Today is Monday, May 11th, 2026, and our dear friend Paul Craig Roberts is here with us. Welcome, Paul.

#Paul

Thank you very much, Nima. Thank you.

#Nima

I'm so happy to see you in this beautiful shirt you put on, Paul. Amazing.

#Paul

Yes, it's from the Orient, you know, and they're very good at designing pleasant scenes.

#Nima

Yeah, exactly. Paul, let's start with the proposal — the U.S. proposal. Then Donald Trump waited for the Iranian response, and he got the response. He said it is totally unacceptable, and here is what he said today.

#Speaker 03

This ceasefire remains in place? It's unbelievably weak, I would say. I would call it the weakest right now. After reading that piece of garbage they sent us, I didn't even finish reading it. I said, I'm not going to waste my time reading it. I would say it's one of the weakest right now. It's on life support. They understand these are all medical people. Dr. Oz, life support is not a good thing. Do you agree? Diagnostic. I would say the ceasefire is on massive life support, where the doctor walks in and says, "Sir, your loved one has approximately a 1% chance of living."

#Nima

Paul, what he added later on, he said, we waited four days for a document from Iran that would take less than 10 minutes to prepare. And here is what we've learned from the head of the Iranian parliament, Paul. He tweeted two important tweets today. The first one is: our armed forces are ready to deliver a well-deserved response to any aggression. Mistaken strategy and mistaken decisions will always lead to mistaken results. The whole world has already figured this out. We are prepared for all options. They will be surprised.

And the second tweet that was just moments ago before coming to this live, he said he basically is talking about the 14-point plan that they had prepared before. It is that 10-point plan together with some sort of preconditions. That's the final response on the part of the Iranians, and they're not going to change it. And looking at what's going on, Paul, on one side, Donald Trump, it seems that he expected that he was going to get a totally different sort of proposal from Iran or response. It doesn't seem that Iran has moved even a little bit, you know, toward what Donald Trump wanted them to be. How do you see the situation?

#Paul

Well, the situation is that Donald Trump allowed Netanyahu to put him in a mess. And Trump hasn't figured out any way of getting out of the mess that doesn't look like defeat, which he can't accept. So he continues to bluster and bluster, and he overlooks that it was not Iran that asked for the ceasefire. It was Trump and Netanyahu who asked for the ceasefire.

#Speaker 03

Why did they ask? Because they were losing.

#Paul

And yet Trump continues to pretend like somehow the Iranians were totally destroyed and should surrender and do whatever he tells them. This is delusion, right? There's nothing else you can say about it. So as long as, I mean, if I was Trump and I had let myself get into such a mess by some outside party, I listened to Israel. I didn't listen to the CIA or the Defense Intelligence Agency or anybody who had American interests in mind. I listened to Netanyahu, who had Israel's interests in mind. And I got in a mess. Well, I certainly wouldn't be blustering against Iran and making more and more threats that I cannot possibly deliver. I would be finding a way to work with them to exit the situation that didn't look like a defeat for Trump.

But he's not doing that. So I assume he's still under Netanyahu's thumb, and Netanyahu is not going to let him out of the conflict because Netanyahu knows he can't fight Iran, that he has to use the Americans to fight Iran. And so Trump is trapped. And what is the likely outcome? It's very difficult

to tell, isn't it, Nima? It may just be another one of those long, drawn-out conflicts that are sort of put on hold. The conflict is not live, but it's always present, and there are a few exchanges of missiles or drones, and it just goes on forever. So given Trump's approach, which is not helpful to getting the Iranians to agree to let him out with some face saved, it looks like he's stuck.

#Nima

Paul, if we assume that your understanding of Donald Trump, which is Netanyahu basically running the show and Donald Trump just following Netanyahu and his sort of attitude—Netanyahu had an interview with 60 Minutes yesterday in which he pointed out the war is not over. And when he was asked how long it would take to put an end to this war, he said maybe months ahead. You know, the war started with this sort of promise on the part of Donald Trump: it's going to take a few weeks.

#Paul

Oh, three days?

#Nima

Yeah, three days. Yeah. And right now we are weeks into this fight, and Netanyahu is talking about months ahead. It seems that he somehow believes that the United States is going to fight his war. It's going to be months or years. Something like that is happening in the mind of Netanyahu, in my opinion.

#Paul

Well, the United States has been fighting Israel's wars for a quarter of a century. That's what the so-called war on terror was all about—fighting Israel's wars for greater Israel. We destroyed Libya, Iraq, and Syria for Israel. It was our soldiers who died, not Israelis. It was our money that was wasted. And so, of course, he expects us to continue. Trump has repeatedly endorsed Israel as his first choice of everything on earth, and he's shown clearly that Israel comes before Americans. We see it in everything he does. Think back a few months ago to the protests in American universities, particularly the prestige universities, the Ivy League.

Trump called in—well, not Trump, but he had the Republicans call in the presidents of these universities and question them: how dare you let those students protest against Israel's genocide? I remember the Black woman who was president of Harvard had to resign because she didn't send the campus police to beat up the students and stop them from protesting against Israel. And then Trump announced any foreign student in an American university here legally on a visa for study who protests against Israel is expelled back to his home country. So here you see, on the part of the president of the United States, a total commitment to Israel.

It's total. Well, it's easy to understand, isn't it, Nima? Because look at all the funding he had in his campaign. It came from the Jewish multibillionaires. And the story is that his whole commercial life benefited from Jewish funding. And he got loans on good terms. And if things went wrong, he was never pressed. And he has a Jewish son-in-law that he allows to run, who has no official government appointment, who he allows to run around and negotiate for the United States with Dmitry in Russia, with the Iranians. What else do you need to know?

#Nima

Mm-hmm. Paul, he said Netanyahu said that Israel is planning to be independent of the United States, not receiving any more funds from the United States. When he was asked about the timeline for that, he said maybe in the next decades. So, Paul, looking at the Israeli economy today—because we've learned from many people since the war started, not only in June 2025, when the first round of war started, then we had the second round in February 2026—and these two wars have influenced Israeli society. Many people left Israel because of the political and social turmoil that has happened so far.

And how dependent is Israel on the United States? Because we know when it comes to interceptors or cruise missiles, they're totally dependent on the United States. But when it comes to surveillance, some sort of spying gadgets or things that they can produce in their country, they're good at producing those things. But those things are not, you know, tools to be used in a real war. In a real war, you need ammunition, you need artillery, you need all of this, which they're not. They've not been able to produce the way they need them in this war. So how do you find the Israeli economy after all?

#Paul

Well, I don't know what to say about the Israeli economy. But I do know what to say about the implication that you're asking about. Israel is totally dependent on the United States for any advanced weapon system. Its Air Force is American. Its targeting technology is American. Its Iron Dome protective shield, which doesn't protect any longer, is American. And more importantly, its diplomatic protection is American. It can rely on the United States to block every UN resolution against Israel. I forget how many we've vetoed—it's a hundred and something. And also, Israel gets every year a gift of multibillion dollars from the American taxpayers who can't pay their own bills.

And they use that money to come back with it in bulging pockets to purchase the United States House of Representatives, the United States Senate, and the presidency. So the money that the Congress takes from the American taxpayers, the multibillions, and gives to Israel, comes back. It's kind of like a money-laundering operation. The Congress gives them the money, the money comes back to them in campaign contributions. And no one does anything about it. So, I don't know why

Netanyahu says they'll be free of dependency on American protection in 10 years. I don't think Israel can exist independently of American protection, unless Putin is going to give them Russian protection. So what do we make of it?

It's probably the politics of the situation that Netanyahu has gotten Trump into. Trump is in this situation only because of Netanyahu. And so Netanyahu is creating this notion of Israel's separateness from Washington, that Israel is not committed to the relationship beyond another 10 years. It's a way of kind of taking some of the pressure off of Trump, with people asking, including the members of Make America Great Again, MAGA, how'd you get us in this mess? It's a bigger mess than has been acknowledged economically for us, for the whole world, because the main effect on the oil price hasn't happened yet. And the reason it hasn't happened yet is there were a lot of Russian tankers filled with oil on the seas, a lot of Iranian oil in tankers on the seas.

And to alleviate the shortage caused by the closure of the Strait of Hormuz, Trump removed the sanctions. So the Russian oil was delivered, the Iranian oil was delivered. Plus, Trump opened up the American Strategic Petroleum Reserve and dumped all that oil. Well, now that's in the system. There's no more to dump. So if the strait stays closed, you're gonna see one hell of a rise in the price of energy, which then brings up everything. So this is an additional cost that Trump faces. And it's why he desperately needs to get out of the situation, but he doesn't know how to behave to get out. He keeps escalating the threats. He keeps blustering. What he's going to do to Iran—he can't do anything to Iran. The whole world knows it. And so he makes a fool out of the United States. Where all this ends up, who knows?

#Nima

You know what's so amazing to me? That he today was talking about the Kurdish, you know, the Iraqi Kurdistan, and how they were not sending the weapons that Donald Trump sent to them, to send them to Iranians. You know, this sort of lies and propaganda is unbelievable, because Israelis—I'm sure that Israelis were selling him these sort of lies and false intelligence—that if you send these weapons to the Iraqi Kurdistan, they're going to help you overthrow the government, to topple the government. And he's not learning anything at all with this war. He's just repeating those same lies that Israelis were selling him before this war started.

#Paul

Yeah, you know where those weapons are probably going? To Israel, who sells them on the black market and pockets the money. That's the profit that now he uses to keep his coalition satisfied. They share out the profits of the weapons systems that are allegedly sent to treasonous Iranians who are going to overthrow the government for Trump. The Israelis take them, sell them on the black market, pocket the money.

#Paul

Look, I think Trump's hopeless. He hasn't got the wits to get out of the mess. And so who knows what's going to happen.

#Nima

But do you know anybody in the administration or outside the administration who's helping him?

#Paul

No. None of them have any wits. They're all Zionists. They're all pro-Israel. I think they're confused as to who they actually represent. Do they represent America or Israel? You see far more statements from Trump and his officials that they represent Israel than you do that they represent Americans. Trump said, oh, if the gas price goes up, we just have to pay it for Israel's sake. So in other words, the president of the United States has said, look, all you Americans, all you MAGA people who thought I was going to do something, you've got to pay so we can save Israel. That's the message from the Trump administration. And it's not going down well.

#Nima

Yeah. He's going to be, Paul, on Wednesday, he's going to be in China and talking with Xi, and he's going to get back on Friday. So for two days, he's going to talk with Xi Jinping. What sort of leverage does he have, in your opinion, or what would be the main objective of this visit to China?

#Paul

I don't know what the objective is. I don't think he has any leverage. China has enormous leverage, but they won't use it because the Chinese approach in foreign policy is conflict avoidance. So it doesn't really do China that much good to have the leverage because they're unwilling to use it. What is Trump's leverage? I can't think of anything, any leverage that he has. I don't really understand why the Chinese leader agreed to meet him, so I can't say. It may be the Chinese leader just wanted the sense of feeling out the man to see if he's really as crazy as he seems on TV. I just don't know. I don't think the meeting means anything. That's my view. What did any of the meetings with Putin and the Russians mean? Nothing whatsoever. What did the meetings of Witkoff and Kushner with the Iranians mean?

#Nima

Nothing.

#Paul

It just allowed the Iranians to deceive themselves and sit there and be attacked twice. So there's no point speculating about it. You know, we've talked about it before. There are two problems in the world: the United States and Israel. Why is the United States a problem? Because the neoconservatives used the collapse of the Soviet Union to come up with the foreign policy doctrine for the United States of American hegemony, American unipolarism, American unilateralism. And the principal goal of American foreign policy is to prevent the rise of any country that could stand as an obstacle to American hegemony. Well, Israel has the same doctrine, only it's limited to the Middle East. It's called Greater Israel, as we've talked about. And the doctrine is Israel claims hegemony over the Middle East, all of it from the Nile to Pakistan. Well, these two doctrines are extremely aggressive.

#Speaker 03

So how do you have peace talks?

#Paul

How do you—if people are coming after you who are extremely aggressive—well, they don't want to talk about peace. They just want to get rid of you. And this is, as I've emphasized so many times, a problem. The Russians don't understand it. The Iranians, the Arabs have never understood it. They've been knocked off one by one. They can't unite. They don't understand they're in trouble. The Iranians can't understand it. Look, I saw today on Press TV. In fact, just recently—I don't know where it went, but let me find it. If I can find it. Oh my God.

#Speaker 03

What is this stuff? Okay.

#Paul

Yeah, here it is. This is Press TV today. Iranian officials have consistently stressed that Tehran seeks peace and regional stability. Well, how can they seek peace and regional stability when Israel says, we're going to exterminate you, you're in the way of Greater Israel? There can't be any peace or stability as long as the Zionist agenda of Greater Israel is the foreign policy of Israel. Well, this statement came, I think, from the president of Iran, and he doesn't even know that. How is it possible? The president of a country doesn't understand you can't have peace and regional stability with a country determined to terminate your existence.

So... the two problems that the world faces, they don't even know about. There's no acknowledgment. And since that is the only important factor, what Trump says to the Chinese guy, what does the ghost say? That doesn't mean anything, means nothing. It's—what's it for? I don't

know. I don't know what it's for. And people fooling themselves, or people trying to get headlines that put them in a better view. We'll never know what was said between Trump and the Chinese leader. Trump will say whatever suits him.

#Nima

Yeah, sure, he's going to do that.

#Paul

Yeah, and the Chinese will probably not say much.

#Paul

Their conflict avoidance—wait out your enemy. Your enemy will destroy himself. The secret is to avoid conflict. So that's their policy. So Trump will come back and talk about how China begged him for this and begged him for that.

#Nima

Paul, I think what Donald Trump said today about—he said, as I read it to you—he said, we waited four days for a document from Iran that would take less than 10 minutes to prepare. This shows how the leadership in Iran is somehow feeling that time is on their side, not on the side of Donald Trump. That's why they don't need to respond immediately, as soon as possible.

#Paul

Yeah, he didn't realize he was inadvertently admitting that Iran had the upper hand and it could take all the time it wanted to respond to Trump. Yeah.

#Speaker 03

Well, that's true.

#Paul

I mean, I was probably one of the first ones who said that Iran won the war. And the only mistake was to stop winning. Yeah.

#Paul

But as I just quoted from Press TV, they don't understand. They cannot negotiate it away.

#Nima

I think that's why they put out this plan on their part, because basically, if the United States is prepared to negotiate on those terms that Iran brought up, it means that they have to put an end to the relationship between the United States and Israel, because there is no way of negotiating those terms with Iran without divorcing yourself from Israel. Yeah.

#Paul

Well, I think what the Iranians should tell Washington is, look, your ally Israel has a foreign policy that is predicated upon their destruction of us. So exactly how do we negotiate whether or not we're going to be destroyed? Can you, Washington, influence Israel to give up this agenda of Greater Israel so that we can find some basis for peace? Because if this is their agenda, there's no basis for peace. So what are we talking about? What negotiations? What can the negotiation do? Washington keeps trying to negotiate Iran's surrender of its sovereignty. It can't enrich uranium for whatever peaceful purposes. It can't control its own coastal waterway. Why are we talking about that? That's not the threat. The threat is the Israeli agenda of Greater Israel.

Look, you've already destroyed Libya. You destroyed Iraq. You destroyed Syria. You helped them destroy Palestine. And now they're using your weapons against Lebanon. And you want us to negotiate peace and stability? What are you talking about? It doesn't make any sense. But the Iranians don't respond like that. So I think they don't understand that no Muslim country in the Middle East is allowed to exist under the Israeli agenda of Greater Israel. And I've said before on your show, it was only last February—was that three months ago, whatever—that the former Israeli prime minister was in the United States addressing the annual conference of the American Jewish organizations, telling them how to organize their next attacks, their next propaganda move.

And he said, Turkey is the next Iran. So doesn't Iran notice? This is an aggressive statement toward the entire Muslim world. No one notices. No one complains. No one says, hey, don't you think we ought to be negotiating about your foreign policy agenda? It's very aggressive. Nothing is said. None of the Arabs or the Iranians have ever raised it in the UN, have ever said, hey, what is this Greater Israel business? What does it mean for us? It's an astonishing thing to me. And that's why I find it very difficult to talk about this negotiation, that negotiation, this meeting, that meeting. They're meaningless. They will delude the Muslims into being unprepared for the next attack. That's perhaps the only function of them.

#Nima

Paul, do you know what's amazing to me? That all these Arab states, GCC countries, somehow feel that Israel— they want, I don't know, they want to deceive themselves as if Israel is not the enemy, that the Israeli agenda doesn't exist. One of them is the UAE, which is totally linked to Israel as we speak. But we see Kuwait and Bahrain the same way. And Saudi Arabia and Qatar are somehow

different. But you don't see that much understanding in the GCC countries. What is happening with these countries? And what is your understanding of the way they think or make their foreign policies?

#Paul

Well, I suspect, Nima, that there are several strands to that. One is the American influence during the Cold War — you know, the Soviet influence in the Middle East, our influence. This sort of bakes into a governing elite a certain way of thinking, a certain behavior. So that is sort of baked in. And then you have another element, another strand of this, that, oh, the United States is so powerful, and the Americans love Israel and will fight and die for Israel. And so we have to be Israel's friend in order to be America's friend.

#Nima

But do you think they're still feeling the same way after what has happened so far with the American bases?

#Paul

I was going to get to that. When you ask why they're thinking like they're thinking—yeah, you're right. Their thinking may change from the fact that we were unable to protect them from the Iranian missiles. But you were asking, so I was explaining how this has come about. And then the third strand is they're totally corrupt. They'll do anything for money. They have, you know, we've talked about it before. I don't think the Arab world ever had a sense of nationalism, and so patriotism was not really a function of the Arab world. I mean, how many patriotic Iraqis and Syrians and Libyans were there?

I mean, it's not, you know, patriotism came out of the ethnic-based nations in Western Europe. And ancient countries like Persia or Iran, they have patriotic elements. China is another ancient country, and I think the patriotic element there is a bit weak, but it's there. But you look at the South American countries—what kind of patriotic nationalism are they? They all do whatever Washington tells them, and everyone's corrupt. What they want is money, because money is power for them and protection, and it lets them get away when their term in office is over. They can leave before the successor arrests them. So that's my answer. That's why the whole Arab world has always been corrupt.

#Nima

But don't you think that what happened during the British Empire, the way they divided the Middle East among these countries, these little states, destroyed that sense of patriotism, as you mentioned? Wasn't it the case that they deliberately did that to these countries, to this region, in order to reduce that sense in these countries?

#Paul

Well, I think it resulted from the French and British occupation. But I think what destroyed or made patriotism among the Arabs impossible was the Shia-Sunni split over the succession of Mohammed.

#Nima

Exactly.

#Paul

And this split has left the Arabs at sword point with each other, not with their external enemies. And this is why they were so easily ruled by the English and the French. And of course, the English and the French drew the boundaries of those Arab countries, and they drew them in a way that each country had both sects. So the British and the French could rely on the Sunni and the Shia opposing each other and not opposing the colonial ruler. It worked for the Turks as well. So that inability of Arabs to unite—you know, Lawrence of Arabia was really frustrated. He did everything he could to try to get the Arabs to unite, and he couldn't. And the brilliant movie that was made, I don't know, 30 years ago, *Lawrence of Arabia*, portrays the fact that the Arabs simply can't unite. And this made it easy for the American Zionist neoconservatives to knock off the countries one by one.

Iraq, Libya, Syria. So that's the answer. There's no strength among the Arabs. And that's the reason the little oil sheikdoms along the Persian Gulf were all American puppet states. They were all based on American Navy or air bases, and they were sitting on pools of oil. And this is—so the real question now is whether—and look, see, Saudi Arabia and Iran, they're not exactly friends. Of course, Iranians aren't Arabs. They're Persians for the most part, an ancient people that have stood up for themselves for a long time. You know, they go back to their wars with the Greeks. They stood up to the Romans. I mean, but the others, no. Muhammad was a short existence when the Arabs were really powerful. It didn't last long. And so that's a void, and in can come Western countries with superior technology and military and rule them without any real trouble.

#Nima

I think, Paul, what can bring these two parties, as you just mentioned, Shia and Sunni, that they were dividing the Muslim people into two sects, two different parts. I think the case of Palestine can help these countries because Palestinians are Sunni, but they're supported by Iranian Shias. Iran is majority Shia, and they're supporting the Palestinian cause more than any other country in the Muslim world. That's why I think if in the leadership we see some sort of wisdom in the long run, they can understand that they have to find some sort of solution to put an end to this division that is not helping them but is destroying them, as you've just mentioned.

#Paul

Well, I hope they find a solution. We need more centers of power in order to reduce the looting, the exploitation, and the conflicts. But I don't know that it will happen. I don't think anything can happen until the Sunni and the Shia realize that they have each been their own worst enemy for more than a thousand years, and as a consequence, have been under the thumb of everyone else.

#Speaker 03

No self-rule.

#Paul

And are currently on the verge of extermination as states or countries. And if they can realize this, then they can realize—the Sunnis can realize—their enemy is the Zionist agenda of Greater Israel. And the Shia can realize their enemy is not the Sunnis, but Israel, the Zionist agenda of Greater Israel. And then it clicks. But I don't know if this is going to happen or not. I keep hoping the Iranians will raise this question and simply ask Washington, what do you mean, negotiate? What are we negotiating? Why are we negotiating our rights instead of this militarist, aggressive Zionist agenda? That's the source of the trouble, not us enriching uranium. Can we talk about something real? Why all this make-believe, this make-believe stuff? Well, the Iranians haven't done it, so it tells me they still don't understand the situation. So I keep harping on it. I'm hoping one day one of them will watch your program.

#Nima

Yeah, yeah, definitely. Paul, before wrapping up, I want to bring up something else, which is the case of NATO, Paul. We had NATO during the war in Ukraine, and you remember how Joe Biden and his administration were bragging about how powerful and mighty NATO was getting by, you know, Finland and Sweden joining NATO and everything getting better for NATO. But the war in the Middle East is bringing something to the surface that was not that obvious before this war started, because we see some sort of huge gaps between the Europeans and the United States in the case of the Middle East.

We see Spain moving differently, in a different direction—talking with China, talking with Russia, talking with Iran. And Slovakia just yesterday was in Russia. And you see, I think what is happening to NATO in the long run, it's going to be a game changer, in my opinion, for the future of the world and how the future is going to be different from what we're experiencing right now. How do you see NATO and what has happened to NATO since the war in Ukraine started? Then later on, I would say this was a knockout sort of punch in the face of NATO—the war in the Middle East. What is your understanding of NATO today?

#Paul

Well, I think there's no need for NATO. All the animosity that has been created against Russia is propaganda. There's no need for it because I don't think the Russians have any aggressive intentions against Europe. It makes no sense for them to have it. They haven't the population to occupy Europe. They haven't the inclination for that kind of war. There's nothing to gain from it. What they gain from is trade, from doing business deals instead of blowing things up. So NATO, I think, will come apart because if you—suppose you're France or you're Spain or you're Germany—you have been under Washington's thumb since 1945. How many humiliations have you suffered?

How many times have you been sort of treated in a disregarded way, brushed off, told to do this? And now maybe you see a chance—hey, we can get out of this. I'd actually like to be the head of state, not Washington's puppet. And so I think that is what will undo NATO. Now, the puzzle is all the talk about Europe preparing for war with Russia in four years. There's a lot of talk about that. Even serious people like Dr. Rowe think that this is something that's in the works. What for? Why? Now, where does this talk come from?

For example, if I was preparing for war against somebody, I wouldn't tell them four years in advance. So I don't know what to make of that. It's kind of nonsensical. Moreover, I don't think the Europeans are capable of going to war. You know, the Germans recently tried to get people to join the military, and they had no success. I don't think conscription laws would succeed. People would probably just rebel against the government that's trying to form the argument for the army. So I would like to know more about the origins of this notion of Europe preparing for war with Russia in four years. What kind of war?

#Nima

It's going to be three years, Paul. It's going to be by 2029, as they told us.

#Paul

Oh, it is? I thought it was 2030.

#Nima

No, 2029.

#Speaker 03

Well, it's not going to happen.

#Paul

There's no way Europe can be prepared for a war with a major military force in three years. They haven't got the means. They still don't have the means. And plus, Russia is a huge place. People who go to war with Russia traditionally haven't done well.

#Paul

Even Napoleon, the German Wehrmacht—it was one fine army. It got chewed to pieces. I don't think going to war with Russia is a good idea. Now, it may be a good idea if you've got somebody like Putin who won't fight. But I think if the Russians were facing a real war rather than some minor conflict over in some corner of Ukraine, Putin wouldn't be tolerated. He's already under heavy criticism. It's growing. So all of that is a puzzle—who initiated it and why? You know, normally, it used to be the Europeans didn't want to be aggressive toward Russia.

And the purpose of NATO was to use the Americans to protect them from the need to be ready for war. So they essentially have no militaries. So all of this war thing doesn't really make sense. I don't understand where it came from or what purpose it's serving. It's worth some thought, and it's worth a program one day where we try to see what is the explanation for all of a sudden Europe wanting to be at war with Russia. What purpose does it serve? Why is it they don't want cheap Russian oil and gas, but they want to go to war with Russia? It doesn't make any sense.

#Speaker 03

It makes no sense, so I can't handle that.

#Paul

I'm not ready to understand that. It's going to take a lot of thought and information I haven't got yet.

#Nima

Yeah. Yeah. Good point, Paul. Yeah. Thank you. Thank you for being with us today. Great pleasure, as always, Paul.

#Paul

Well, thank you, Nima. I look forward to this. As you know, there are not a whole lot of people to talk to.

#Nima

Yeah.

#Paul

Yeah, okay.

#Nima

Thank you. See you soon, Paul.

#Paul

Send me the URL.

#Nima

Sure, sure.

#Paul

All right. Bye-bye. Good night.

#Nima

Good night.