

Trump admits he attacked Iran 'to help Israel'

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Here's the reason why he went to war. Well, he spells it out very clearly in an interview with Sean Hannity about his trip to China. This is probably the most direct and candid statement from Trump about why he went to war.

#Donald Trump

We don't need it at all. We don't need it at all. Fair enough. I mean, you could make the case, you know, like, why are we even... We're doing it to help Israel and to help Saudi Arabia and to help Qatar and the UAE and, you know, Kuwait and other countries.

#Max

You heard that? So, you know, if you're struggling to get to work because gas costs so much, or it's eating into your earnings because you're driving Uber or Lyft, we're doing it for Israel.

#Donald Trump

You know, like, why are we even... We're doing it to help Israel and to help Saudi Arabia and to help Qatar and the UAE and, you know, a bunch of corrupt Gulf dictatorships that are paying Donald Trump and giving him luxury airliners. I told him today, I said, you know, we're helping you. And we're helping you in another way because I don't think they want... I don't think China wants Iran to have a nuclear weapon either. I said, just don't go crazy. You don't need them having a nuclear weapon. What did he say? Well, he's not going to respond to much. He's a pretty cool guy. He's not going to say, oh, gee, that's a good quote. What's he going to do?

#Max

What a wonderful point. Do you think he agreed?

#Donald Trump

Yeah, I think... not going to do that.

#Aaron Mate

Yeah. Yeah. She responded by buying energy from Iran and supplying it with continued support, including technology that it needs to defend itself. That's China's actual response. And even this idea that he's doing this for Saudi Arabia, I actually don't even buy. I don't think Saudi... I mean, maybe I'm wrong, but I don't think Saudi Arabia actually wanted this war. I think the UAE did, for sure. I mean, they haven't concealed that one. They've been very open about that. They would love to see Trump destroy Iran, even though they're right there next to Iran and they're incredibly vulnerable to any retaliation. So I don't know what goes on in their minds inside the UAE. But I don't even think Saudi was on board. But even if they were, again, yeah, why would this be a reason to go to war, to commit this act of aggression against Iran and blow up the global economy in the process? But in Trump's brain, it makes sense because, as you said, he gets a lot of money from these Gulf monarchies.