

Trump: economic cost of failed Iran war doesn't matter

The Grayzone's Max Blumenthal and Aaron Mate on Trump's proud admission that he never considers the economically calamitous cost of his assault on Iran "even a little bit." ||| The Grayzone ||| Find more reporting at <https://thegrayzone.com> Support our original journalism at Patreon: <https://patreon.com/grayzone> Facebook: <https://facebook.com/thegrayzone> Twitter: <https://twitter.com/thegrayzonenews> Instagram: <https://instagram.com/thegrayzonenews> Minds: <https://minds.com/thegrayzone> Mastodon: <https://mastodon.social/@thegrayzone> #TheGrayzone

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Then there's the economic component. Price of groceries is way up. Go look at those Israel-first prices at your local gas station. Out here where I am, premium gas is \$6 a gallon. It's getting to California prices. In California, it's way above \$6 a gallon. And Donald Trump was asked about this in front of the White House. Here's what he had to say.

#Speaker 1

When you're negotiating with Iran, Mr. President, to what extent are American financial conditions motivating you to make a deal?

#Donald Trump

Not even a little bit. The only thing that matters when I'm talking about Iran is they can't have a nuclear weapon. I don't think about the American financial situation. I don't think about anybody. I think about one thing: we cannot let Iran have a nuclear weapon. That's all. That's the only thing that motivates me.

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So he's trying to appear principled, but Americans don't care about Iran having a nuclear weapon.

#Aaron Mate

And it's not even about Iran having a nuclear weapon, because they've already affirmed that they don't want one, and they signed a deal renouncing one. That was in the preamble of the JCPOA—Iran saying they do not want to have a nuclear weapon—which Trump tore up. So this isn't even about whether Iran has a nuclear weapon or not.

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And as an American, I think Iran should have a nuclear weapon after all this, because it's the only way of stopping these wars, from being constantly attacked. So maybe they will have one. It makes sense. But Donald Trump doesn't care about your economic or financial situation if you're an American, unless you're a Trump insider and you're cashing in on some of the \$3 billion or so of insider trading profits that have been made since February 28th. They have access to Donald Trump. They may be named Trump. How is Barron Trump worth \$120 million today? Someone who has no discernible skills, but whose father, Donald, says is a genius because he can turn his laptop on and off.