

Paul Craig Roberts: Netanyahu POSTPONES Beirut Attack After Iran's Retaliation Warning

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Hi, everybody. Today is Monday, June 1st, 2026, and our dear friend Paul Craig Roberts is here with us. Welcome, Michael.

#Paul

Thank you, Nima.

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Paul, just in the recent hours, we've learned that Israel told people in the southern part of Beirut, in a city called Dahia, that they have to evacuate their homes because they want to attack and destroy everything there. Then we've seen a massive evacuation in that city. Looking at the pictures, the footage coming out, then Iran reacted to that. We had the Iranian foreign minister, we had the head of the Iranian parliament say that there is no direct or indirect talk with the United States and no messages anymore, and they issued a warning to Israel that they have to evacuate the northern part of Israel.

Because as soon as they start attacking Dahia, after that evacuation, Iran is going to attack and hit the northern part of Israel. Then we had a phone call between Donald Trump and Benjamin Netanyahu. It seems, as he posted, he said that, "I had a very productive call with Prime Minister Bibi Netanyahu of Israel, and there will be no troops going to Beirut." I don't know what that means, because he's talking about the Israeli attack by their fighter jets on Beirut. And then he said that likewise, through a highly placed representative, he had a very good call with Hezbollah. This is just more amazing. I don't know who was talking with him on the part of Hezbollah, but he made that in this tweet.

And they agreed that all shooting will stop, that Israel will not attack them, and they will not attack Israel. Yeah. President Donald J. Trump. This is what has happened. And what we've learned later on from Benjamin Netanyahu, they said, if Hezbollah attacks us, we're going to respond. And Hezbollah said, as long as Israelis are in the southern part of Lebanon, as long as they're occupying Lebanese territory, we're going to attack them. We're going to attack and we're going to force them out of Lebanon. What is your understanding, Paul? Who's running the show? Is it Donald Trump? Because when it comes to these sorts of pressures, you see Donald Trump can do something, can call Benjamin Netanyahu. And how do you find it? How do you feel about what's going on?

#Paul

Well, I think there was no point in Donald Trump calling Netanyahu and getting Netanyahu to stop. It's Iran. Iran is calling the shots. And Iran said to Israel, okay, you go ahead and bomb there, the southern part of Beirut, and we're going to take out northern Israel. So you better start evacuating from your homes. So it's totally controlled by Iran. Trump didn't do anything. What did Trump do? What's Netanyahu gonna do when he hears the Iranians say, okay, if they have to evacuate their homes in Lebanon, the Israelis have got to evacuate their homes in Israel. That is what's important. And obviously Netanyahu believed Iran. I wondered why Iran was letting Israel get away with the continuing attacks in Lebanon.

But apparently the Iranians decided that it had gone far enough. So that's my assumption. I don't think Trump had anything to do with it. I mean, what can Trump do? And why does he need to tell Netanyahu, hey, you don't want to be bombed and have to evacuate your homes? Netanyahu knows that. So I suppose that all of that fighting that the Israelis renewed in Lebanon was just a test to see if Iran would do anything, or if Iran's like Putin and won't. And it seemed it took Iran too long to do something, but it seems what they did is effective. So it tells you Israel knows it can't protect itself from an Iranian attack. And so I think it's a good thing that the Iranians acted.

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The problem, Paul, with Israel is that they're so desperate with the tactics or with these sort of weapons that Hezbollah is using—FPV drones—and with these rockets. Even the rockets are hitting targets in Israel. Right? Iron Dome is not working. It seems that Iron Dome is failing over and over again. And you see, that's the main problem for Israelis today, Paul. That's why they need to go to Dahia, to Beirut, to hit targets there, because they cannot fight Hezbollah in the southern part. The only reason they need to escalate is that there is no solution for them.

#Paul

Well, you know, the Israeli security minister said that Israel would not allow Trump to withdraw from the war. And, of course, the Israeli security minister was succeeding, because what would stop

Trump from withdrawing would be Israel attacking Lebanon and forcing Iran to abandon the ceasefire. So that keeps the war going. And this was happening. In fact, I wrote about it today. I was going to run it tomorrow, but with this latest development, I'll have to adjust it. But what Iran did, they said, well, fine, you keep attacking the Lebanese and you've ordered them to evacuate their homes, so we're telling you the same thing's gonna happen to you.

But this is Iran talking, not Hezbollah. And if Israel can't deal with Hezbollah, it certainly can't deal with Iran. So to end this situation and to force the far right-wing extreme Israelis off of their Greater Israel agenda, Iran needs to give them a knockout blow. Someone has to make it clear to the Israelis—all of them, all the political parties, all of the people—that there's no chance of Greater Israel, and you can give it up or you will be destroyed. That's the only way there'll be any peace in the Middle East. It doesn't make a difference what Trump says or does. He just blusters. He has no effect on the outcome there now.

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The Americans have proven they can't deal with Iran.

#Paul

And now the Israelis are finding out, and they need to find out in a great big way. When a country like Israel has this agenda, declared again just the other day by the security minister, that we have no intention of stopping these wars, that our goal is the Middle East—this is what the security minister said, I've quoted him—well, if you're up against that, what do you negotiate? Ceasefire? I mean, what are you talking about? You either surrender or you win. And maybe the Iranians are coming to that understanding.

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They're coming to that understanding. Sorry for interrupting you, Paul. We had the head of the Iranian parliament just the day before yesterday coming out. I have never seen the head of the Iranian parliament or some negotiators in Iran, those people who are in charge of negotiations, talking this way. He said, we decide everything on the battlefield, and we document the results of the battlefield on paper. And we have, you know, this is—I have never seen such a thing in Iran. This is new. This is a new tone, this is a new strategy, this is a new understanding on the board. Well, that's good, that's good, because it's the only thing that will stop the wars. Someone has to win, and as long as the Iranians were showing a hesitancy to win, the Israelis and the Americans could keep going. But if the Iranians say, why are we hesitant to win? And decide to win, then Israel has to come to terms. And that means they have to give up the agenda of Greater Israel.

And the Iranians have to pressure, threaten the Gulf states: you're either with us or against us. They have to use the words of President George W. Bush: you're with us or you're against us. That's what

the Iranians need to tell all the Gulf states. And if you're against us, we're going to destroy you. This is the only way you can talk in a situation like that. You can't pretend there's a misunderstanding and you can negotiate it away.

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I think, Paul, the point that you're making is so right, is so correct, because before this all happened, the Iran war, and they're going to attack the northern part of Israel, the United States suggested to Hezbollah, if you don't want Israel attacking you, then you have to stop attacking Israel, not in the northern part of Israel, in the southern part of Lebanon. You stop attacking Israel in Lebanon, in the southern part of Lebanon, then Israel decides not to attack you in Beirut. This was just mind-blowing. He says, what's going on with that? Then Iran started, then Iran entered the calculation. They said, nothing's gonna happen, and we're gonna attack Israel. It doesn't matter what Donald Trump is talking about.

#Paul

Yes, you see, the Americans have defined Hezbollah's resistance to an Israeli invasion as aggression. So Israel invades Lebanon and Hezbollah resists the invasion. And who's guilty of aggression? Not Israel, but Hezbollah. So the Trump regime's position is that southern Lebanon belongs to Israel. Israel's been claiming it for a long time. Look, this is the third time—it's at least the third time that Israel has gone in to occupy southern Lebanon. In previous attempts, the Israeli army was driven out.

I think this time it may be harder for Hezbollah because they lost so many of their leaders to Israeli assassinations. You remember the story about the cell phones that were actually explosive devices that Israel could set off, and so they killed scores of the Hezbollah leaders. And then, of course, Syria's gone, so the avenues of supply to Hezbollah from Iran are gone. They're hampered, and so Hezbollah's at a disadvantage compared to previously. But still, I have the impression that the Israelis have not been able to cross the river. No, so their invasion has stalled. It can't go forward.

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And I think that they have to be... In some areas, Paul, which are close to the border, to their border—they don't have a border, but if we assume that they have a border—in some areas the Litani River is approaching their border. They're getting to the Litani River, but they're far from the Litani River in Lebanon. In the other parts, you know, they're not even close to the Litani River.

#Paul

Right. Well, it'd be a mistake to have a ceasefire that lets Israel keep part of Lebanon. See, that's how they stole Palestine. They've been stealing it since 1947. They go steal some of it, and then

there's a ceasefire, and they stop for a while, and then they go steal some more. And now they're stealing Gaza and the few settlements that are left in the West Bank. And they thought they were on a roll because they had the United States to attack Iran for them. So they started again on Lebanon.

The Iranians stood up to it. And I think the tough talk that the Iranians issued, as you reported, I think that's probably true and it's effective because there's nothing the United States or Israel can do to block the missiles coming in on Israel. I think it would have been even better if instead of the Iranians issuing a threat, they had simply dumped a whole bunch of missiles on Israel. And say, now you evacuate. Here come some more. Evacuate Tel Aviv. We're going to destroy Tel Aviv. Get everybody out of Tel Aviv. That's the way you bring a war to an end. You make it clear that you are as determined to destroy them as the Israelis are to destroy Iran and Lebanon.

Well, if you're always willing to have a ceasefire and negotiate, then people don't take you seriously as an opponent. Look, not even tiny Latvia. What's it got, three million people? Three million people? They don't even take Russia seriously. Why? Because Putin never does anything. Well, to be taken seriously, you can't turn the other cheek, you just have to take somebody's head off. And the Israelis have had this coming to them for a very long time, and no one's done it. And this is why Palestine's destroyed, Iraq's destroyed, Syria's destroyed, Libya's destroyed, and Iran's at war, and Lebanon's at war, because nobody stood up to the Israelis.

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Paul, I really see the moment if these Arab states and these leaders in the Arab GCC countries continue with the same attitude and behavior that we've seen so far, the policies that we've seen so far, they're going to have the same thing as we are witnessing in the southern part of Lebanon. Someday Israel would go to Saudi Arabia, the UAE, and capture all of them and say, it's a buffer zone between Israel and Iran. I want to have a buffer zone, a dead zone. And these people, you don't see any sort of learning curve for these GCC countries. There is nothing there. I don't know what they're thinking of.

#Paul

They don't think. Or they just say, oh, I think I want to enjoy the evening. We'll worry about it tomorrow. Look, the Israelis have already made it clear to Saudi Arabia that they have redefined Greater Israel. It's now from the Nile to Pakistan. So the Israelis have already told the Saudi Arabians, we claim you. Saudi Arabia is part of Greater Israel. They've told the Turks the same thing. You know, I've reported on this program with you before. Last February, the former Israeli Prime Minister Bennett—is that his name, Bennett?—he came to attend the annual meeting of the Israel lobby in America, and he told them, Turkey's the next Iran.

Well, this was the instruction Israel was giving the Israel lobby—to start demonizing Turkey, turning Turkey into terrorists, getting all the stupid American people down on Turkey so that they would

accept an American attack on Turkey. So clearly, after Israel, it was to be Turkey. If Iran had not stood up and stopped it, that's what would have happened. So the only force in the Middle East that stood up was Iran. None of the others. And not even the Palestinians. I mean, the Palestinians have been passive since this started in 1947. They've just accepted that they get driven out of their villages.

#Nima

You mean the Palestinians in the West Bank? Because we know that Hamas is fighting back.

#Paul

All of the Palestinians. I mean, what's now Israel used to be Palestine, right? Haven't you seen the maps of the shrinkage of Palestine over time? I mean, Israel was a tiny piece of it. Now Palestine's a tiny piece. And they were just passive. Instead of arming themselves, they left their homes. They left the olive groves. I may be wrong, but I think there are now three generations of Palestinians born into refugee camps in Jordan and, I think, Lebanon. They're born in, they live in refugee camps—three generations of Palestinians. Well, the Palestinians outnumbered the Israelis. They could have destroyed them, but they didn't bother. They fled from aggression.

The feeble efforts that Egypt and Syria made, I mean, it wasn't even serious. So this is a change. What Iran has done is a change. And if they continue to have the ability they seem to have, and they decide that they've got to see this through to completion, they can destroy the Zionist agenda of Greater Israel. And then that would end all these decades of conflict. I mean, I think the Israelis also have to pull out of the West Bank. They've got to give back most of what they stole. They've got to pull out of Gaza, East Jerusalem. They should be forced to do that.

You know, Netanyahu has already admitted that they are now incorporating 70% of Gaza into Israel. And his audience said, "100%, 100%." He said, "Yes, it'll be 100%, but we're just going to do it a little at a time. It doesn't produce the same opposition if we take it all at once." He said, "Look, we had 50. Nobody said anything. Then we had 60. They didn't say anything. So now we're going to have 70. But if we took it all at once, somebody would say something." So this is the way the Israelis have done this. This is how they stole Palestine. You know, what people think of Israel is actually Palestine. In 1947, it was all Palestinian.

And this is the Israeli plan for Lebanon. First, they steal up to the river. And they somehow manage to cross the river and steal some more. And then finally they get to Baruch and steal that. This is...

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They're doing this in Syria, Paul. They're doing this in Syria — with the Golan Heights, and then going further and further and getting more.

#Paul

The last I looked, Nima... the reports were that Israel was on the outskirts of Damascus. And the Israeli minister said, "We're here to stay. We're not going back." So they've got a lot more than the Golan Heights, the Golan Heights there. And of course, Greater Israel also includes Jordan and part of Egypt. So in all of this, it's been clear. It's not hidden. It's been known for 100 years. And they've been doing it for 75. And Arabs and Muslims are still not doing anything about it. No, that goes to another country.

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And the whole time, what did the Western governments do?

#Paul

They covered up the theft of Palestine by talking about the two-state solution. The two-state solution. Well, Greater Israel doesn't have a two-state solution. There's a one-state solution — Israel. And it's not that this is hidden or unknown. You know, the Israelis are very forthright about it. They don't deny it. They hold up the maps. They hold up the maps. So, I mean, it shows tremendous confidence the Israelis have, I assume, because they know they have Washington in their pocket.

This is the first time in a long time that the American-Israeli arrangement ran into trouble, because Trump was greatly embarrassed by the American defeat in Iran. And then now, you convince them Tehran would fall in three days — it didn't fall, and Trump can't figure out how to get out of it. I told you, I think — and if I did, I'm sorry to be repeating for your audience and you — but I think Trump's way out of it is to start another war in Cuba. And so the whole news will shift to Cuba, and Trump will call the aircraft carriers from Iran to help him in Cuba, and the whole Iranian thing just moves to the back burner and then off the stove, and all the news will be about Cuba. I think that's the only real way he has of getting out of it. And the Israelis were determined not to let him out. But this statement that you said the Iranians made today is a pretty powerful statement.

And if Israel ignores it and goes on bombing in Lebanon, and Iran doesn't do anything about it, then there's no stopping Israel. There's no way to stop them. So if Israel decides that Iran's bluffing and they're going to call Iran's bluff or send some secret message — we'll nuke you — Iran just has to say, we'll nuke you. Your Dimona, that's our nuclear weapon. We'll hit that and you're gone.

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In fact, you know, if...

#Paul

If Iran were led by Julius Caesar or Napoleon, they already would have hit Dimona, and there wouldn't be anything left of Israel.

Real generals don't let opportunities like that pass.

If any of the great military leaders in history were in Iran, Israel wouldn't have existed for long. There'd be nothing there.

#Nima

Paul, when it comes to Gaza, when it comes to Palestine, you said that they didn't fight back, but they have their shortage when it comes to weapons, when it comes to this. They don't have it. Who's in some sort of position to help them, in your opinion? Because I think the geography suggests that the government in Egypt is in a better position to help them, but they're not doing anything. I don't know if you heard this guy, this Israeli guy, Jonathan Pollard, yesterday. He said that the next step after the war against Iran, the next step is going to be Egypt and Turkey. And he's afraid of Turkey. He doesn't know how to deal with Turkey because Turkey is part of NATO. I don't know, by the way, what NATO means anymore. There is no NATO anymore.

#Paul

Well, see, you're talking about the present day. But this began in 1947, and the Palestinians dramatically outnumbered the Israelis. And when they began experiencing the threat, or this village experiencing it, that village didn't go out and get guns because there weren't any missiles in those days. And Israel didn't have any artillery or tanks, and they didn't have an air force that the Americans gave them. And so the Palestinians could have had the same arms Israel had—rifles, bayonets, and so on. So the village under attack didn't do anything, but the other villages didn't either.

They just said, oh, it's that village, it's not us. So instead of the Palestinians realizing, hey, they're going to eat us up piecemeal, or maybe they thought that the great Western moral democracies would save them. Well, you can't think that for 75 years. And really, the first Palestinian opposition, I mean, of any determination, seems to be Hamas. The predecessor—I forgot the guy's name now—but the Palestine Liberation Organization, or the PLO, they never really put up a fight. So the first time that Israel has run into something it can't deal with is Iran.

If Iran keeps the pressure on, then what's this all going to do?

If Iran is wishy-washy and agrees to another ceasefire and some more talks, Israel will say, oh, another stupid nation. We'll just continue like we have. So I think there's nothing else to say about that. We also...

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Okay, go ahead, then I'll ask my question.

#Paul

We also see that the Russians and the Chinese did not have the wits to make it clear they would not tolerate an attack on Iran. They could have prevented that simply by saying so. They didn't do anything. They permitted it. So the Russians and Chinese don't have any more resolve than the Palestinians had, or any of the other Arabs. And of course, every time Egypt got a leader, we assassinated him.

#Nima

So if...

#Paul

Iran has shown more determination than Russia or China. Speaks well of the Iranians. But of course, they're an ancient people, the Persians. And everybody throughout history who took on the Persians was up against something formidable. You know, the Persians are still here, and the Greeks and Romans are gone. Go ahead.

#Nima

No. Paul... What does Donald Trump get from Israel? Have you seen anything, any benefit from this sort of relationship he has with Israel? Is it all about his personal sort of wealth and the way that the people who are close to Israel are somehow helping him to increase his wealth or get better or improve his personal life? I'm talking about the wealth of his family, not about the country. What is that relationship between Donald Trump and Israel? What is your understanding of that?

#Paul

I don't have any inside information. I have seen reports that seem to make sense, that Trump's family fortune has gone up \$4 billion since he's been in office. And the net worth of his two sons has gone up dramatically. I think one went from 50 million to 300 million.

Trump, as I pointed out some time ago, not that long ago, is the first president, I think, since Lincoln, Harding, Grant, since the 19th century, to conduct business while he's in office. You know, Trump has started businesses, a digital currency business. He did. His wife did. He's using lawsuits to get taxpayer money. I mean, he's conducting a variety of businesses while he's in office. Now, I've never heard of this. It seems to me like an abuse of position. It seems like a conflict of interest.

But he's using the presidency to make money. Now, we can say, well, so did Clinton, and so did Biden. We know that Biden and his son were selling influence and all of that. But Trump's actually creating businesses. He's not just peddling influence.

He's creating businesses while he's president. I don't quite understand why this hasn't been an issue or hasn't been challenged. I can't really conceive that it's acceptable because it's only associated with two or three extremely corrupt presidencies two centuries ago, the 19th century. We're in the 21st century. Now, we also know that his political campaigns, both of them, were financed by Jewish multi-billionaires. Apparently, in his rise in real estate in New York and casinos and other such things, he had access to Israeli money to back him up. I don't know that that's true, but this Adelson woman that gave so much money to his re-election—her husband was in the casino business. So if Trump goes in it, you can see, well, the Jewish elements say, yeah, let's invest in him.

He might go somewhere. You know, this was the way they approached Winston Churchill. You know, Churchill was never able to live within his means, no matter how large his means were. He and his wife couldn't live, and they were always in debt. And he almost lost his country estate, and Jewish financiers bailed him out. So I think it's intelligent of people to come to the aid of those who may go somewhere. And clearly, Churchill was one of those people. And so I don't condemn Jews for doing that. It makes sense. The guy's going somewhere. We may need some protection. Maybe somebody will come after us. So all of this is just part of life. You know, there was a report just the other day—it came from financial releases—that the Israel lobby pays Americans \$7,000 for every article they write defending Israel. And these people are called influencers, and there's a couple of dozen of them. So they defend Israel from genocide accusations, or they define all the aggression as due to Hezbollah and Hamas and Iran and not to Israel. Well, they get paid \$7,000 for each article, and they're earning brownie points with the Israel lobby, which is extremely powerful and has a lot to say about people's success and careers. They've shown they can even reach inside universities and affect tenure decisions. And that's because they gift to the universities. So all of this goes on, and it's almost natural. And who knows that Trump hasn't had success from that. I think that Trump's alliance with Israel is no different than the United States Congress' alliance with Israel.

The Congress gets campaign contributions. If you upset Israel, they get rid of you, like Thomas Massie. They just got rid of Thomas Massie. They got rid of Marjorie Taylor Greene simply by getting her to resign. She said, I'm not going to go through the election and have my name dragged through the mud. So there's no independence from Israel in the United States government. I can remember way back when I was on the congressional staff and I had all kinds of security clearances, and the CIA was disturbed at the extraordinary spying on the United States by the Israelis, and they weren't able to do anything about it. They weren't permitted. And Israel never gives up on one of its spies. If we find one that gets convicted, Israel stays on the case until we release him.

So, and media, you know, it's just part of the fabric, the business fabric of everything. And there's no real avoiding it. You know, when the country's best reporters—Tucker Carlson, Candace Owens, Megyn Kelly, Matt Taibbi, Glenn Greenwald—they can't be employed by the media because Israel

won't permit it. So they all exist independently. They have a big enough following that they can exist as independent analysts, independent news sources. None of them have a job with a media company. They were all kicked out of the media.

Tucker Carlson was Fox News' biggest revenue producer. They weren't even allowed to keep that. So the influence of Israel in the United States is massive. It's powerful. And you know, I was Wall Street Journal editor, Business Week columnist, Scripps Howard Newsweek columnist, Creators Syndicate columnist. I'm not allowed in the media. I used to be on TV, American TV, constantly—the morning show, Today show, This Week with David Brinkley, you know. Any editor that brought me on today would be instantly fired. So you can see that it's a pretty sewn-up network.

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Paul Steele, the U.S. Congress is somehow merging the two militaries—the American military and the Israeli military. Do you see any sort of threat coming out of this? Because this is huge when you look at what is going on. I don't know what they are seeking, but just the way that they're going in, it means that Israel can do whatever they want to do and the United States has to back them. There is no other way, the way that they are somehow getting close to Israel.

#Paul

That's right. I didn't discover this, but I wrote about it the other day. Philip Giraldi has had an article about it, I think, in the **American Conservative Review**. The United States Congress has got two acts before it that are moving ahead without opposition. And it integrates the Israeli and American militaries in a variety of ways, including weapons development and patents and who owns the weapon systems. And I mean, it's just an amazing thing to read. And the American people don't know anything about it, because it doesn't have any opposition in Congress. There's no way for the Americans to hear about it, and the number of people who would dare to write about it are limited. There are a few people in the internet media, but...

It's not a normal situation for a superpower to be led around with a ring in its nose by a country with 8 million people. And that's what the United States is. I mean, look at the ease Israel had in leading the United States into an act of aggression by attacking Iran. Why? What did we get from this? The Iranians have done nothing to us. The American intelligence agencies have said over and over, there's no evidence of Iran working on a nuclear weapon. And yet Trump stands up, contradicts the CIA, and says, oh, I have to stop them from having a nuke. Well, the president won't even tell the truth because Israel will get upset.

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Just amazing what's going on with that Trump guy.

#Paul

It's amazing.

#Nima

I don't know if you saw his interview on Fox News in which he mentioned the only things, the two things he said he wants from Iran. One of them is to open up the Strait of Hormuz without any sort of toll or fees. And the other point is declaring or confessing that they're not going to achieve nuclear bombs, or they're not going to buy them from some other countries, or they're not going to make those weapons or those bombs in Iran. So he had all of that before this war started. There was no problem in the Strait of Hormuz. Iranians were negotiating with the United States on their nuclear program to assure the United States that they're not seeking nuclear bombs.

#Paul

They signed the Non-Proliferation Treaty. They've already agreed. And the Non-Proliferation Treaty gives them the right to enrich uranium. You know, you enrich it for medical isotopes, for nuclear power, for energy. People say, well, what does Iran need? They've got all this oil. Well, they can sell the oil, so they can get revenues from selling the oil, but if they use it, they don't. So... But you're right, there was no excuse for Trump to agree to attack Iran. For Israel, none, no excuse. And he makes up a false one that everybody knows is a lie.

Oh, nuclear weapons, you know, this is just like Condoleezza Rice and Secretary of State Powell telling the UN that Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction. And Condoleezza Rice was the National Security Advisor, and she said there'd be a mushroom cloud over American cities. It's fear-mongering. So you create fear in a population, and then the population accepts your act of aggression against the demonized country. And that's the way it works. Look at the extremes to which Lindsey Graham goes to demonize Iran.

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It's absurd.

#Paul

It makes him look like a stupid fool. And he doesn't let go. He keeps on. Israel appreciates it. And he goes to Israel and says, "I'm an Israeli." So what's he doing in the United States Senate?

Well, they've worked at it for many decades, and as so many of their prime ministers have said, we don't have to worry about the Americans — we control them. They've said this over and over, so it seems to be the case. Eisenhower was the last one they didn't control. When the Israelis and the British and French went into Egypt to steal back the Suez Canal, Eisenhower made them get out.

That was, what, 58, 59, 60 years ago.

#Nima

It was a long time ago. Most people alive today weren't even born then. Yeah, exactly. Thank you, thank you so much, Paul, for being with us today. Great pleasure as always. Well, thank you, Nima. See you soon, Paul. Bye-bye.

#Paul

Bye.