

UFC champ arrested for criticizing Israel?

The Grayzone's Max Blumenthal and Aaron Mate on the treatment of reigning UFC champion Sean Strickland at the site of the "Freedom 250" Trump propaganda fest. Strickland claimed he was banned from the event for his criticisms of Israel and the Trump administration's refusal to release the full Epstein files. He was arrested by US Park Police after entering the event. ||| 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

#Max

You've got to stick to conspiracy facts. It seems like something that would completely be within the wheelhouse of the Trump mafia and helps provide insight into their Iran insider trading. I don't know how Barron Trump got to be worth \$220 million. His father says he's a genius because he can turn his laptop on and off, but he doesn't demonstrate any other skills. Eric Trump is involved with—he helped take public Powerous Drones, which is a company that's been testing. Powerous is like a defense tech company that's been testing anti-drone technology in Iran. I mean, they're heavily invested in all these conflicts. And Dana White, who's the CEO of the UFC, donated a million dollars to Donald Trump.

Dana White would be someone who would, if this happened, tell Daniel Cormier to delete that post and shut up and pretend the whole thing didn't happen. And then behind him is Ari Emanuel. You can't really go against this program. And there's no room for an independent voice in this program outside of Trump world. And that's what Sean Strickland found out when he issued some crude attacks on the U.S.-Israeli relationship. Sean Strickland is the reigning UFC champion who has beaten fighters that many thought were—and Sean Strickland, of course, this was a staged PR stunt, but it was to make a point, which is that he would be arrested. The reigning champion would be arrested for showing up because of what he has said about Israel.

#Speaker 1

And so this is... We're going to go right to the stage, and we're going to just fucking rally this motherfucker. Relax, relax.

#Speaker 2

This is, you know, outside the White House.

#Max

U.S. Park Police, this is federal police. You know, this is SWAT. Like when there's a SWAT raid in D. C. or they do a no-knock raid and bring in helicopters, the Park Police come. So he just gets, like, he gets, like, a SWAT team, a champion, because he criticized Israel. And, like, millions and millions of young guys across America are seeing this.

#Speaker 3

What are they supposed to think?

#Max

And, like, the Park Police are acting like Dana White's Praetorian Guard. It's an incredible scene.

#Aaron Mates

Remember when there was a controversy because Obama built a basketball court at the White House?

#Max

Yeah, yeah, yeah. I mean, if Biden had won or whatever, if Kamala had won and she built a basketball court, Trump and the Republicans would have been freaking out. They would have been having a meltdown.

#Aaron Mates

The desecration of the White House. And then they put on—I mean, it's pretty entertaining, it's pretty entertaining. Uh, and it's pretty funny, but you know, especially with the corruption on display, uh, Trump's cryptocurrency is being used to pay the fighters, like being paid for the winner. Uh, the Ellisons, the presence of the Ellisons, they're showing this on their network.

#Max

Yeah.

#Aaron Mates

Yeah.

#Max

Uh, we'll talk about the merger in a second, but Sean Strickland is milking this. He's mocking Trump, and he's milking this. This is his tweet: "Who did it better?" He's mocking the whole wall-kissing ritual that presidential hopefuls have to undergo. And I guess, like, you know, mocking what has become of Judaism against the backdrop of the Gaza genocide and the Iran war. And that's what, you know, that's what we get, I guess, after he got arrested for criticizing Israel. This is a guy, by the way, who had said after October 7th he supported Israel, but he kind of understands which way the wind is blowing. This is a disaster for Trump and Netanyahu. And if you're not paying attention to the culture, then you don't understand how big the backlash is going to be.

World Liberty Financial is another major Trump corruption conduit. It's run by the Witkoff sons and the Trump sons, Alex Witkoff and Zach Witkoff, and much of the money is coming from the Gulf through crypto. It's through crypto stablecoin. Then you also have Howard Lutnick and his son running with a major stake in Tether, which is the other stablecoin that they use for all of their... And they're operating an office out of Bukele's El Salvador. So World Liberty Financial turns out to have played a major role in this money-losing event. I don't know if we're allowed to show this. You may get demonetized. Paramount is removing all kinds of footage of this event. They don't want you to see what happened.

#Speaker 4

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So the players are being paid performance bonuses through World Liberty Financial. Yes, which is probably coming from, like, the UAE.

#Aaron Mates

Exactly, because they're the major stakeholder in that company. They put in, I forgot the figure, but a lot of money. And right before, I believe, Trump's inauguration, I think after the election is when they made their investment, if I have the timeline right. And now they get to pay off, you know, the UFC fighters taking part in Trump's 80th birthday spectacle event. Really, as you said, out of Idiocracy. Yeah.

#Max

Yeah, like a fighter coming out with a 100-year-old Medal of Honor award winner from the Korean War, and Marines saluting the fighter in his spandex shorts, is a perfect symbol of the desecration of these American symbols.

