

Israel can't accept reality of Iran war defeat

The Grayzone's Max Blumenthal explains to Mario Nawfal why the cold, hard reality of the US-Israeli defeat in their war on Iran is deepening divisions between the two, and analyzes the irrational logic that is leading Israel into a political abyss. ||| 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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But when I say one side has to capitulate here, I think in many ways the U.S. has capitulated. The U.S. has its own interests, which are independent from Israel's. And so really this is a fight between Israel, or I should say Zionism, the ideology underpinning the so-called self-proclaimed Jewish state, which is this borderless, anachronistic entity armed to the teeth, between that and the resistance — any element that resists it in the region. And so that's where we are. And the U.S. wants to step away. This isn't just Trump or J.D. Vance; it's essentially the U.S. establishment. Parts of the U.S. establishment that are not ideologically wedded to Zionism for personal, identitarian reasons want to step away because they ran up against the hard rocks of reality. We can talk about that.

I think if you listen to the words that J.D. Vance is using, he's actually saying something in public that U.S. presidents have previously said in private. For example, Bill Clinton storming out of a meeting with Benjamin Netanyahu during the late 1990s, declaring, "Who's the fucking superpower here?" J.D. Vance is saying this publicly, and he keeps using the word "reality." And that's the operative word here in this conversation about the MOU and where the U.S.-Israeli relationship is now historically. Reality. Reality is normal international relations. Reality is concern for the state of the global economy. Reality is domestic political considerations for Donald Trump and others, Republican congressional candidates running in swing districts in the midterms. Reality is American working-class consumers trying to get to work or driving Uber.

Reality is something that millions of people from Asia to Africa have been experiencing as the Strait of Hormuz has been closed and they're getting ready for bread riots. Reality is something that most people — 99% of the people in the world, maybe 99.78% of people in the world — have a sort of shared vision about. There's like a baseline reality that they experience, and nations are experiencing this reality through the framework of international relations, whether you interpret it as, you know, a realpolitik or the realist perspective on IR that John Mearsheimer puts forward, where international relations is determined by clashes and conflicts and relationships between great powers, powerful states, or you interpret it through the...

You know, the liberal Brussels transatlanticist perspective on international relations, where a superpower enforces a rules-based order in order to guarantee the growth of liberal democracy and their vision — no matter how you interpret it. There is a general shared reality that has to represent basic concerns for the global majority, or things just descend into complete chaos. And then there's a group that exists outside that reality, and they are called Zionists. And that small group enjoys an outsized influence in the United States and throughout the West and has been able to impose their influence, and in doing so impose a Zionist logic on American leadership to the point where they actually compelled Donald Trump to wage a war on Iran — supposedly a joint war with Israel — on February 28th, launching Operation Epic Fury, as they called it, what I call Epstein Fury.

And it completely failed because Zionist logic ran up against the hard rocks of reality — the reality of international relations and just basic global economics. And that failure has now pried a large part of the United States establishment away, or is prying it away, from the grip of the Zionist movement and their institutional Israel lobbying organizations. And that's why we're seeing J.D. Vance making these statements. Israel is in an existential fight to continue to impose Zionist logic against the reality that almost everyone in the world exists in, by dragging the United States back into this war.

Because as J.D. Vance correctly said, and Donald Trump said, Israel cannot exist. This anachronistic colonial state cannot exist without United States power backing it to the hilt. And Iran has proven that it's able to defend itself against the most powerful military force ever assembled in history and against the most powerful military force in the region. So what can be done? What can Israel do? What can they do? That's what we're going to see. And it's going to, I think, accelerate this downward spiral of Zionism and continue to widen the gulf between not just the US public, but elements of the US establishment and Zionism.

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