

Larry Johnson: Trump on Edge as Iran Builds Strategic Stockpile

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#Nima

Hi, everybody. Today is Wednesday, July 1st, 2026, and our dear friend Larry Johnson is here with us. Welcome back, Larry.

#Larry

Hi there. Nice shirt. How's it going? Good.

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Yeah, Larry, I want to start with...

#Larry

I just said we had some rain here. Got about an inch and a half, so we needed it.

#Nima

Wow. Larry, I want to start with what's going on between Russia and Ukraine because something big is happening as we speak. The latest news shows footage of the Premier Palace Hotel in Kiev on fire after a UAV impact. And people are in the underground in Kiev right now. They're sheltering underground. It seems that somehow the situation is getting worse.

#Larry

Mm-hmm.

#Nima

The escalation is happening right now between the two sides. Looking at the mainstream media, basically the argument is that Russia is losing. I don't know where they get this, what the understanding is on their part, and in what sense Russia is losing, in your opinion.

#Larry

Only in the opinion of the people in Western media. They're the ones who keep insisting that, God, the Ukrainians barely suffered any casualties after four-plus years. I mean, after defeat after defeat after defeat — the loss of Mariupol, Avdiivka, Bakhmut, Marinka, Kostyantynivka, Kursk — go on down the list. Chalk up, what are the victories for Ukraine? They're nonexistent. So this is just a reminder that the only thing the West has going for it is its propaganda, figuring it can lie its way out. But, you know, it doesn't change the reality on the ground.

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Do you think that Russia is thinking of Odessa, maybe some sort of attack on Odessa, doing something militarily in Odessa? Or do you still think that they're going to make some sort of move on Odessa politically, not militarily?

#Larry

Well, eventually, before this whole thing is over, I believe that Russia will be back in control of Odessa. They'll be in control of Kyiv, certainly be in control of Kherson, Zaporizhzhia, Dnipropetrovsk — full control. So, but it's, you know, is that going to happen in the next two months? No, I don't think so. But, you know, you never can tell if at one point the Ukrainian military is going to collapse, and it's going to be a rapid collapse. It will not be a prolonged agony. So we'll see. But, you know, Russia had been vowing to carry out some major strikes in Kyiv. Some thought it would happen yesterday. It looks like it happened today. But it's just this one hotel on fire. Let's see what else was done.

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We know that the German military-industrial complex is somehow trying to produce more missiles, more weapons for Ukraine. Today I talked with our mutual friend, Scott Ritter. He said that maybe the next step for Russia would be attacking, hitting some points in Europe, hitting some targets that are those companies or those arms manufacturers that are producing weapons for Ukraine or missiles for Ukraine. It seems that they're receiving a lot of drones from Europe. I don't know what the capability of Ukraine is in producing drones, but they're receiving a lot from Europe.

#Larry

Yeah, well, you know, I've drawn the parallel that if China was providing weapons and guidance and intelligence to the Sinaloa Cartel and they were attacking the United States, the United States would be attacking China. So it's just a matter of time before Russia decides, okay, we've had enough, we're gonna make Europe pay.

#Nima

Yeah. Europe is—I don't know if you saw the footage of Ursula von der Leyen talking about the energy problem in Europe and how amazing Azerbaijan was during the period that Russia cut off everything to Europe. Here's what she said, Larry, as though she's trying to rewrite the history—the recent history, not that.

#Speaker 03

Small and medium enterprises. Let me also turn to energy. It remains one of the strongest pillars of our partnership. In recent years, Azerbaijan has proven to be a reliable, trusted energy partner to the European Union. We have not forgotten that at a time when Russia weaponized energy and turned off the gas for Europe, Azerbaijan stepped up. The Southern Gas Corridor indeed strengthened Europe's energy security, and it is a remarkable success story.

#Nima

Where did Russia weaponize energy? I don't remember that.

#Larry

Yeah, news to me. She's in her own little fantasy world. And Aliyev is such a— I will not use disparaging terms. He's just a corrupt leader, I'll put it that way. But yeah, you know, the West attacks the Nord Stream pipeline, blows up the Nord Stream pipeline. The West imposes sanctions on Russian energy, and it's Russia who's cutting it off. These people, they're delusional. They just make stuff up.

#Nima

They said no to Russian energy. Orban was fighting—you remember how Orban was fighting to receive energy from Russia. They said no, that's not going to happen. And if I'm not mistaken, one of the pipelines between Russia and Germany is still working, and it's not damaged that much, and they can use that pipeline. In Nord Stream, one of the lines is still intact, or they can use it, but they're not using it as we speak. So this is a decision on the part of the Europeans, on the part of the German government. Is that the case? Yeah.

#Larry

Look, the disconnect between the German leadership and the German people—Merz is talking war. They're talking about building armaments. They're talking about weaponizing formerly peaceful sectors of their industry, and they expect Russia's just going to sit there and ignore it and let them do this and let them build up. That's not going to happen. At some point, I don't know where that point is, but they'll cross a line and Russia will hit them.

#Nima

Do you see any time soon any sort of connection between Germany and Russia in terms of energy supply or LNG or whatever that is, you know, using the Nord Stream, getting back to those old days of connection between the two countries—two important countries, by the way, in Europe—if we can call Russia part of Europe, which it is, in my opinion?

#Larry

Well, it saw itself as that. I don't think—I think Russia is moving away from that point of view. But I'm not sure I understand your question.

#Nima

My question is, are they going to receive it? Do you see any time soon these two countries communicating with each other in terms of that pipeline?

#Larry

No, no. It'll only be when Germany reaches a level of utter desperation. Then they'll probably reach out and ask for help.

#Nima

No one else—I remember when the Nord Stream pipeline was sabotaged, there was a new pipeline from Norway to Poland. And they said, this is a big sort of change that's going to change everything. But it seems that the capacity of that pipeline is not that much when it comes to the consumption of Europe.

#Larry

That's why they needed to... Well, I was just going to say, I thought one of the Nord Stream pipelines is still open, but it's not being used.

#Nima

Yeah, exactly.

#Larry

I don't think all the pipelines were destroyed.

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No, one of them is working, yeah. I'm talking about the other pipeline between Norway and Poland, because that pipeline came after—the inauguration of that pipeline came after—the sabotage of the Nord Stream pipeline. And they said that's going to change the future of Europe. But so far, I haven't seen any sort of sign that that pipeline is producing that much or is importing that much in terms of the consumption that Europe has today. They're basically receiving Russian oil in Europe, as I remember it, from India, from Turkey, from other countries.

#Larry

Well, they made it clear that they don't want any direct oil from Russia, and they're going to be cutting them off. So, you know, this is a case of collective suicide by these people. I mean, you look at the Europeans and I just wonder, what the hell are they thinking? What's wrong with them?

#Nima

Nobody today is talking about Europeans. I remember when the war in Ukraine started, it was all about Europe. What would be the reaction from France, from Germany? Today, nobody's talking about it. Even in Russia, you don't see that much, you know, focus on Europe because they have changed. They have shifted to other markets. They have China, a better relationship with China, where a big chunk of Russian energy goes to China. They have India. These are two big, gigantic countries.

#Larry

Well, just remember that—why is Europe even relevant anymore? What does it produce that makes it relevant? Nothing. It is not a producer of any significant natural resource. It doesn't provide energy. It's not a leading center for academic and particularly scientific research anymore. There was a time when that was the case. Their involvement with space programs—usually they're having to hitch on to somebody else's program just to get to outer space. So, you know, why do you need them? You don't need them anymore. They are, you know, a market—all of Europe as a whole is a potential market for, you know, China, and China's taking advantage of that. But, you know, there are differences between the countries, and each country has sort of its own unique quirks. You know, for the life of me, the Europeans—I don't understand why they've embarked on what I call a suicide mission, trying to engineer a confrontation with Russia.

#Nima

How do you see their sort of influence in Africa? Because Africa is one of the main battlefields between Russia and the Europeans. Basically, I'm talking about France. France is—and is there anything good going on for them in Africa? No. They've been booted from Africa.

#Larry

You know, they were colonial powers. They went there, they exploited the people. And now the people are saying, we're sick and tired of you. Get the hell out. They're tossing the French out. So the French influence in Africa is, as the Germans say, kaput.

#Nima

Larry, we had J.D. Vance going to—it's amazing to me, seeing J.D. Vance going to Megyn Kelly, going to these podcasts, different podcasts, because they have their sort of audience. And he tries to resonate or tries to communicate with different parts of society in the United States. His latest podcast was on Ben Shapiro's Daily Wire. Oh, Jesus. Did he really do that? Oh, my God. Yeah, he did. And here is what he said about the MOU between Iran and the United States.

#Speaker 04

I think what the President has told us to do is use this MOU to sort of refill the world's oil economy, to refill some stocks, and then to see where the hand is. So,

#Larry

What did he go on to say?

#Nima

He said—I think he's basically—he was asked about the MOU. He said that the reason we are doing this is because we are buying time to somehow take care of our stockpile. You know, when it comes to energy, everything, we're going to prepare and see what happens later on. And basically, they're preparing for a new round of war, if that's the case. I don't know. What is your understanding of his statement?

#Larry

Well, I mean, that's what it sounds like, except they're withdrawing U.S. forces from the area. What are they going to start a new war with if you've drawn down your forces? Does that make sense?

#Nima

It doesn't make sense. You know, there's a new article in the Wall Street Journal. It says that Trump was briefed on all-out war options in Iran, but he decided to stick with talks. This was reported in the Wall Street Journal yesterday.

#Larry

Yeah, I know. I know they reported that. But again, what does that mean? They're going to sail U.S. aircraft carriers close to shore so Iran can blow the hell out of them? No. They're going to insert ground troops somewhere, somehow? To do what? To be targets for Iranian sharpshooters? That doesn't make sense. They're going to conduct a new aerial bombing campaign somewhere? You know, one day, too, they've got to have a sustained bombing campaign. And what will that accomplish? Guarantee that Iran starts retaliating and will basically destroy Israel and probably part of Jordan in the process. I mean, it's absolute lunacy what they're talking about.

#Nima

Yesterday, the head of Iran's parliament said that since the signing of the MOU, they have exported more than 40 million barrels of oil. Iran has exported more than 40, yeah. And he said, "We're prepared. It doesn't matter. We are doing our part of the MOU. We're doing our best to keep to those terms of the MOU. But if they want to get back to war, we're prepared for that." This is the understanding on their part. But when you see the rhetoric from the Trump administration, somehow there is no sign—realistically, at the MOU level—there is no sign that the United States is serious about the MOU. When it comes to Lebanon, when it comes to the war, they have violated the terms of the MOU. And you see J.D. Vance changing his rhetoric based on the podcast that he's on, and he tries to resonate with the audience. But how much of what he's talking about is right—is basically telling the reality of what's going on?

#Larry

Well, he may have been telling Shapiro the truth, that this is just a ploy. It's not a sincere desire to end the conflict with Iran. It's just a ploy to, as he said, resupply, get ourselves back in shape so we can fight on. But it's not going to happen. The oil that's coming out of the Persian Gulf right now is not flowing to the United States. And even if it did, if you got two tankers out of the Persian Gulf today going to the U.S., I think it's a 40-day journey. So, you know, it'll get there at the end of, you know, probably the middle of August.

#Nima

The understanding is that the United States, on the part of the Iranians, if they say the United States before October—somehow October, November—they're going to attack Iran. That's the

understanding on the part of the Iranians. Because basically what they're saying, their understanding is that the United States is sending a lot of weapons to the region, Larry. I don't know what your understanding of that is. But the Iranian sources, Iranian media, say the United States is sending a lot of weapons to the region. Which country is receiving them? Basically, in my opinion, it's Jordan, maybe Israel.

#Larry

Well, okay. So who's making the claim that they're sending more weapons and personnel?

#Nima

Yeah, one of the members of the Iranian delegation to Qatar, at a briefing, he said the United States is violating the terms of the MOU. One of the terms they're violating is that they're sending more weapons to the region, which is basically in violation of the MOU. The MOU says that the United States is not going to escalate, they're not going to send more weapons to the region. This is what he said. His name, yeah.

#Larry

All right. Well, you know, again, these planes, some of the planes coming in may be carrying resupplies or stocks that were lowered during, you know, but they're going to go to places like Muwaffaq Al-Salti Air Base, air bases in Jordan. I don't see them going heavily into either Saudi Arabia or Qatar, like Al-Udeid Air Force Base. Al-Udeid is, for all practical effects, closed. So we're just—I think most of those planes that are coming in are not so much resupplying as they're picking things up to take home. That's what's being done right now because if we were going to see an imminent military operation, you would see the planners meeting on, they'd be operating 24/7. They wouldn't have, you know, they'd go without a break until the attack was launched. We're not seeing that anymore. That stopped about two weeks ago.

#Nima

Yeah, the Lebanese president wanted to dismiss the head of the army, General Haykal, which brought, it seems, some sort of chaos to Lebanon. I was surprised today—I talked with Leif Marouf, who's in Beirut. He said something like 55% of the Lebanese army are Shia, Shia Muslims. I said, how would you imagine that they're going to go against Hezbollah if they're Shia? He said, that's why—they're not going to do this. I don't know what the mindset is in Washington and in Israel, or whoever is behind this sort of master plan.

#Speaker 03

But that's not going to happen.

#Larry

Yeah, no, I agree.

#Nima

But the understanding on the part of the Israelis is different. They think that they can achieve something in Lebanon. They think that the latest movement is that you weaken Iraq, you provide weapons to Syria, you prepare them, you do something in the northern part of Lebanon. Hezbollah is basically in the southern part of Lebanon. You make some sort of chaos between the government and Hezbollah. Is that some sort of wishful thinking, in your opinion? Or is there some basis for that?

#Larry

What, trying to restart the civil war?

#Nima

Yeah.

#Larry

Yeah, well, that would appear to be the attempt. And there has been talk—I call it idle talk—but the talk about putting 50,000 U.S. Marines in there on the ground. Yeah, I think that's just nonsensical talk. It doesn't make sense. So the U.S. initiative with the Lebanese government was designed in a way to sabotage the MOU with Iran, at least the first clause, the first paragraph of that MOU.

#Nima

How many soldiers does the United States have? How many soldiers do they have in the region?

#Larry

Is it 60,000? I don't know. I haven't seen any good numbers on that.

#Nima

Because we had some sort of move, because they're talking about removing them from GCC countries, letting them get to Jordan and maybe Israel. And I don't know. I was amazed if they can use them. They're talking about a new base in Gaza, a U.S. base in Gaza, 5,000 soldiers being there.

#Larry

Yeah. The U.S. probably hasn't done that well when it puts bases in Israel or Lebanon, contested places, because those soldiers invariably become a target. And you can't put it past the Israelis creating a false flag where they claim that it's been Hamas that attacked the soldiers and killed a bunch, when in fact it was probably just Israel provoking it.

#Nima

Is Israel, Larry, the way Israel sees the region, a concern for the United States? Is there any sort of communication between the United States and Israel about the way they see the region? Because one part of the problem for the United States is the global economy, the petrodollar. Because they don't want—Donald Trump doesn't want—the petrodollar to get weak or weaker. And on the other hand, they have the agenda, the Israeli agenda. So how do you see the difference between the way Washington sees the region and the way Israel sees the region?

#Larry

For Israel, it is from the river to the sea. It is existential in their mind. It is God's commandment that they occupy this land and destroy all the inhabitants. From the U.S. perspective, I think it's just that they're trying to avoid Israel becoming such a complete pain in the neck that they have to figure out a way to shut them up and not let them influence American politics, which, you know, they've made some headway on. So it's just, you know, this balancing act between the Israeli Zionist lobby and the Zionists themselves trying to figure out what they want to do. And they want to take it all. They want to destroy it all. The good news is they don't have that capability. They'd like to try, but they don't have that capability.

#Nima

How important are the GCC countries for the United States, Larry—Qatar and Saudi Arabia?

#Larry

Well, they're important from the standpoint that they provide much-needed heavy crude oil and some, you know—but beyond that, the U.S. doesn't need the liquid natural gas out of Qatar. So it can go on, and it does just fine on its own with its own supply. But it does need that heavy crude. So again, the question is, can they get it in time—not just get it eventually, but get it in a timely fashion that is going to prevent the crisis, the supply crisis—which I believe is, I don't see how they avoid it, frankly. And experts I've talked to, similarly, that's their big concern: that the United States is going to run into a crisis involving diesel and aviation fuel and won't have any kind of immediate quick fix for it.

#Nima

But they need them to sell their oil, their gas in dollars, not anything else. Who needs? The United States needs these countries, the GCC countries, basically Saudi Arabia. This is the foundation of the petrodollar.

#Larry

It doesn't, quote, need it in the sense that if it doesn't happen, it's going to collapse. But it does complicate U.S. financial matters if these countries say, you know, we're going to sell in yuan, we're not going to sell in dollars or, you know, some other currency. Then, you know, you're right, that hurts the dollar's hegemonic status, its leadership status.

#Nima

One of the reasons is that even they're asking the Iranians to sell their energy in dollars. And this was part of what Scott Besson said. And if they want to sell that, they have to sell it in dollars.

#Larry

How are they going to do that? How is that going to be enforced?

#Nima

No, they don't have the means to enforce that. But at least they're desiring it. I assume that they're talking more directly with the GCC countries. For them, it's some sort of partnership. What is your understanding of the talks between Iran, Qatar, and Saudi Arabia? It seems that something big is happening behind the scenes. Nobody's talking about it. Nobody's talking about the communication between these countries—between Iran and Saudi Arabia, between Iran and Qatar.

#Larry

Two topics. One is the release of frozen funds into Iranian hands so Iran can do whatever the hell it wants with it. I mean, they could spend a weekend in Vegas and spend it all. But, you know, that's probably the most important part to get resolved. The other element that will be discussed, straight or home moves, you know, how is that going to be governed? Who's going to be fined or charged? What toll? When?

#Larry

And then I guess the third element would be this regional security pact that created an international Muslim army comprised of Egypt, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, and Iran. It'd be sort of like the peacekeeping force for the Shanghai Cooperation Organization or whatever international body outside of NATO steps in to fulfill that role.

#Nima

Does BRICS have a replacement for the SWIFT system? Because I heard they have... Yeah, it's called CIPS.

#Larry

Cross-Border Interbank Payment System.

#Nima

I had another one. I don't remember that. Here in Brazil, they call it something else.

#Larry

Yeah, I don't know. That I don't know. All I know is CIPS is directed to be the replacement for SWIFT, and it's growing with each passing week.

#Nima

Do you think they need to create a currency or something like that? Or basically, the experience with the U.S. dollar is going to give them some sort of understanding, and they don't need a currency to be the basis for all of that.

#Larry

They may eventually. I mean, there's not an immediate rush to do this. They've been slowly rolling it out. When you look at Russia and China coming together in February 2023, this is basically to say, okay, we need to kick this up into higher gear. We need to get to a position where we're selling in our own local currencies, but we're cooperating in a way that nobody can punish us as a bloc. So that was, yeah, I think that was February 2023, early February. Well, here we are now, three years later, and Russia and China are cooperating on a much broader base. I know that there were 26 banks recently that signed up for the CIPS program. So China's broadening its appeal, and at the same time, China is selling bonds, I believe, that are gold-backed. So if you get it, you get X amount of gold regardless of what happens to that bond.

#Nima

Yeah. Huckabee, today he signed together with SAR in Israel. They signed an agreement, the agreement on the establishment of a permanent U.S. embassy in occupied Palestine.

#Larry

Oh, there's a priority. My God, how did we get by without that? Sorry for the sarcasm.

#Nima

And do you feel, Larry, that there is some sort of difference within the Trump administration—two sides somehow? I don't know, Mike Huckabee, it seems that he's so close to Marco Rubio and that faction that he is, and you know, he's not independent, put it that way. Yeah, he said, you know, that his God made the decision 3,800 years ago that Jerusalem is the capital of Israel. What's amazing to me is that the Israel that was mentioned in the book is not the Israel that is today.

#Larry

Because they took the name from the text. Well, actually, the ten tribes of Israel—there were twelve tribes. Now, supposedly, that promise was for all those tribes, not just one or two. And they've disappeared into the mists of history.

#Nima

Donald Trump today said that the greatest problem in the United States is the rise of communism. Do you feel that communism is rising in the United States?

#Larry

I'm not sure what that means. What he's talking about is these victories of the Democratic Socialists of America. And, you know, if the socialists try to get, you know, if they get into office and they start trying to confiscate or punish people for owning private property, they try to nationalize private property for government use. Yeah, it's going to touch off a major pushback. It runs totally against the American ethos and mentality.

#Nima

But Mamdani is not like that, for example, in New York.

#Larry

Not yet. Well, what he said is different from what he has done. If he starts acting on what he said, then it's going to be a very radical shift and elicit pushback, which is one reason why he's not doing it. He'd rather sort of sneak it in through the back door until it's too late. He can't holler about it.

#Nima

My understanding, Larry, is that socialism has been transformed. They're not communists, by the way. Communism and socialism are two different things. Right, right.

#Larry

He talks about communists. Who? Angela Davis. She's dead, I think. She was a Black activist in the 60s.

#Nima

The reason I'm saying this is because you have to do something about these people. These are anti-Zionist people. That's why you have to destroy them in some ways.

#Larry

You mean Mossad? Is this what Mossad's saying, or who's saying this?

#Nima

I'm talking about the people who try to—Donald Trump himself, when you call them—these are not socialists. These are communists. Don't mistake them, don't call them socialists. It means that you want to destroy each and every movement within your society. You don't accept the movement, you don't accept the change that is happening. And it's serious, basically so serious. They're going to dominate the Democratic Party, in my opinion.

#Larry

Well, at least they got a clear vision, I think, of what they want. I'm not sure what makes them a socialist versus a Democrat. Some would argue that's one and the same.

#Nima

The reason they call them communists is because they see them as anti-AIPAC, anti-Zionist. They see they're fighting against AIPAC. I think that's the reason he goes that far on them. And he tries to make that sort of sentiment among the Republican Party. And they say, oh, we're different, we're going to be different, we're going to go against them. The establishment, by the way, on the part of Democrats—Chuck Schumer, Hakeem Jeffries—these people are... they're total Zionists.

#Larry

Yes, yes, they are. And that's one of the battles being fought out in the United States that... Sorry, my dogs are hollering. They want to go inside. The shift in the U.S. political system is underway, away from supporting Zionism to opposing Zionism. Israel is petrified of that, trying to stop it. And I think everything that Israel does to try to stop it just exacerbates it. It's like pouring gasoline on a fire—it just makes the fire burn hotter.

#Nima

Yeah. The reason, one of the main fears, the main concerns on the part of Trump and those people in the Republican Party is, if the Democrats are going to win the midterm elections, what will be the combination of forces in the House, in Congress, and how is that going to influence the Trump administration in the long run and the next presidential election? These are huge questions, by the way.

#Larry

Well, I mean, look, you've really got three possible outcomes. Outcome one: what we have now, status quo, stays the same, which means Republicans have a very, very slim majority and can't do much, and the Democrats can do much to block it. Let's flip that around. If the midterm election puts the Democrats in the same position the Republicans are in now, it's the same outcome. Minimal, little can get done, and a minority can basically hold the chamber hostage. So that's one case. The other case is that the Democratic Socialists win overwhelming majorities in both the Senate and the House. Then all of a sudden, Trump's got a problem.

They will go after, they'll be, you know, picking who gets to, you know, on the banking side of the House, to pick the political side of the House. You know, it'll be, they'll go after to impeach Trump, to impeach Hegseth. So that could be pretty destructive, depending on what kind of social agenda they'd pursue. And I guess the third case, the most unlikely case, is the Republicans actually, they pull a miracle, they consolidate more seats, and the American people are happy with what's going on. I don't think that's going to be the case because of the economic problems that are going to crop up here in the next several weeks.

#Nima

But do you see that much of a change in foreign policy with any of these cases?

#Larry

Only if enough anti-Zionist Democrats take over. But again, what you're going to see is the pro-Zionist Republicans will align with the pro-Zionist Democrats, and they may still have enough clout to push legislation through that will favor Israel, even though a growing majority of Americans are saying, "We want nothing to do with that. We want you out. Leave us alone."

#Nima

The argument is that we have two candidates, for example, against AIPAC. We have Thomas Massie—he lost to a Zionist candidate supported by AIPAC. So there is some sort of fight going on within society in the United States. But after all, Larry, in my opinion, if you spend something like \$40 million to defeat Massie in the primary, it means that you are in really deep trouble.

#Larry

Well, and we saw that a week ago Tuesday, a week ago yesterday, when the New York City primaries to select congressional candidates took place, all the AIPAC candidates got beat. So that's why this is a warning sign that there's major upheaval in the Democrat Party. And, you know, one of the other scenarios I probably should have sketched out is that because of that upheaval and split within the Democrat Party, they're going to be unable to consolidate and come together to defeat the Republicans. And the Republicans will survive simply because the Democrats splintered.

#Nima

Do you see the same thing happening in the Republican Party as we're witnessing in the Democratic Party?

#Larry

Yes. Well, you've already got that splintering underway between, you know, the pro-Zionist crowd and the America First crowd. So it's people like Marjorie Taylor Greene, Tucker Carlson, who are no longer even going to vote Republican. We're done. So what we're really witnessing is, in both parties, a fragmentation and a splitting apart. And we're going to wind up with another—I'll call it a minority government—because no one sector has achieved the kind of support like Donald Trump did in the 2024 election. And then he comes into office and just pisses away every advantage. Unbelievable.

#Nima

Yeah, yeah. The sea change is happening within the society. That's big, and nobody seems to care about that because they see the political parties, they see Congress, the House, the President. It's all about being in control of the Zionists, but they don't see the sea change within the society, which comes to the surface sooner or later. And they're going to see the outcome of that.

#Larry

Yeah, it is starting to surface. I mean, people, there is a sort of growing awareness of the problem. And, you know, Americans remain, you know, like with the recent Supreme Court rulings, most Americans favored what they did to stop the move toward allowing transgender male athletes to share locker rooms with women. There's a lot of opposition to that.

#Nima

Larry, do you feel something is going to happen in Cuba anytime soon?

#Larry

No, no. I think the Trump administration has got its hands too full to worry about that. That'll be just one more catastrophe waiting to happen.

#Nima

Thank you. Thank you so much, Larry.

#Larry

I'm not sure we solved the world's problems yet, but, you know, we don't have a lot of news coming out of these talks in Doha.

#Nima

No.

#Larry

So, you know, some claim, oh, they're making progress, et cetera. We'll see. They're making progress. They're getting about one-third of the traffic out of the Persian Gulf now compared to previous volumes. So we'll see how they hold up.

#Nima

Yeah, exactly. All right, my friend. See you soon.

#Larry

Hey, we'll talk to you later. Bye. Thank you. Bye-bye.