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End This War

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I have a question. Every day I hear the President stating how he beat Iran militarily. At the same time, he states that the way to beat Iran is to cripple its economy by economic sanctions. The Treasury Secretary touts this every day. Yet I have to wonder, who is really winning when it comes to economic warfare. That is something that doesn't require army restraint but will power. It also requires that a government give a damn about what happens to its people.

It's not clear to me that we can win that war. Look what is happening in our country. The last election swept in the Presidents opposition. The issue that most Americans voted on was affordability. Iran has made things less affordable by continuing to blockade the Strait of Hurmuz causing all prices to rise and making things much less affordable for the average American. But in Iran, this same thing is happening. What is the difference? In Iran, the government does not care. It's not elected. It holds power by fear and intimidation. Therefore, no matter what happens to their economy, the government survives. And that is the fallacy of this war.

Economic warfare goes both ways. And it's a much harder war to win when you are fighting a dictatorship. The President promised the war would be over in four to six weeks. It's not. Americans and Iranians are being hurt by this economic warfare. And it is the President and the United States who are losing.

There is no deal to be made with the Iranian regime. They frankly don't care obviously what happens to their people and their country if they remain in power. Any country based on religious fanaticism feels they get their power and moral ground from a deity. You can't argue with this. You can't negotiate with that. Just like you could not negotiate with Nazi Germany or Japan during World War II. The only thing that could end the war was total victory or surrender. This is not happening in Iran, ever, based on economic warfare. When you look at it, economic warfare makes no common sense unless it's combined with military action.

So, we are doomed to high prices and less affordability because of the short sightedness of the President. JD Vance wants to negotiate surrender, not of the Iranians but of us. Because any deal that allows the Iranian regime to survive is a surrender by the United States. At the end, we should either win or just cut bait and accept defeat. There really is no middle ground here. And the losers are the American people because after the last election the American economy will suffer and our freedoms will be in danger by a party that seeks to change the very protections that keep our country free. All this because Trump promised to end the war in six weeks and he failed to do so.