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Trump Set Stage for Decisive Victory over the Mullahs: A Ceasefire Notwithstanding, the Iranian Regime is Dying; Do Not Resuscitate

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Frank Gaffney: [00:00:11] Welcome to an emergency briefing on the conflict with Iran. The cease fire that has been announced and the prospects for peace. Brought to you by the Victory Coalition here in the United States and the Israel 365 Action Project in Israel. We have an extraordinary array of talented individuals. Before we get into any of them, we did want to start with a word of prayer from one of our great faith leaders in the United States of America, Jim Garland and his wife, Rosemary, who are, as we speak, making their way to the Congress in Argentina and have taken time [00:01:00] en route to give us a word of invocation of God's grace on this proceeding. Pastor Gallo, thank you for joining us. Over to you, sir.

Jim Garlow: [00:01:11] The joy to be with you. And by the way, we're here at the Congress, as you've already pointed out in buenos dias. The president here of Buenos Aires says everyone knows Malay. President Malay is a very strong supporter of Israel, which sets in place the blessings for his country. And contrary to what Tucker Carlson might have us believe. Genesis 12 three does apply to modern day Israel by all means. And God will bless America to the extent that we continue to bless present day. Yes, 1948 established Israel. The biblical text are very clear on this, and we stand with those biblical texts. And so I'm going to pray that we will continue to stand with Israel. The task that has been started by the Israeli and the IDF, the Air Force and [00:02:00] the Donald Trump brilliantly involved himself in. On Saturday was a huge gift from God to the entire world. And let's just pray. Father, we pray right now for Benjamin Netanyahu, for the

soldiers in the IDF. We pray for those who are standing with Israel around the world as they lift up this country. There are those who have cried out death to Israel for so long and death to America, and it's time to deal with those who would threaten and want to kill. And Lord, we pray that your justice bring full and complete protection, that no one stand in the way of those who are trying to do what needs to be done in this time.

Unpleasant as war is, and it is unpleasant at the same time. It is desperately needed in this moment. And so, Lord, we come to you asking that all persons, our own president and every other head of state would stand with Israel during this critical [00:03:00] hours for them to finish and complete this task. That must be done for the sake of the nation of Israel and frankly, for the sake of the world. So, Lord, thank you for protection upon them. My wife Rosemary. A brief prayer as well.

Rosemary Garlow: [00:03:16] And Father God, in line with this week's scripture, this week's reading. Father, we thank you for the anointing upon North, Central, and South America. Our nations stand together as bridges toward Israel. As Joshua and Caleb. Nations. As Joshua and Caleb Nations. Thank you for giving them strength and courage right now. We say only be strong and very courageous. Israel and America for the Messiah. Our King is coming, and we thank you to live in such great days and to see your victory. Amen.

Jim Garlow: [00:03:58] Amen. Frank, I apologize for all the [00:04:00] noise on the street here.

Frank Gaffney: [00:04:01] We're glad to have your prayers. Thank you both. God bless you. Safe travels. I'm going to just say a few words about the program. It comes to you at a moment, of course, of historic dimensions. Israel has, as Pastor Carlo mentioned, conducted Operation Rising Lion since the 13th of June. Friday the 13th, a very bad day for the mullahs in Iran. It has brilliantly conducted this campaign. We're going to hear more about it from our friends in Israel. We are also blessed by the fact that we have the excuse me, we have as well. Operation Midnight Hammer, conducted at President Trump's direction. That [00:05:00] further took down the nuclear weapons enterprise of the Iranian regime. These have been momentous developments, made the more so in the aftermath of Operation Midnight Hammer by a succession of Israeli attacks. That compounded what was done to remove the leadership of the Iranian military, the scientific and engineering leadership of this nuclear weapons program, the Iranian

Revolutionary Guard Corps and its leadership, and to some extent, the political leadership and all of the associated infrastructures. These have given rise to an opportunity that we have long [00:06:00] prayed for, and the people of Iran have sought even more urgently, namely, the end of the tyrannical Mullahcracy that since 1979 has brutalized the people of Iran, threatened and in some cases killed Israelis and Americans, and sought to bring death to the rest of us as well as to Judeo-Christian civilization, as is the calling of Sharia supremacists like the ayatollahs.

Frank Gaffney: [00:06:36] We're going to hear more about all of this in the course of this program, and I'm very pleased to say that we have with us as our co-sponsor at a time such as this, at a moment when I personally feel very strongly that the Iranian regime is dying. And do not resuscitate [00:07:00] is the order of the day. Our colleague is Rabbi Pesek. He is the executive director of Israel 365 action. He is a podcaster, the co-host of Shoulder to Shoulder podcast. He's a columnist for The Jerusalem Post. He is one of the most formidable information warriors on our side. And we are very proud to share the platform with him and to have him introduce our Israeli guests. Rabbi, welcome. God bless you. Thank you for your partnership. And over to you, sir.

Pesach Wolicki: [00:07:38] Thank you. Frank. I just want to share in my opening remarks, you know, on the last webinar and I imagine some of the people here were there, I opened by discussing Psalm 83, which is a psalm about war, about war against the nation of Israel. And it really it reads almost like a description of what we've been through for the last year and a half. Specifically, there's [00:08:00] a line in there that I want to highlight. Now, I don't want to read that Psalm again, which I talked about on that last webinar, that the nations who oppose Israel, who oppose God, want to declare that the people of Israel are no longer a nation. And Pastor Barlow pointed that out, that we have people in media who are now in the context of all of this geopolitical conversation, also turning to some bad theology and speaking about, you know, asserting that the people of Israel today are not the same as the people of Israel in the Bible. And this is a new kind. It's a new kind of anti of anti anti-Semitism. It's a new kind of effort to erase the Jewish people. And what's fascinating about this claim, this claim that the Jews of today are not the same as the Jews of the Bible is that it's a brand new claim. It's a brand [00:09:00] new claim. What I mean by that is that even the most vehement haters of the Jewish people, throughout the centuries, until the State of Israel

was founded, never claimed that the Jews of their time were not the same as the Jews of the Bible.

Pesach Wolicki: [00:09:15] Martin Luther wrote an entire book called On the Jews and Their Lies. It was full of terrible things about the Jews calling for the burning of synagogues and all sorts of horrible atrocities to be carried out on the Jews. In fact, it was it was used as inspiration for the Nazis. And yet, Martin Luther never once in his life or in that book claimed that the Jews of his time were not the Jews of the Bible. The reason that this new claim has arisen today, this new claim that the Jews of today are not the Jews of the Bible, is that those who adhere to replacement theology and want to believe that the Jewish state is invalid, they [00:10:00] cling to their anti-Jewish sentiment. They do not want to acknowledge that the nation of Israel, the biblical nation of Israel, has actually returned to our homeland, and therefore they're stuck. Because if after 2000 years, the Jewish people have returned to our homeland and become, as the Bible says in Deuteronomy 30, more numerous and more prosperous than our ancestors, then there they have no choice but to acknowledge that the covenant keeping God still has a covenant with his nation, Israel, and that that's what we are witnessing in our day, the long awaited return of the nation of Israel as foretold in the Bible, and therefore, in order to maintain their anti-Israel anti-Jewish position, they must deny that the Jewish people of today are the Jews of the Bible.

Pesach Wolicki: [00:10:51] Martin Luther didn't have that problem. He looked at the Jews in exile and simply declared that the covenant was no longer in force, and that the Jews were never going to go home. [00:11:00] But the anti-Semites of today, the Jew haters of today, don't have that luxury. So they invent a new canard that we aren't the same Jews as the Jews of the Bible. This is empirically, provably false. The Jewish people have an unbroken chain of tradition. We have books written by communal leaders from virtually every generation, certainly every century, going all the way back to biblical times. We know exactly who we are and where we've been. So just to close out this thought and I'll kick it back to Frank to continue the webinar, let's bear in mind that with all of the geopolitics and everything else that's going on. Suddenly, theology has entered into the picture because there's a choice that everyone must make now. Do you recognize that the biblical story of Israel, the unfolding of this grand narrative, God's narrative, the way he reveals himself to the world, [00:12:00] is actually unfolding in our day. Or do you tie yourself up into knots and make up all sorts of new lies in order to

deny that that is happening? And there's a this is a moment of choosing for the nations of the world.

Pesach Wolicki: [00:12:15] The Jewish people will be fine. We will. We will win. We always win. And we're going to come out on top. But the real moment of truth here is for the nations of the world. Do they? Do you embrace that the covenant keeping God has restored his nation to his land, or you? Or do you look that in the eye and simply deny that it's reality. This is a very important moment of truth. And in this webinar, we're focusing on the on the Iranian people, the Persian. And what beautiful justice would it be if, thousands of years after Cyrus, king of Persia, brought redemption to the nation of Israel? Opening the door for us to rebuild our [00:13:00] temple? If the if the nation of Israel would return the favor by redeeming the oppressed Persian people from the suffering that they are under. So we pray for the Persian people. We must free them. There are reports coming out of Iran that the besiege, which is kind of like the Gestapo of the Iranian regime, is getting ready to massacre Iranian citizens in a new reign of terror, to crack down on all of the activity that's happened during this last 12 days. This is a very dangerous time, allowing this war to end, and to go to a cease fire without the fall of the regime could be extremely dangerous for the Iranian people and we must pray for them. Back to you, Frank.

Frank Gaffney: [00:13:42] For those words. This is a time of choosing. Indeed. And we're going to lay out for you a number of other choices that are before us, the prospect of the people of Iran being massacred by this brutal regime just [00:14:00] sharpens the challenge and sharpens the choice. And I'm very pleased to say we have with us by video Doctor David Wurmser, a man who is, as it happens at the moment in Israel. He is one of our country's foremost experts on the Middle East, served at the highest levels of our government. Been a naval intelligence officer and is coming to us as the director of the Middle East Program of the center for Security Policy. We're grateful to him for his time. It's a bit of a longer presentation than others, but I think it's important that you get the full context that he lays out brilliantly. Let's go to Doctor Wurmser's video now, please.

David Wurmser: [00:14:48] Thanks, Frank. It's really a pleasure to be here. Yeah, it's been a dramatic week, a dramatic ten days. And what we're seeing is a is a dramatic change in the region. I [00:15:00] think it's probably worth going over for just a moment

where we were and how we got here. This war began not ten days ago or 11 days ago, a little over a week ago. It really started on October 7th to some extent, when Hamas invaded Israel really started in 1979, when the Iranian regime said death to America in overthrowing the Shah. And it's operated not that only as a slogan, but it has acted out on that. Slogan and killed Americans. So really, the Iranian regime declared war on America, the West, the Western idea, Christianity and its local representative, not Christianity, but the local representative of the West Israel, the Great Satan, the Little Satan. Death to Satan. So we've been at war. The West as a whole has been at war with Iran now for 46 years. It's reaching the acute [00:16:00] phase because Iran thought that with its proxy forces, the ring of Fire, the Hezbollah, Syrian, Yemeni or the Houthis, Hamas ring of, of nations with their missiles, their terror and their capacities, it was choking Israel to death and also providing an umbrella of protection for Iran as it galloped toward a nuclear weapon. Because if Israel did, anything, Israel would face the 100, 500, 400, or 300,000 missiles from, from Hezbollah, the 50, 70,000 missiles from Hamas, the however many hundreds of missiles or thousands of missiles from Yemen.

David Wurmser: [00:16:48] And that would deter the Israelis. And essentially, we were on the glide path to Israel's loss of will, air drying up and death, which then sets the stage for taking [00:17:00] the war to the West itself in a more aggressive sense. That was where we were on October 6th, 19, 2023 and October 7th, therefore ushered in the acute phase of the assault on Israel, which was really in the Iranian mind, I think, the beginning of the end of Israel. It was the moment at which the strategic momentum of the region shifted dramatically against Israel, and they hoped, would lead to the unraveling of the Israeli state, the Israeli nation, which they still look as artificial. And in the end, the first chapter of the end. What happened was completely different. The Israelis woke up, their slumber ended. And it was obvious to a number of us. But of course, most importantly to Prime Minister Netanyahu of Israel, he said, very early on in the first days of the war, this began in [00:18:00] Gaza. It will end in Tehran. The Israelis understood. October 7th wasn't a limited Palestinian spontaneous combustion, anger, frustration that led to an explosion and invasion. Even that is really a Palestinian-Israeli issue. The Israelis understood this as a strategic assault on the very existence of Israel led by Iran, encouraged by Iran, developed and planned by Iran, which meant that they had to deal with the immediacy of pushing back the invasion and the immediacy of taking down the ring of fire.

David Wurmser: [00:18:37] Which was what would come at Israel if they went after Iran. And they did that over a period of a year and destroying Hamas and then destroying Hezbollah and also attacking Yemen. But that brought Israel to the point of the Iranians realizing that their shield had died, and [00:19:00] they lashed out directly at Israel to show, to try to try to basically cower Israel into accepting defeat. In last September when they launched those missiles at Israel what they didn't expect is that the Israelis, with such ease, devastated the Iranian air defense structures and struck so hard that the Iranian regime really had no response that was effective to it in October, and the Iranians promised retaliation never came. That set up the Iranian regime to understanding that we are. That the Iranian regime, speaking as, say, in the in the voice of the Iranian regime. We have no options left but to gallop and go, go full tilt to a nuclear bomb. That is the only thing left to erase the humiliation and the danger to the regime. Such humiliation posed is to gallop toward a bomb. The problem is, the Israelis knew about it, and the Israelis [00:20:00] began to very clearly indicate that they will they will strike to stop that evolution from happening.

David Wurmser: [00:20:09] So what happened is, is the United States understood? This was a very dangerous moment. We tried to engage in a diplomatic effort to take Iran down, its nuclear program down, but it didn't. The Iranian regime didn't play. We gave them a chance again. A chance again a chance. The Israelis were getting increasingly nervous because they were afraid the program was moving very fast forward. Moreover the sort of window of opportunity they had opened up to deal with the program was ending. So there was a timeline that was really running out. And of course, the biggest timeline was the Iranians were getting closer and closer and at the end, dangerously close to a bomb, perhaps days or a week or two, which led to what happened, which is the Israelis struck [00:21:00] the United States knew that Israel was going to strike because we had given it our best to try to avoid it. And the Iranians simply didn't play at first, when the Israelis struck the we felt that maybe now that the Iranians realize the Israelis are dead serious and we're going to back them up, maybe now they'll back off. And they still didn't back off. And we gave the regime yet more chance, which did compromise Israel's ability to strike in Fordo, the big underground facility, because they had a plan to take it out with commandos.

David Wurmser: [00:21:36] And the problem is that the that the Iranians understood that. So they filled the entrances to Fordo with dirt so that Israel couldn't any more strike with commandos. The United States, I think, anticipated that with Israel. So they essentially, in exchange for Israel waiting the extra 3 or 4 days to strike Fordo during which the entrances [00:22:00] were covered. The United States promised to compensate that if Iran didn't give in by an American use of the b, b, b, b, TOS and the GBU 57 bunker buster bombs, which Israel couldn't on its own deliver. And obviously the commando strike. So that was off the table because of the entrances being covered. So that led us to where we are now, where the Iranians essentially were struck by America. Fordow is destroyed. The Israelis are continuing the war now. They're going after the regime's jugular, so to speak. The regime did strike back at America, but clearly it was more expression of fear. It had to. It had to strike back. The humiliation was too great. They promised the retaliation. They promised to devastate America if America intervened. And what happened? The Israelis spent 24 hours devastating the Iranian capability to hit American [00:23:00] forces. The Iranian capability to hit the Allies of America and in the Gulf, UAE, Saudi Arabia, they hit the short range missiles. So Iran had to respond.

David Wurmser: [00:23:11] Their means of responding were declining. And the Iranians finally did respond with giving forewarning to America shooting only six missiles onto Qatar onto Allied air base, essentially showing their weakness and fear. This now leads to the last phase of the war, and the last phase of the war is, first of all, clean up, where the Israelis are now taking out all the remainder of what worries them before the potential for a deal if Iran surrenders as a regime. But moreover, the Israelis are now going after the jugular in an aggressive way, and you're seeing them devastate the regime targets. They've hit the entrances to the prison. Evin prison. Evin prison. Sorry. And taken away the entrance so that [00:24:00] now prisoners can escape. They've signaled the Iranian people through that, that they're with the people. Not against the nation. Not against the regime, but not against the people. In fact, they're allies of the people. There's an encouragement there. They're working with the opposition. So what you have now is the Israelis are moving toward a regime change strategy. They're not going to do regime change themselves. We have to be clear about this. No, Israelis are going to go in on the ground and take over Iran. No, Israelis are going to occupy Iran. No Americans are going to go in on the ground on Iran. No Americans are going to

occupy Iran. What they're doing is they're giving Iranian people agency to take back their country.

David Wurmser: [00:24:41] They can take it or they can punt on this. It's a once in a generation opportunity for the Iranian people. More likely than not, they will take it what they do with it. That's their choice. If they can, their country is handed back to them, essentially. But this, on the tectonic level, [00:25:00] has created an entirely new Israeli-American relationship. While it was developing this way for years, Israel has matured as a tremendous regional power. It has taken out Iran, which was the only other country in a really pir country in the region. Even Turkey is not quite the level of Iran. And they take they took it out with relative ease. So what you have now is a tremendous regional power that is no summertime friend of the United States. It is umbilical linked civilizational to the United States and the West, which means its alliance with the West is who it is. It isn't the choice. Second of all, it is a power that is unrivaled now in the region. And third, it is a nation that's willing to act independently without anybody helping it, without any, any. They're not asking America to defend it. This presents America with a unique opportunity to bridge the gap between America First and MAGA. [00:26:00] Maga is America's great, a great power superpower. America first, as we prioritize and sort of circle the wagons and prioritize other things in America.

David Wurmser: [00:26:12] But the problem is, if you withdraw from the world Isolationism is not. Cannot be reconciled with great power status. Either you're in the world, a player and a great power. Or you withdraw from the world. You're not a player. You're not a great power. And by the way, it won't work anyway, because most of these enemies, like the Nazis, the communists, and the Islamists will come after you anyway. So the only way to bridge that gap is to find allies who can help you fill that gap. Otherwise, you have to do it yourself. In Europe, NATO, unfortunately, there is no NATO without American presence. So we have allies who are willing to help, but we have to carry the burden, mostly in Asia, a bit more burden carried by the Japanese and others. But still, without America, there is no defense. In the Middle East. We have a unique circumstance where [00:27:00] the Israelis now have such immense power, willingness to use it in such incontrovertible or really unbreakable bind with the United States that we really can begin to withdraw to some extent from the region and the gap between our great power in Israel and our army with withdrawal, is bridged by Israeli power. And that's an entirely new strategic architecture that, by and large, President

Trump had wished would be the model for the world. So I'll thank you, and I'll leave it at that.

Frank Gaffney: [00:27:35] Thank you so much. Very important analysis of where we found ourselves as of the time that David recorded that, which was late yesterday afternoon, not after the cease fire was declared by President Trump, but slightly before it. So the choice that David has talked about thereof in [00:28:00] trusting to our friends in Israel, more responsibility for the region is still a possibility provided did that. What is now in the process is not choosing a very different outcome. And we're going to hear a bit more about that from one of our colleagues in Israel. And Rabbi Pesek will introduce you.

Pesach Wolicki: [00:28:28] Thank you, Frank. And thank you, Doctor Wurmser, for that remarkable presentation. I just want to make one very brief comment about it that these rallies announced a couple of days ago, and it kind of got lost in the shuffle with everything else going on, that the control of the airspace over Iran that Israel now enjoys. The Israelis have stated that they have no intention of surrendering that, meaning that this is not just temporary during the actual conflict, but Israel intends to retain air [00:29:00] dominance, as it currently does over Lebanon and over Syria, where it operates freely. If it sees anything it doesn't like, it takes care of it. And that extends to the entire area over to Iran. That means that Israel literally has become a regional superpower. Policing the air over Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Iran. And that's a situation that we should all, no matter what the outcome here is, it's a very positive situation, although at the same time as Frank said, as a result of this cease fire, the Iranian community is now currently in danger. And the and many of the aspects of the potential success of this, of this entire operation unfortunately, are called into question as a result of it, although we could still, from the Israel perspective, Israel's security and Israel's victory is in place. But again, the situation for the Iranian people is still a question. And on that [00:30:00] we turn to Benny. Benny is an Iran expert at the Institute for National Security Studies, based at Tel Aviv University. Benny was born in Iran in 1972 and raised primarily in the Islamic regime. He escaped from Iran to Israel when he was 15 years old in 1987. He served in the IDF mostly working on projects related to Iranian culture and the Iranian influence in the media, etc. and he then went into a career as one of the leading experts in Israel, on Iran, and on the Iranian regime

and the Iranian people. So it's an honor to hear from him. And we we're also hearing from him by recording.

Benjamin Sabti: [00:30:47] So today, the ceasefire between the Iranian regime, not Iran as a whole, and in and Israel is on. But there were some violations by [00:31:00] the Iranian regime. It seems that they shot another two missiles toward Israel. They didn't hit, but it was a violation. And Israel attacked a back, a kind of symbolically very small attack in the northern parts of Iran. We don't know the damage yet, but Israel wants to contain. As the president asked for that. They contain that. But generally, what happened with this almost two weeks? We can see that Israel hit all these days, a lot of quality targets of Iranian regime, not civilians, not just civilian buildings or parks or, you know, anything that are usable for the civilians and regular citizens. We tried not to hit them. It's not just because, as an Israeli say, it's really, really in the statistics only says IRGC, especially [00:32:00] air defense, anything that it's connected to, To the clash between these two countries. Of course, the parts of the nuclear program Natanz. Although all the facilities that now everyone know where is it and what they do. It's very interesting. Now everyone knows everything about Iran and also IRGC missile program, the tunnels, the launchers, everything that you can think in that puzzle of the Iranian evil programs. So Israel tried to hit. Of course, it's not 100% because you cannot in 12 days it's almost not possible. And Israel has a has great achievements, much more than we thought before the attacks. But it's not 100%. You cannot achieve a 100% in only 12 days. But it was great.

Benjamin Sabti: [00:32:59] And yesterday [00:33:00] also there were some targets against, the stability of the regime. Not that Israel wants to bring down the regime, but it. It seems that it helps them to decide that it's enough for them that they can be brought down. So it's better for them to stop. So yes, we today we have the ceasefire from the Iranian side. It's a problem. They are not in the same kind of understanding that the more the regime exists. And until the head of the leader is connected to his body, he thinks that he won. This is a very huge problem with this. And not democratic and dictatorships countries or regimes, so they can come out like they said in a few hours ago. And they will have a victory parades and demonstrations [00:34:00] and they will shout that they won the war. But the damages in in Iran and against Iran regime. Again I say not anything civilian was heard, not even a any oil facilities or other factories that people work in. Almost none of them were damaged. So they will come out and they

say they want, but they know how much damage they have. They coming back from there, it will be very hard. It's not the same regime. And it got weaker. Of course it got weaker. We won't see it fall in a few days or maybe even a few months. But something began, a process began, I think, to be there, a weakened regime will have a very big problem to, to deal with his citizens and also the world. [00:35:00]

Benjamin Sabti: [00:35:00] The sanctions are coming also more and more. So all these things, they will bring either the Iranian regime to a kind of give in his nuclear program without saying it. You know, keeping the face and honor that is an honor is an important thing to in Iran. So what can I say? Maybe it can be in another words. But if they want to leave and stay there as a regime, they have to give up a lot. Not one thing anymore, not only the nuclear issue and maybe in a few days or weeks we can see some nuclear inspectors from IAEA or other parts, maybe even Americans. They go and visit Iran to inspect that what happened in the in these facilities? Maybe they will bring the excuse that it's only for the safety of the facilities. And we don't [00:36:00] want any radioactivity, a process to be there. They have a lot of excuses to keep the pace, but these all are a sign of giving in parts of their evil programs against Israel and even against the whole world. So the words we have to say to see the Iranian regime words as a lie, and then we have to see the actions if the actions are going back like nothing happened, and they go back really to resist the nuclear program or the missile program. So, Houston, we have a problem. They didn't understand the message. So maybe the clashes will continue in a few weeks or maybe more if we see them, like giving in some parts of that and inspectors are coming in or less than three centrifuges out there, or they take it out, all the all of [00:37:00] them and maybe other signs.

Benjamin Sabti: [00:37:02] So this is a very good sign of victory, a silenced victory. As I said, the honor and keeping the pace is okay. It's very important for them. But they will have to give in something about following the regime and the people. People are very angry by the by the regime. And they don't tolerate them anymore. They didn't have bread and salaries for, for two weeks and, and actually in some cases the regime bribed them. They paid them suddenly the salaries that they didn't pay for eight months or one year. You know, what is one year to do? To not to have a salary? It's a very crazy thing. And also, they, they gave them bread for free or other things just to make them calm and not to rebel against them. Otherwise they had two fronts. And they don't like two fronts at all. It's not like Israel that we love [00:38:00] eight fronts. And so in that case

also Iran regime lost. But it will take time until we see the results. The anger must be more and more and be controlled and be organized. It's not it cannot be spontaneous anymore. And if there will be some leader or leaders that can control and organize that anger and frustration and bring it against the regime so we can have some processes that can bring even the fall of the regime and Israel, of course. And all the world will have a lot of benefits from that.

Frank Gaffney: [00:38:42] This is really the crux of the issue, I think, is of will the people of Iran have that opportunity? Will they be able to, of secure a free Iran or not. And if the suppression resumes in earnest [00:39:00] because the job was not finished by Israel as a result of this cease fire. That will be a profoundly unsatisfactory outcome and a blight, I think, on world peace. Not an advance in it. We're going to hear about this from another of our great experts, men, who has authored, I think at this point, something on the order of 30 different books. His name is Robert Spencer. He addressed our previous emergency meeting, and it was so important to have his level setting about what it is we're up against in this Iranian regime. It's doctrine, it's aspirations. It's conduct under Sharia. And he is, I think, extraordinarily well equipped to provide that kind of context [00:40:00] for the choices that we have to make today. Among these many books is one that seems to me to be particularly relevant not peace, but a sword, the great chasm between Christianity and Islam. It's profoundly evident in this Iranian regime. And we're going to talk about how that will bear on its survival should that happen, and on all of us. From Robert Spencer, let's go to his video now, please.

Robert Spencer: [00:40:34] President has announced a cease fire. And there's a bit of ambiguity about it, because he also has said in the same communication that he is ending the war, that the war is over, and he is calling it the 12 Day War and saying it would have been much longer under different circumstances. And while the end of the conflict is welcome [00:41:00] to be sure, at the same time it does look as if some of the most important goals have not been achieved. Many people have criticized the president and were afraid that Iran would become a new quagmire like Iraq and Afghanistan, that it would become a new endless war and would result in making the United States be in a worse position than it would have been without the war. However, there is a key distinction here that is being overlooked, and that is that from the Islamic Republic side, any outcome in which the Islamic Republic of Iran actually survives. The

conflict is in a certain sense of victory. The Islamic Republic of Iran is not going to give up its desire to destroy Israel. It is [00:42:00] not going to give up its regularly stated intention to bring death to America, as well as death to Israel. It is not going to give up the idea that the Ayatollah Khomeini articulated several years ago that death to America is not just a slogan, it's a policy. It is a fundamental goal of the Islamic regime. Whatever accord that regime has now reached with Trump, the Islamic Republic is still an Islamic republic.

Robert Spencer: [00:42:34] In Islamic law, one never concludes a truce with unbelievers unless one is losing and needs time to gather strength to fight again more effectively the concept of a truce, or a cease fire, or an armistice, or an any kind of end to a war that you want to name the concept of an end to, [00:43:00] a war that results in peaceful coexistence, and even the flowering of a new friendship between an Islamic entity and a non-Islamic entity has no presence, no existence in Islamic law. There is no such concept in Islamic law. It is simply not envisioned in Islamic law, which the Islamic Republic of Iran is dedicated to implementing, that the Islamic Republic of Iran would ever live in peace with nations it considers to be its enemies as infidels, and the Islamic Republic only fights Israel as well as America. Because we are infidels. Israel does not share a border with Iran. Israel does not share territory. Economic competing economic claims with Iran. There are no territorial disputes. None of the things [00:44:00] that usually give rise to conflicts between nations are present between Iran and Israel. The only reason why Iran is fighting Israel is because of Islam, because of the Islamic dictum, drive them out from where they drove you out, which is in the Quran and in Islamic theology, it has come to mean that any nation that was once ruled by Islamic law must be ruled by Islamic law forever.

Robert Spencer: [00:44:26] And the Muslims have a responsibility before a law that is not negotiable. It's as much of a responsibility before a law as the Ten Commandments, or a responsibility before God. For Jews and Christians, they have a responsibility before a law to destroy a non-Muslim regime, or even an Islamic Muslim regime that does not implement Islamic law. That any kind of any such regime that is based on land that was once ruled by Islamic law, Israel, because it is a Jewish state and the Jews [00:45:00] are the most vehement in hostility to the Muslims according to the Quran. Also, the Jewish state is foremost in having to be destroyed and an Islamic state put in its place. There's no negotiations, no settlement of a two state solution or any

concessions of territory by Israel that will end that imperative, because it is based on what Muslims consider to be divine law. This means they're going to fight on. If Israel were the size of a postage stamp, and if there were a Palestinian state, they would fight on. And so for the president to say we're having a cease fire. I hope that he understands or that people around him understand that as long as the Islamic Republic of Iran is in place, it will be waging jihad against the United States and against Israel. It has been severely weakened [00:46:00] now by its recent conflicts with both.

Robert Spencer: [00:46:03] And so it is altogether too happy to agree to a cease fire, which will, according to the stipulations of Islamic law, allow it time to gather strength to fight again more effectively. If the president wants to end the conflict definitively, then he needs to be aiding energetically in every way possible. The Iranian people, in their efforts to overthrow the Islamic regime, to restore the Shah, that is the son of the deposed Shah from 1979, or to establish a constitutional republic. Iran has a long history. Throughout the 20th century until 1979. Of being a secular Western style society. And many people still remember those days and long for their return. The Islamic Republic could fall, probably, if the conflict [00:47:00] had gone a bit on a bit longer. It would have fallen. So a great opportunity may well have been missed in the president's enthusiasm to declare this war over. But the Iranian people still hate the regime. They still have turned away from the concept of an Islamic republic. They still want a free society. And if they get that free society in the near future. Then there really is the real hope for peace, a lasting peace with both Israel and the United States. If, however, the Islamic Republic is still in place, there will never be peace, and this cease fire will just be a temporary pause before the Islamic Republic resumes its evil activities on a more virulent basis than ever. Thank you.

Frank Gaffney: [00:47:51] Robert Spencer. I think the Arabic word for that pause is a term that has been [00:48:00] handed down from the time of Muhammad, the perfect man, the model for Sharia and its adherents. And that is, as Robert Spencer says, just for the purpose of regrouping, rearming, reasserting authority, as in oppressing the people of Iran and resuming the war under more felicitous circumstances. This should not be confused with a ceasefire conducive to a permanent peace. So thank you, Robert. In addition to pastor Jim Barlow who brought us in appropriately with prayer. I'm very pleased to say we have another representative of the very large indeed, I believe, majority [00:49:00] of the MAGA movement, President Trump's base, a thriving force in

American politics today, who are Christians, evangelical Christians in many cases, and very, very much standing with Israel. And we've asked Pastor Paul Blair, a man who earned national attention as a defensive lineman for, I believe, a Super Bowl Winning Chicago Bears team back in the day when men were men. He is these days a pastor of not one but two churches, one in Edmond, Oklahoma, the other in Orlando, Florida, as well as the driving force behind the extraordinarily important program Liberty Pastor's Training Camp. And he is off to that very program as we speak. [00:50:00] So he was able to give us a short video clip, which we will play. Now.

Paul Blair: [00:50:06] All that we really need to do, I believe as far as action, quite frankly, the Israelis are very capable of taking care of themselves. And of course, those of us that are old enough remember that it was President Carter that started this mess to begin with. You know, Iran was a very cosmopolitan and Western nation, and women weren't persecuted. People weren't being hung in the town square. And we were the one that that undermined the shawl and wound up bringing these mullahs into power. Quite frankly, they're done. They're on their way out. You know, in 2009, the Iranian people rose up and wanted to throw off that oppressive regime. And sadly, President Obama at the time betrayed them, and we just abandoned them. If America has done what America needed to do, Israel is capable of taking care of the rest of this work. And quite frankly, the rest of it is going to be up to the Iranian [00:51:00] people if they know that we support them and their quest for liberty, just as France very passively, but definitely supported us in 1776. You know, France didn't have to get fully engaged in the battle against England. They just had to express their support for America. And we took care of the issue. If we would express our support for Israel and our express to the sport of Iranian people to be free and then quit throwing a lifeline to the mullahs.

Paul Blair: [00:51:30] They'll be done. When? When? When the people recognize that America is not there, trying to make a deal with to keep the mullahs propped up in power, then the people of Iran will be inspired, and they will take care of the business that needs to be taken care of. And we will have an ally rather than an enemy in the Middle East. If we do a deal with the mullahs in Iran is going to stay as it has been the last 40 years, we're going to see acts of terrorism poured out against Americans that are overseas, and we're going to see oppression within the boundaries of Iran [00:52:00] and continuing to fund Hezbollah and Hamas and other organizations that are terrorizing Israel, supplying the rockets that are poured into Israel on almost a daily

basis. So if we prop these people up, then we're going to get more of the same. And you know how many hundreds of American lives have been taken directly from the actions of Iran? They are not our friend, and they are finally in a position because of Israel. Israel is the one that took the first step on this, because Israel knew that a nuclear Iran, they would use the nuclear bomb against them immediately. So that was a bridge too far. That couldn't happen.

Frank Gaffney: [00:52:40] Couldn't happen. Indeed, one had just mentioned that that video. As was the case with the previous one with Doctor Wurmser ordered prior to the cease fire being announced. But I think it's forecast of the choice is as apt [00:53:00] as ever in its aftermath. We're going to go back to Pesek Wilkey. He will introduce another of our guests from Israel.

Pesach Wolicki: [00:53:09] To introduce someone who I always go to when I need questions answered about what's happening militarily, what's happening with Iran. Elliot Chertoff is the is the is the avatar for the word expert when it comes to the Middle East when it comes to especially military issues in the Middle East, and especially when it comes to Iran and Islamic radicalism in general, he lectured at Haifa University for almost two decades. He's also a licensed tour guide, and he's also a major, a reserve major in the IDF who continues to play a vital role in Israel's defense forces. And again, as I say, he's a confidant of mine and someone who I always go to when I really want to know what is actually going on. He's also the host [00:54:00] of a very important podcast called Conflict Uncovered. For those of you who really want to understand the details of what's happening in Israel in terms of with Israel and its neighbors, in terms of the military and geopolitical aspects, it is a very, very important podcast and you should add it to your regular repertoire. Without further ado, Major Elliot showed off.

Elliot Chodoff: [00:54:23] I think there are three elements to what we saw over the weekend in the strike. First of all, the most basic, the B-2 bombing, using the huge bunker buster, as it's called, munitions blowing its way down, particularly in Florida and other sites as well. And certainly inflicting damage. Now, how much damage is still an open question. With all due respect to the president's statement that everything was destroyed. The [00:55:00] dust has to clear, the aerial reconnaissance has to be interpreted and analyzed. Other intelligence sources before we can say with absolute certainty how effective the strike was, was certainly effective. Now, the question is, how

close to 100 did it get? And of course, the cruise missile backup strikes on other targets certainly did enormous damage to Iran's nuclear weapons development capability. As you said, we the Iranians, claim to have gotten the enriched uranium out of Fordow before it was hit. First of all, I don't believe a word they say because they lie more than they tell the truth. That doesn't make it false. I'm just saying the statement itself, in and of itself, doesn't impress me. Maybe they did, and maybe they didn't. And there again, we have to wait for [00:56:00] intelligence sources, American and Israeli in particular, to see what the what the truth is there. And then that answer may not come in in the next few days.

Elliot Chodoff: [00:56:12] Because if they did get it out, well, let me phrase it differently. Whether they got it out or not, they're going to keep the answer to that question very close to the vest. So we'll have to wait and see. Well, when you consider that Israel and the United States, the leadership were in on this from the time President Trump gave what I would call the warning order, not necessarily the operational order telling the American forces to prepare for it, which is already a signal, not that it will necessarily happen, but it's on the track to happening. It also had to include coordination with the Israeli Air Force. You don't you don't you don't want our planes bumping into each other in the air, literally [00:57:00] and figuratively. Intelligence sharing. And we're talking about operational intelligence on a, on a very narrow level and a request that we happily agreed to clear as much of what is left of the Iranian air defense system. Out of the way along the paths that the American betas would be taking. Keeping in mind, of course, that a B-2 is a much juicier target than an F-35 or an F-15. So there are things that we. Our Air Force was probably it was on the list, but down on the list not taking out yet where when betas are involved.

Elliot Chodoff: [00:57:42] All right. Let's just clear the area. So both sides knew this on a very, very detailed level and were able to a keep it secret. And B continue the deception right up until it actually happened that there was a dispute going on between the countries. There was a dispute [00:58:00] going on within the United States that the decision hadn't been made. It was two weeks down the road, etc. And of course, all of that was deception. Very quickly, the classic Japanese motto or slogan that says a secret is something that only two people know and one of them is dead. Well, the peace deal thing, I think whether it's deception or not, it's counterproductive. Because any oxygen that's given to the regime to believe that it can hang out and survive gives it a

little bit more leeway to operate. Remember this. A lot of this is psychology. The regime could be physically overthrown, but very often regimes fall. See, note Bashar Assad when the leadership says, all right, we're out of here. And, you know, he might have held out, he might not have held out. But as soon as he split, it was over. Revolution of whatever type, whether it's violent or political or social in the sense that it comes from within, it's not [00:59:00] imposed from without.

Elliot Chodoff: [00:59:01] Now you can support it. You can do all sorts of things to help it, but it ultimately has to come from the people of Iran themselves. And it's happened to bits and pieces. But today, much more focus. Three major symbols of the regime were struck. One was heavy on prison, which is well known as the central political prison, where thousands were murdered in the aftermath of the revolution by Raisi. By the way, the former president who went down in his helicopter. But heavy on prison is a symbol as well as a prison. The headquarters of the besiege the here. Let me quickly say the three targets and then the implication was the prison, the headquarters of the Basij and the headquarters of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps all of which did physical damage to the regime, weakened [01:00:00] it in some way. But more importantly, in my opinion, showed the Iranian people that there was a focus on this. Now, the regime is keeping very tight control over information, but these are targets in Tehran that are very hard to keep secret. This is not taking out some, you know, camp in the mountains somewhere that they can claim didn't happen or whatever this is people saw.

Frank Gaffney: [01:00:26] Thank you very much, major. And I was struck. We conducted that interview for our program, Securing America in the course of the morning today. And he shared with me that he is now 70 years old and I think going to physics introduction. It is a testament to the acumen and the expertise of Major Chertoff that he is still very regularly called up [01:01:00] for reserve duty in Israel, as are many others, of course, because they have been at war now for although these many months, a war that will only be one if the ruling mullahs of Iran are no longer running their country, we're going to hear from another distinguished military officer who is best known for his expertise about threats we face from the other side of the world in Asia. That would be Captain James Finley, United States Navy, retired, a distinguished naval intelligence officer who finished up his distinguished career in uniform as the Chief of Intelligence and Information Operations of the US Pacific Fleet. He had been warning

for decades about the rising threat from the Chinese Communist [01:02:00] Party and the military, as well as the other elements of unrestricted warfare that they've been waging against us for decades now. There are those who would suggest that this conflict in the Middle East is yet another distraction from what needs to be done to address the rising threat from Communist China. Not just this kinetic, unrestricted warfare kind, but the old fashioned shooting kind. Quite possibly as well. We wanted Captain Fanell to address that point, and he did so handsomely again in an interview with me. We've excerpted with his permission, part of it for this particular program. Let's go to the video with Captain Fanell, the coauthor with Doctor Bradley, author of a very important bestselling book, Engaging Communist China America's Greatest Strategic Failure. [01:03:00]

James Fanell: [01:03:02] Thank you for having me on this issue of what we're doing against Iran and the regime there, and how that affects Effects what we call the main thing with the People's Republic of China and the Chinese Communist Party is it's really important. And we've had a president now, President Trump, who has taken direct action in concert with our ally Israel to ensure that he kept his campaign promise to eliminate the PRC or the Iranian nuclear program. And so those strikes with those 14 GBU 57 massive ordnance or penetrator weapons, that was a statement that no president has done. Even President Reagan, who was my favorite president. We haven't done anything since they took our embassy in 1979. So this is a clear, unambiguous signal that we're not going to sit by anymore and allow Iran to terrorize us. And as I told you offline you [01:04:00] know, I have a cadre of friends that I've known in the Navy for 30, almost 40 years. We all came in at various times in the 80s, but many of my friends came in. And I remember vividly that when the Iranians took our embassy and we have been suffering basically, we can call it a hot or a Cold War, but Americans have been killed because of the mullahs in Tehran targeting Americans. Around the world. But in Beirut, when they killed 243 Americans in 1983, we've had numerous deaths. Khobar Towers in 1996, I was in those towers during my deployments over to the Gulf. In that time frame. I was in Khobar Towers a week or two before the actual attack.

James Fanell: [01:04:45] So I've known people that have lost lives because of the Iranians. And so no one should feel sorry for Iran or be timid about what's happened. And the president [01:05:00] has made it eminently clear even again this morning, he

doesn't want us to be involved with an endless war, but he wants to stop what has been an endless war from the Iranians. And so I think the strikes were necessary. I have been. And as we talk, every, you know, every time I'm on your show and I'm known for my focus on the People's Republic of China and the Chinese Communist Party and the PLA Navy. And I have been an open vocal critic. I wrote an article on American Greatness a week and a half ago about how the Department of Defense is out of balance for the last 35 years, and how we focused on building our army, and we gutted the Navy in half. So I'm a big, big proponent of rebalancing and putting our attention back on how do we deter this Chinese Communist Party and that and the war that could come from them. And the war that's going to come from the PRC is not going to be a ground war in Asia. It's not going to be a land war in Asia. It is going to be a maritime fight, just like it was 80 [01:06:00] years ago with the Imperial Japanese Navy. And we are not prepared for that. And we need to be prepared. So I have been somebody that's always placed emphasis on restoring our naval power, restoring our focus to the Pacific.

James Fanell: [01:06:15] But in this case, this has to be done. It was done. We need to continue the job until it's fully completed. That will allow us to extract ourselves in the 40,000 plus sailors and airmen and soldiers and Marines that are in the in the Centcom AOR right now. You know, it should be our goal to get them out, all of them out, and allow Israel to live freely and be strong enough to stand on its own with a new resumption of the Abraham Accords and all of that, that would go into diplomatic solutions. Once we know that the mullahs in Tehran are done regime change, you can call it whatever you want. I don't think the president wants to call it that for domestic political reasons. That's fine. I don't want to get involved with [01:07:00] inner conflict between the MAGA community and the Republican Party. We don't need that. We need to follow Ronald Reagan's directive of the 11th commandment. We shouldn't speak ill of each other. So I'm calling on all of the people that we all know that are on radio, on podcasts that have been shooting each other in the face over the last 96 hours to stop. And let's focus on ending this business with Iran, finishing them off, whatever that is defined by the president. We have our own ideas and we may get there, but right now the president's in charge. He's the quarterback. Allow him to run the game and know that he doesn't want Iran to continue to kill Americans.

James Fanell: [01:07:43] And we will be fine with that. And he also doesn't want us to be there forever with 40, 50, 100,000 troops on the ground. So we know that. We know

that that's what his vision is. We know he believes that. So let's trust him to get the job done. And then let's get on with [01:08:00] re aligning the Department of Defense and what we spend in this FY 2026 National Defense Authorization Act that's being formulated right now. We need to start moving on that and drawing down the top line of the Army and increasing the size of the Navy with warships and submarines and drones and those kind of things that are going to be able to effectively sink and destroy the PLA Navy and the PLA power projection capabilities across the first, second, and now even the third island chain. These are the real concerns. And we can't we have been unable as a nation to draw our attention to the PRC because we're constantly having Tehran and the Mullah regime in the back of our head. I can still remember sitting on the USS Kittyhawk in 1996 and 97, in the Gulf, up on Carrier operational area CVO four, in the northern Persian Gulf, looking [01:09:00] out 2030 miles off the bow. Seeing the oil refineries from Tehran and Bushehr. And wondering every night when I went to bed at 2 or 1 in the morning, whether or not a hammer was going to come out of the coast and launch missiles at us and sink our carrier.

James Fanell: [01:09:16] We've been living under that threat for 40 plus years, and we need to end it. We don't need to have that. The world doesn't need to have that. And oh, by the way, if we take care of business and we and we eradicate the Iranian regime or their capabilities, whichever one the president wants to do that is going to have a dramatic impact on the PRC. They rely upon Iran for oil because they can't they don't have enough oil themselves. They are also providing Iran and their proxies, weapons, technology and things of that nature that are being used against us. So if we don't want to allow the PRC to continue to affect us indirectly, then we need to take care of the Iranian regime, and I think that's [01:10:00] the path that we're on. I'm no neocon. I was never a Democrat. I'm not for endless wars. I've been the exact opposite. In fact, I was ostracized inside the US Navy because I was always commenting about why we were spending too much time and effort in the Middle East and not on the Pacific. But at this moment in time, right now, we have a chance to finish the job. Let's do it. Let's get unified as a nation. Let's get unified as a Maga Republican group, whatever we want to call it. But we need to finish and we need to trust the president, both sides. And that's where I stand on this.

Frank Gaffney: [01:10:35] We have been blessed for many years to have as a leader on issues involving the threat of sharia supremacism, a woman who first came to public

fame, I think nationally, at least in her role in the United States House of Representatives. She was one of the first, I think. Certainly one of the most effective [01:11:00] of the Tea Party politicians or people who weren't necessarily politicians but became engaged in political life. And Michele Bachmann has gone on to many other things. She was a candidate for president. She has been active in the faith community as well worldwide. Most notably, I think, in connection with her work as one of the leading lights of the Jerusalem prayer breakfasts. Both in Jerusalem and elsewhere. She is these days the dean of the Robertson School of Government at Regent University. And we couldn't be more pleased to have her with us to give us her thoughts on where we are with Iran, where we need to go from here. Welcome, Congressman.

Michele Bachmann: [01:11:58] Frank. Thanks so much. What a pleasure [01:12:00] to be with all of you on this call today. Thank you. Didi. Thank you. Rabbi. I'm thrilled to be able to be with you. I don't have the benefit of having heard the prior speakers on this call. I heard the tail end of captain. Captain Fennel, and I would like to just associate myself with his remarks. I think what he said is absolutely spot on. I had a couple of thoughts today that I'd like to share with everyone. We all, I think, were thrilled. At least I hope we were. That what we saw happen on Saturday afternoon, early evening. When the word came out that President Trump had successfully taken out four downtowns and Isfahan, that we saw action. We've had a lot of talk for a lot of years, for 46 years. I'll never forget, as a young bride, when Jimmy Carter sat on his hands and he allowed the Shah to topple. And that ushered in the rise of the modern state of terrorism. We have been hostage. [01:13:00] The world's been held hostage for 46 years. I really appreciated the way that Captain Fanell spoke as an individual who was on a ship saying, every night, are we going to have missiles come at us? Well, the world has been hostage. Israel's been hostage. America's been hostage. Hostage, but Europe has been hostage.

Michele Bachmann: [01:13:22] Sunni nations have been hostage. And so what we saw happen, the good that happened on Saturday is that we saw several things. First of all, the facts on the ground changed. They're forever changed. It isn't battle plans. It was a battle. So I thank God that the facts on the ground are extremely different. So the conversation that we're having today is different because of what happened on Saturday. For my perspective, I truly believe that we saw World War three averted in the near term because of the action, the courageous action, the brave action [01:14:00] of

Donald J. Trump. I'm extremely grateful for that. We've seen a mixed bag really since January 20th, but this is unparalleled and something that none of us should ever forget. How consequential I truly believe. This will be the most consequential action of the president's presidency, and thank God he chose to do this early on in his first term. That's going to clear the way for him to do marvelous things in the future. And I'm very, very grateful. There are things that we could argue about, but there's no question the facts on the ground are changed. And so because of that, we've been given the privilege to have a very different dynamic in our discussions and our policy proposals going forward. So we have to notch that as a huge win. Plus, the other thing we need to remember going back to the time of Carter for 46 years, the American brand in the world [01:15:00] has taken a living beating America's name.

Michele Bachmann: [01:15:04] Our standing in the world has had the snot beaten out of it because of presidents like Jimmy Carter, Bill Clinton dealing with Barack Obama and in all three of his terms, most recently under Joe Biden. When we think of the American brand and the respect. Respect goes a long way in the world in foreign policy. And when you think of how nations viewed us because of the corrupt, inept, terrible policy decisions that were made, Jimmy Carter's was one of the worst when he let the Shah fall. There's any number of terrible foreign policy decisions that have taken place under presidents, not just Democrats. Under Republican presidents too. But now I think what we're seeing is a reversal. So the American brand was brought low because of a lot of presidential [01:16:00] actions. What Donald Trump did is he's the world's greatest brander. And this guy brought the American brand back up again. And I think we'll continue to see actions on his part that will help bring up the American brand that is peace through strength. So in that sense, I think that you could see the action from President Trump on Saturday night was reaganesque. He's usually the model, the standard that we judge presidents by.

Michele Bachmann: [01:16:31] But I think in some respects Donald Trump actually outpaced Reagan in what he did. This is a new standard. He has re inflated the American brand in a way that I don't know that anyone has since Ronald Reagan. So we can be extremely grateful for that. Here's what my concern has been. Since January 20th and even before. It's something that that Frank brought up during [01:17:00] his introduction of me. And it's this concern, as I've watched this administration, we've got people like Gorka who are excellent and who do understand the mind of the jihadist.

There is a jihadist mindset that has been unchangeable since the time of Muhammad in 700 A.D., and we all know that Iran went from the 1979 back to 700 A.D., and that's how that society has operated. One thing that I've been concerned about is whether or not the decision makers who inhabit the Oval Office, not just Donald Trump, but the decision makers who actually, when all is said and done, the decision is made and I believe it is the president in the final analysis. But what my concern is, is, is the president getting in his ear the true motivation, the true goals of the Islamic jihadist [01:18:00] mindset, because at the bottom line of all this, this is a religious war. It isn't what we think. It's what do the jihadist think? And I know from my time serving in the United States Congress and serving on the Intelligence Committee, especially during the Obama era, I'm telling you, both Republicans and Democrats were taught a fairy tale view of Islam that has no existence in history and no existence in the world today is a sanitized view of Islam.

Michele Bachmann: [01:18:33] We heard it from former President George W Bush, who meant well, but he told the world, Islam is a religion of peace within 24 hours after the tragic events of September 11th that echoes to this day. That false fairy tale view of Islam. And I don't know what it is if it's political correctness or wokeness, but even I think among evangelical Christians, I spent [01:19:00] a lot of time in that world, even in that world. It seems like despite the first commandment of God given to the Jewish people that, you know, meant for Bible believers, the first commandment says, I am the Lord thy God, who rescued thee out of Egypt, and thou shalt have no other gods before me. And it's almost like people have bought into the idea that the God of the Bible is equal to Allah, or in fact is Allah, or equal to all other gods. That's not what the Bible says. God stands alone. Why? Why am I saying this? Why am I bringing a religious theme in? It's because if we fail to understand the mindset of the enemy of the Islamist ayatollahs, it is a religious mindset.

Michele Bachmann: [01:19:50] Are there other the goals that come into play? Geopolitical, yes. But at its root, if we fail to understand the religious motivation, [01:20:00] then we fail to understand the whole thing. What I was very concerned about at the beginning of term two under Donald Trump was the influence of Qatar. You, Barry Weiss, has a publication, and Solomon and Bloc wrote a great piece that was issued May 13th iterating the in excess of \$100 billion that Qatar, a country of 330,000 people. I mean, think of that the size of Pittsburgh. Extremely wealthy people, but they are well

in excess of 100 billion. Some say up to \$175 billion. Buying influence among politicians, academics media types that that money buys us wokeness. That money buys us a perverted view of Islam. And so I've been very concerned about people in the Trump administration the envoy Wycoff, even President Trump's family members who have been doing deals with Qatar and with Saudi [01:21:00] Arabia, not I'm not worried about corruption. I don't think that's what's going on. I've been worried that decisions would be influenced and that the Qatari government, the emir and his family would have an undue influence on American policy making because of deals that are being made even within the president's family and the entourage that's around him.

Michele Bachmann: [01:21:25] I think that's something that we have to be willing to talk about, even though, in my opinion, this is my opinion in my lifetime, I truly believe that Donald Trump is the greatest president we've ever had. And I say that unashamedly so. Yet at the same time, I believe we can't be. We can't be afraid to talk about something that is so consequential that it could undo a lot of the great work will never undo this marvelous changing of facts on the ground. The fact that those [01:22:00] three nuclear sites are bombed to smithereens, and the president sent an unmistakable message that he means what he says, and he says what he means, and people better take notice. Notice this is we've never had a military operation like this in 5000 years of recorded human history. And I'm grateful. But again, we have to understand the reality of the enemy that goes back to Sun Tzu. Understand the enemy. And I'm very concerned that I'm not hearing a lot about an understanding of who this enemy is. We heard it from Iran's head of their Atomic Energy Agency just last night. And this morning we heard it from Iran's Foreign Ministry again this morning. They haven't changed their goals. They haven't changed their mission. It's because they haven't changed their religious views, their jihadist views.

Michele Bachmann: [01:22:57] And so it's imperative for all of us, I [01:23:00] think, to talk about this more. We haven't talked about this enough. We've got to talk about what they really believe, what they really want, and the fact that this is a religious war from their point of view. All you have to do is just look at what the jihadists say. That'll tell you. Everyone talks about Adolf Hitler. He was very clear in Mein Kampf. I mean, would he let the whole world know what his plan was? But the world tends to think, oh, nobody would be that crazy. People are crazy. So that's my concern. I'm extremely grateful for what happened because the facts are forever changed. Donald Trump has lifted up the

brand of the United States, which is marvelous. He's the colossus striding into The Hague. Today in the Netherlands, I watched him as he was there in the opening. But also, the other thing we need to remember is that it's a flaw [01:24:00] on our part. If we fail to understand the enemy, and that's where all of us come in, we can continue to teach people because you have to republish truth and we have to republish the truth of who the enemy is, what their motivation is, and the fact that they see this as a religious war. Thank you, Frank.

Frank Gaffney: [01:24:23] Thank you Michel. And let's take the liberty to make a quick comment about the one you've just heard from. Very proud to say that I have been a very, very found admirer of Michele Bachmann from her time in Congress and had a chance to work with her a bit when she was speaking truth to power about this very problem of the Muslim Brotherhood, specifically the Shariah supremacists, if you will, more generally penetrating [01:25:00] our country, our government influencing our policies. And I know one of the things that she was guided by and I would commend to all of you as well. A book that essentially describes the Muslim Brotherhood's mission in North America, among other things. It's called the Explanatory Memorandum on the General Strategic Goal of the group. It was found in a in a raid conducted, as it happens, by a unit of the FBI that was run by our next speaker, a nondescript house in Annandale, Virginia, that when it was raided by the FBI, it turned out to hold the archives of the Muslim Brotherhood inside it. And this booklet, this memorandum describes the mission of the Muslim Brotherhood. And I think it's fair [01:26:00] to say, of Sharia supremacists beyond as destroying Western civilization from within, by their own hands, meaning ours and by the hands of the believers, so that Allah's religion is made victorious over all other religions. So this goes right to the heart of the point that Michele just made. The spiritual warfare dimension of this, and the failure on the part of successive administrations, I think, notably, and with profoundly enduring effects.

Frank Gaffney: [01:26:37] That of George W Bush. When the teachable moment of nine over 11, as Barack Obama would say, was squandered. I believe as a result of a Muslim Brotherhood influence operation. As a matter of fact. But Michel's point is that if we don't learn and apply the lessons that we. Should have taken [01:27:00] away from all of these experiences to avoiding the perpetuation of a regime that could now be put out of business and not at our hands with the help of the Israelis, yes, but at the hands of the Iranian people. This will be an epic mistake. And I just wanted to say one other

thing about this. In August of 2016. Shortly before Donald Trump won the presidency in that year. Specifically, August 15th of 2016, he did deliver a speech that I believe, with the exception of Michele Bachmann and very few others, is probably the most.

Significant exposé of what [01:28:00] we are up against by anybody in public life. At the time, he was the Republican nominee for the presidency. A long shot at that time. And in Youngstown, Ohio, he laid out the ideological dimension of what we were up against. He called it radical Islamic terrorism. Again, you've heard me say, I think it's Sharia supremacism, but whatever you call it, He understood that this was more than just terrorism. This was more than just, you know, mullahs. This is about jihad.

Frank Gaffney: [01:28:40] And I'm very pleased to be able to introduce next a man who has studied this closely, who has arguably done as much as anybody in government service, for sure. To explain to the rest of us what in fact we are facing. And since he left government [01:29:00] service helping to actually prepare our countrymen and women for the jihadis and their friends operating now in this country, potentially very, very violently indeed. His name is John Gandolfo. He served as a force reconnaissance marine combat soldier in the first Gulf War. He went on to become a member of the Swat team of the FBI. Ultimately its commanding officer and then became. After nine over 11, a counterterrorism special agent. It was in that capacity that I first met him and found so much insight about what we're up against. He left the FBI. He's been, as I say, teaching and training and otherwise, trying to raise both awareness and preparedness for the threat we face from both the [01:30:00] green, if you will, the Islamist, the Sharia supremacist and the red with whom they are partnered, the communists in the red green axis. You can learn more about all of that work at John. Com. We've had a chance to interview him for our television program, Securing America earlier today as well. And, we've come to the point where I think building on what Michelle has just told us his presentation is exceptionally timely and important. So let's go to his video. Now.

John Guandolo: [01:30:34] Please look at Sharia, which as a reminder to everybody, Sharia is the blueprint for how the Islamic nations fight. And remember that every Islamic nation on the planet, including Iran all 56 Islamic nations at the head of state level is a party to the Cairo Declaration on Human Rights and Islam, which [01:31:00] states the only way they understand relations with the non-Muslim world is through Sharia. So I cannot overemphasize this. And when we look at Sharia, what is the defeat mechanism for this enemy and its complete defeat? It's vanquishing them. And anything

short of that gives them an opportunity to rebuild restraint in their armies and re attack. And so I think any cessation of military operations against any Islamic nation should never take place until they're completely vanquished and Iran is not completely vanquished. They still have some leadership in place. They still have some ability militarily. And that all needs to be destroyed. And until it is we're making a mistake. [01:32:00] And I understand very much the desire for peace. But you cannot have peace with the Islamic nations until you vanquish first understanding Iran's role in the global Islamic movement. They're a massive player. I mean, they have been a massive financier for Hamas, for the Muslim Brotherhood, Internationally and in the United States.

John Guandolo: [01:32:21] And I think to miss that is a grave error. So that's the first piece. The second piece is I think it's important for people to remember this is not America piggybacking on Israel to attack Iran. Iran has been at war, as you mentioned at the beginning of this program, has been at war with the United States for decades. The taking of our hostages was an act of war. The bombing of the US embassy in Lebanon was an act of war. The bombing of the marine barracks was an act of war sending not just these recent teams to the United States to kill people, but they [01:33:00] have sent teams we know over the past 20 years into the United States to, to do operations. These are all acts of war. They supported al Qaeda and the other Sunni fighters in Afghanistan and Iraq against U.S. troops. These are acts of war participating in war against the United States, for which we should have punished them. And we have it now. They have been I mean, we're smashing them. All I'm advocating is. Finish the job. And then that does practically give the people of Iran, the Persian people, the ability to step in and take over.

John Guandolo: [01:33:45] But I think the United States needs to be very careful not to then try to play a direct role in that, because, quite frankly, we have not been good at that over the years. We've failed so many times, but what we can do is [01:34:00] finish the job and eliminate the hostile Iranian government and their military forces and their intelligence forces and literally obliterate them and then leave it to be what it is. I go back to what is their blueprint for how they fight the war in its Shariah. And if you give them an inch, they're going to take it. They will strengthen. And the message to the rest of the Muslim world that is at war with us would be especially those key pieces. And the key places that are at war with us would be the Americans are weak. And Allah is

handing us another opportunity to strengthen ourselves and reengage in the war. That is exactly what Sharia will require them to see in this action, because they don't see it as an opportunity for peace or for mercy. Those concepts [01:35:00] don't exist. This would be a chance for them to strengthen and to reassess and to reengage Israel, the United States and the broader West.

Frank Gaffney: [01:35:11] Thank you very much. We're going to close the program with our, well, extraordinary comprehensive treatment of the subject. By hearing from men who closed our previous emergency briefing. Ken Abramowitz has an ability to synthesize information and to present it with extraordinary efficiency and clarity. That, I think, is exactly what this particular moment requires. He's a health care venture capitalist of great renown by day and by night, I guess, one might say half his time. At least he spends working on national security policy [01:36:00] and related education, and we are profoundly grateful for the work he does at Citizens for National Security and Save the West. And for his contributions to our victory coalition and particularly to this program. We have him live, actually, as well. Ken Abramowitz, welcome. Thank you. Over to you.

Kenneth Abramowitz: [01:36:23] Frank, with the wonderful program so far. I'm calling in from Tel Aviv, where we have the sirens and missiles every night, and now it's quiet. We'll find out if it stays quiet tonight. So let me just try to summarize things in no more than five minutes. So let me mention a few things about the war. And then I'm going to grade. And today I'm going to be a professor and I'm going to grade the activities of Israel, America and Iran also. [01:37:00] So first, Israel has been in a state of war with Iran for 46 years. By the way, America has been in a state of war with Iran for 46 years. But we don't know that. But if you go further back in the past, we've been in with Islam or Islamism or jihadism for 1400 years. Israelis know that. Americans don't know that. And you could also say that Israel's been in a war for 2400 years with Persia. Since the Purim holiday. So when President Trump talks about endless wars, this is an endless war. But the reason it's an endless war is, is we never win it. You can always end an endless war by losing. The trick is to end an endless war by winning. So [01:38:00] let's let me give some grades now. Because we've gone through a very exciting two year or so period of time since October 7th, which I call the beginning of World War three. There's many days you could pick as the beginning of World War three. And as I've said before on this show, World War three has aspects of World War

One because the world's been going on for 1400 years with Islam or Islam's war against Jews, Christians and Hindus has been going on for 1400 years.

Kenneth Abramowitz: [01:38:34] So you can call it World War three or World War one, which whichever suits you. So now let's know, in very modern recent history, just the last two years or so, let's start with October 7th. On October 7th, Israel got a grade of F. It was caught sleeping. America got a grade of F. It was caught sleeping. And Iran got a grade of A because [01:39:00] they were enacting a 46 year strategy to destroy Israel, and then use that as a stepping stone to kill all the Christians in America and Europe, and then go after the Hindus in India. So Iran got an A for execution of a strategy. They spent billions and billions. They ended up losing it. But still, on October 7th, Iran gets an A Israel. America got an F. Let's go to October 8th. One day later. Israel was saved by we, the people of Israel. Not me, but the people of Israel who rushed into the line of fire. Former or retired policemen? Soldiers. Reserve soldiers. So on October 8th I give Israel an A for [01:40:00] not the government of the army, but we, the people of Israel get an A, and then Iran starts falling in grades to let's just call them a C. As Israel cleaned out the 6000 bad guys that entered the country and killed, I think about 1500 of them by now, they've probably killed almost all of them.

Kenneth Abramowitz: [01:40:22] Now let's go to very recent June 13th or so, when Israel formally attacked Iran caught them, caught them sleeping for a change with a very ingenious strategy, with some deception from America. So Israel went up to an A plus, America went to an a more of a support role in Iran, now moved into the F category because for all the money that they spent, they couldn't defend themselves, the planes couldn't get [01:41:00] off the ground, they couldn't stop the Israeli attack. They didn't shoot down any Israeli planes. So now Iran goes to enough. Then June 21st, the blowing up of the three nuclear sites. Israel got an A for helping America. Basically clearing the path. America. Which had maybe gone wobbly, showed its real strength. And get a solid A in Iran, a solid F for allowing their three nuclear sites that they spent a gazillion dollars building get blown up in, like, one hour or whatever it was. And now, finally, let's go to June 24th. Cease fire time. Israel's grade. Well Israel's grade went from an A to a D because it allowed America to declare a cease fire in the seventh inning. [01:42:00] Usually ball ballgames end in the ninth inning, not the seventh inning. America's grade went from an A to a C by engaging in a cease fire. That

could easily have been. They could have waited two weeks, let Israel finish off Iran. And Iran goes from an F to a C. Here's a country that was almost totally blown up.

Kenneth Abramowitz: [01:42:22] And they come out swinging singing. It's hard to believe. So let me just conclude in one minute now for this ceasefire, premature ceasefire to work. Israel has to have an enforcement mechanism like it has in Lebanon. It has to have the right to go into Iran whenever it wants, blow up missiles, missile silos, missiles, equipment and drones. I don't believe they have that. And that should have been negotiated by America and Israel before the cease fire. And so and the Mossad, I'm sure, is still around, [01:43:00] and they can help initiate regime change. But we President Trump, the greatest president of all time, made a historic mistake to end the war two weeks premature because he was going to a NATO meeting and he wanted to have the war finished in quotes. Wars end when bad guys think they end, not when good guys think they end. So anyways Israel is now being relegated to an endless war. America is going to pretend that it's not an endless war and Israel's going to come back and fight another day. So this is if this was a play, it would be at the end of, of the first act. And it's now intermission time. And we'll soon find out about the second act. It was a pleasure to be with all of you. Tonight, everyone, by the way, sign up for my website. Save the west.com. Get my article every two weeks. And I just published my new fourth edition [01:44:00] of the Multi-front War just last week. Thank you for everyone's time.

Frank Gaffney: [01:44:05] And thank you. And thank you for so patiently sitting through all of this to deliver that very important concluding comment and scorecard. I'm going to conclude for Nikki and me. He has been called to other duties on an urgent basis. I pray all is well with him and his family. And from my own part, I would just leave you with this thought. There's been so much said here and so many arguments that have been made by thoughtful people. And like Jim Fanell, I've been extraordinarily pained by the acrimony that has accompanied arguments between people who agree. As Ronald Reagan used to say, we heard about the 11th commandment on almost everything, but have found themselves for whatever [01:45:00] reason. On opposite sides of the question of whether or not we finished the job. And some of my friends have even been very explicitly supportive of Israel finishing the job. And I'm all in for that. And I think our victory coalition and I won't presume to speak for you, but I'm pretty sure that's his view as well. The Israel 365 Action Team. The trouble is, if we don't finish the job by allowing it to remain undone, others will be moving to fill the void, to finish it if they can, on their

terms. And I'm reminded, as we have been talking in the aftermath, particularly of this operation Midnight Hammer, about [01:46:00] the horrible things that the Iranian regime could yet do.

Frank Gaffney: [01:46:06] From raining more missiles on Israel or on our bases. And oh, by the way, Michele Bachmann talked about the Qatari influence. How ironic that a nation that has been thick as thieves with the Iranians, as it has with every other terrorist sponsoring nation and organization in the world, namely Qatar, a major non-NATO US ally? The last time I checked. Was it the receiving end of a missile attack from Iran, albeit halfhearted and with warnings given and no particular harm done? And yet. Iran was willing to fire missiles at its bankrolls. Think [01:47:00] about it. I don't imagine this is affected by Qatari willingness to underwrite Sharia supremacists, including those in Iran. But we'll see. But it should mark the end of its influence inside our country, though, as Michele Bachmann said, the \$100 billion or more that they've spent probably makes that unlikely as well. But my point is this. Whether it's attacking American troops or even Qataris that was a horrible option that the Iranians had and retain, as is the case with the ability to strike Israel. There's also, you know, the problem that the Iranians can be [01:48:00] an impediment to passage of shipping through the Strait of Hormuz at any time. Would that be counterproductive for them? Yes. Would it possibly irritate the Chinese tremendously? Yes.

Frank Gaffney: [01:48:15] But they still could do that. Another horrible thing. And then there's the distinct possibility that they could activate Hezbollah or IRGC cells inside the United States of America. Which should apparently now include actually assassination squads as well, who have as their mission killing the president of the United States. Surely it must be confounding to the mullahs that even so, direct a threat to the commander in chief himself doesn't seem to qualify as. An [01:49:00] act of war. The lone an obstacle to our intervening to save that regime. It's almost unimaginable. But I want to bring you to another point that I think is also worth marking. Our role. In trying to help the people of Iran free themselves from a regime that has brutalized them. And that has threatened not just the Israelis and not just our other friends in the region, but us here at home as well. In 1777. Seven. A foreign nation intervened to help a struggling revolution. That [01:50:00] nation was France. That revolution was taking place in the United States of America. Gleam in the eye. Pretty much at that point. But ladies and gentlemen, had the Kingdom of France not taken that step. And Paul Blair talked about

this. It was it was more than just moral support. Over time, it became material aid of the most important kind to the struggling Continental Army.

Frank Gaffney: [01:50:40] It was indisputably the case that had it not been for the help we got from the French. Washington would never have gotten to Yorktown, let alone crushed the British in [01:51:00] that decisive final battle. We have the opportunity, ladies and gentlemen, to crush a monstrous enemy. You've heard countless reasons why that's the case. An enemy sworn to our destruction. An enemy who believes not only that, it's their mission and responsibility, but that it is Allah's will. And that they are the leaders of the Iranian regime. They believe that they have a special duty and a special timetable. They believe that it is upon their shoulders that the 12th Imam, their Messiah under Shia Islam will return from a well in which he has been residing since, I think, the eighth century. And [01:52:00] according to their theology, he will be brought out of that well, on the basis of an outpouring of grief and pleas for mercy and lamentations. That sounds an awful lot like the consequences of the apocalypse. And the Ayatollah Khomeini, now in his mid-seventies and afflicted with cancer, is convinced not only as these 12 others, as they call themselves, believe that this will happen, but that it will happen on his watch. So the possibility and it is a real possibility, ladies and gentlemen, as I believe it showed off, suggested that some of these highly enriched uranium packages may have actually [01:53:00] survived the attack on Fordow.

Frank Gaffney: [01:53:02] They may now be being packaged up inside weapons that might yet be made into warheads for delivery to Israel, or perhaps here. It behooves us not to let that happen, just as we mustn't let more of what missiles of other kinds go to Israel, just as we mustn't let them go towards our troops in the Gulf. Thus we must not let them mine the Strait of Hormuz, just as we must not let them attack us here. But we are inviting Fighting that if the Iranian regime remains in the hands of the 12 verse, in the hands of these Sharia supremacists, in the hands of our mortal enemies. And that does not need to happen, ladies and gentlemen, [01:54:00] unless this cease fire impedes the preparations that the Israelis have been making to finish the job, and that we and they need to do in our case by then. So I want to conclude simply by saying, again, thank you for bearing with us. We apologize once again for technical difficulties, delayed our program and made some of it a little bawdy. I want to thank every single one of these remarkable contributors, both American and Israeli. I hope you have been profoundly moved by what you've heard here, and that you certainly will not take at face

value suggestions that these arguments are those of warmongers [01:55:00] or people who are, you know, puppets of the military industrial complex or otherwise to be written off.

Frank Gaffney: [01:55:12] These are profoundly important facts that have been presented here. I don't believe they have been given the kind of attention that they need, perhaps even by the president of the United States. And our purpose today is not to criticize him, but rather to support him taking the steps that are needed now, specifically. Enabling the government of Israel to finish the job that it has been about. Yes, for its interests, but also ours and by so doing make possible a free Iran, an Iran that is no longer a nightmare for its [01:56:00] region and the rest of the world. An Iran that may be made great again under new management. I believe D.D. Logsdon is with us. I know she's been through some travails at home. Let me just conclude. The substantive part of the program with a powerfully prayerful thanks for the great help that Dede Laugesen and Oleg Atbashian and Justin Johnson and most especially Dr Karen Siegemund, who stepped into the breach at a critical moment. They have all made this program possible. I hope that you have found it worthy of your time, and that you will share it as widely as possible in the days to come. God bless you all.

Dede Laugesen: [01:56:54] Thank you Frank. A video of this webinar will be posted to VictoryCo.com within [01:57:00] one day or so of the conclusion of this program. Please share this and our other programs with your elected representatives, colleagues and other networks and follow us on X at @Co4Victory, and Israel365action.com for news and updates. Thanks again for joining us today and goodbye.