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Dear Patriot,

Since January 20, 2025, we have witnessed innumerable good things that have been done by President Trump and his administration.

In fact, for a year, our popular Friday newsletter, Good News Friday, has not had the space to talk about all the amazing feats that President Trump has fulfilled since he took office - most of which the "experts" said could not be done.

His MAGA base should be thrilled. (And most are.) All conservatives should be thrilled. All Americans should be thrilled. All podcasters who have gotten wealthy with conservative MAGA audiences should be supportive.

But that is not the case. There is a lot of angsty chum in the water regarding the situation with Iran.

We understand that this is a controversial issue (aren't they all?) with many points of divergence... the "Israel" issue, the "no new wars" issue, the "why now" issue, the "nation-building" issue, the "Constitutional" issue. We get it. Those are all worthy debates to have. Just not right now.

This is not the time to suddenly say you're not going to support the President. This is not the time to question Trump's decisions when almost none of us has the information and responsibility he has. There are a hundred moving parts in a volatile

region with American lives on the line. And we are getting lectured to by podcast "journalists" who can barely find a bathroom?

President Trump clearly knows what he is doing and has proven to be successful in Venezuelan and Mexican operations.

**So, on this day, at this hour, given the information we have on hand, we will fu
throatily support the United States of America, our president, and our military
the battlefield.**

This is not the time to nitpick the President of the United States or his Cabinet. There will be plenty of time to do that later when we when we have all the details that are not revealed yet, as that would aid the enemy.

Meanwhile, shut off support of those seeding division in the MAGA movement. Remove them from your social media feeds. Avoid their podcasts. Their opinions are worthless right now. They are revealing themselves for who they really are.

Stay on X/Twitter for breaking news.

We will continue to work diligently to find the truth for you.

Today, we offer...

- a new coalition.
- a new way of conducting war.
- a new swagger.
- a new educational hero.
- a new picture.



1- Arab nations are NOT begging for peace. They're asking President Trump for targeting information so they can join the fight against Iran.

That is our real coalition.

When Iran hit Arab nations, they didn't cry to the UN. They lined up with America.

This can only happen under strength and respect.

Maybe at last, after 47 years, the Middle East is done tolerating an insane Revolutionary Iran.

[Patriot Fetch](#)

New Arab Coalition Forms Against Iran With Trump's Support

QUOTE: Senator Tom Cotton's announcement about a coalition of Arab nations uniting against Iran marks a notable shift in the geopolitical landscape of the Middle East. This coalition is not merely a response to Iran's revolutionary ambitions; it showcases a growing recognition among Arab states of a common threat. Cotton pointedly noted, "When Iran targeted Arab countries, they didn't plead for PEACE, didn't ask Trump to STOP — they asked Trump for TARGETING information! So they could join in against Iran. That's what a real coalition looks like." His statement underscores the seriousness of the threat Iran poses and the urgency with which these nations are responding.

This coalition of Arab nations represents a significant departure from their historically cautious approach. Traditionally, these states have opted for diplomacy or relied on external mediation to manage tensions with Iran. Now, empowered by U.S. intelligence and support during Trump's leadership, they are actively addressing the threats posed by Iran in a more militaristic and united manner.

Cotton's remarks reflect an increasing regional solidarity, hinting at a realignment of Middle Eastern alliances. He stated, "We're all now fighting together to try and finally eliminate the threat a Revolutionary Iran poses," signaling a united front that could redefine the future of the region.



2- We are thrilled to see that Victor is recovering and back lending us his great historical mind!

Read it all at the link. It is a long and detailed outline of the new Trump ways of conducting war.

[Victor Davis Hanson at American Greatness r/](#)

Trump's Way of War

QUOTE: Trump's doctrine is simple: strike first at the guilty, strike hard from afar, skip the nation-building, and end wars on America's terms. **QUOTE:** War is the use of arms to settle differences—tribal, political, religious, cultural, and material—

between organized groups. It is unchanging. The general laws of armed conflict stays immutable, given the constancy of human nature.

However, the manner in which war is conducted remains fluid. New weapons, tactics, and strategies elicit counterresponses in an endless cycle of tensions between defensive and offensive superiority.

That said, has President Trump introduced a novel way of waging Western war against America's foreign enemies?

We saw glimpses of it during his first term, when he eliminated Iranian general a terrorist kingpin Qassem Soleimani and ISIS terrorist grandee Abu Bakr al-Baghd In the former case, he preferred hitting the cause rather than the effects of Irania terrorism in Syria and Iraq, while making it clear that he had no intention of striki the Iranian mainland and entering into a tit-for-tat "forever war."

In large part, he was successful. Iran never quite replaced the venomous Soleima And despite tired threats, its performative art responses did not kill any American and they were seen by Trump as venting and not worth a counter response.

Trump successfully portrayed his antagonists as the unprovoked aggressors, employed overwhelming force to eliminate them, and declared them one-off occurrences with no need to punish the ultimate source or sponsor of the aggression with further force, and he was largely successful in limiting subsequent attacks on American installations.

In Trump's second term, he widened his doctrine of "preventative deterrence" wi operations to remove Venezuelan communist strongman Nicolás Maduro, along with two separate bombing campaigns against Iran.

The present conflict over Iran is the greatest challenge that Trump has faced in either of his two terms. But given his past record, there is a good chance that he eventually rid Iran of its theocracy—the fleeting hope of the past eight president

For five decades, the Iranian street and its unhinged theocracy scared silly the Middle East with its "Death to America" chants, its promise to destroy the Zionist entity, its brag of going nuclear, and its often overt warnings to rip apart the Sun dominated Gulf.

But Trump, with help from Israel, finally revealed the theocracy to be a Keystone Kop kleptocracy. The mullahs screamed "Death to America!" but it was Trump's America that finally brought death to them.



3- Yes, give us more swagger! The left is in shock by real men doing hard things to save the country.

We voted for that!

[Glenn Harlan Reynolds at NYPost](#)

Why Trump and Hegseth's swagger leaves Washington's 'elite' seething

QUOTE: When you've constructed a cartoon version of the world in your mind, what do you do when reality proves it wrong?

If you're the leftist establishment, you certainly don't rethink your assumptions.

Late Friday, New York Times columnist David French snarkily referred to Secretary of War Pete Hegseth as a "walking MAGA caricature" on X.

Four hours later, Hegseth's troops were pounding Iran in an intricate series of strikes that left its evil regime reeling.

The response to French — who has not withdrawn his sneer — was unsympathetic. My favorite: "Let's have a contest ... you and Pete show up at Fort Bragg, see who the troops respect more."

Is Hegseth a caricature?

To French and his ilk, maybe; but to many others, he's a guy who gets results.

Presumably a 1945 David French would have considered Gen. George S. Patton a caricature, too.

But the thing is, like Patton, Hegseth not only talks tough, and acts tough — he is tough.

The raids on Iranian nuclear plants, the capture of Venezuelan leader Nicolás Maduro from within his nation's largest military base, the destruction of Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and his senior leadership — all were masterstrokes of military planning and execution.

"We didn't start this war," Hegseth declared Monday, "but we are finishing it."

If that's what a caricature can do, maybe we need more caricatures in Washington.

President Trump, too, is at the top of the left's caricature list.

The legacy press and the academic foreign policy "experts" continue to portray Trump as a strutting toddler who careens from impulse to impulse in an utterly undisciplined and unthinking fashion.

Trump's tactics typically have two characteristics: He goes after his opponents' source of sustenance (usually, but not always, financial), and he accomplishes much

than one goal at a time.

The first aim of the Iran operation, of course, is to neutralize a major regional threat. At the same time, though, Trump has cut the ground out from under what's left of Hamas and Hezbollah. He's also shut off the pipeline of Iranian cash that Tehran basically admitted was being used to bribe politicians and journalists in Europe, and to support various NGOs that serve anti-American and anti-Israeli ends.

Iran has been a major sponsor of terrorism around the world; that will end.

Iran was a crucial pillar of the BRICS coalition that threatened the US dollar; now that threat has been sharply reduced.

And other BRICS members are struggling, too — China needs oil and Russia is broke and mired in a ruinous war of its own devising.

With Iranians free to say what they think of the mullahs' regime, the left's narrative that fundamentalist Islam is some sort of virtuous anti-colonial state will crumble.

So Trump's behavior shows a pretty coherent strategy.

But leftists at home and abroad continue to see Trump, like Hegseth, as nothing more than an immature, strutting, macho caricature. Their war on "toxic masculinity" means that they see pretty much any sign of effectiveness and self-confidence as strutting macho immaturity — at least when displayed by straight white males.

That's a recipe for national failure.

Historically, leaders who speak straightforwardly, show self-confidence and lead effectively are, well, good leaders. "Leaders" who complain that the world is complicated and they can't do much about its problems aren't. They gave us "forever wars" instead of victories — not only in conflicts with foreign enemies, but in wars against poverty, homelessness, "climate change" and the like.

Trump just does things, and they work.

At base, the establishment view of Trump et al. as buffoons and cartoons is a reflection of its own insecurity.

As commentator William Wolf observed on X, "The fact that a billionaire real estate playboy who liked to slap his name on steaks and wine has proven to be a better diplomat and military strategist than every other politician and foreign policy expert over the last 30 years is such a damning indictment of the DC establishment I honestly don't know how they recover."

Easier for them to pretend that Trump is nothing but an impetuous child. And if that self-satisfying stance fails to convince Americans, well, at least the "elite" are staying on-brand.



4- A whole new group of heroes at the Department of Education. No one can drive left more crazy than Trump!

[Western Journal](#)

15 Months Ago It Was Leftists' Mecca - Now the Dept. of Education Just Unfurled a Banner Featuring the Left's Most-Hated Enemy After Trump

QUOTE: President Donald Trump has a special talent for driving liberals to (and beyond) the point of madness.

For instance, in March 2025, by way of executive order, Trump decimated the U.S. Department of Education. Today, only a shell of that agency remains.

Now, the Department of Education building — that monument to the unholy alliance of teachers' unions, federal bureaucrats, and the Democratic Party — features a banner of slain conservative Christian icon Charlie Kirk, whose assassination on Sept. 10, 2025, set off gleeful celebrations on the demonic left.

"Walking along the Mall. First time I've seen the Charlie Kirk banner on the Department of Education," Weigel wrote Sunday on the social media platform X.

To put it mildly, Weigel's post garnered considerable attention. As of Monday afternoon, the post had more than 2.9 million views.

Happily, news of the Kirk banner sent leftists on X into fits of apoplexy.

What bothered online leftists most, however, was the fact that Kirk rejected their indoctrination camps and diploma factories.

Kirk traveled to college campuses and warned college students about the college "scam," and college students listened. By the thousands, they listened to him. That alone made Kirk an enemy of the left.

Moreover, any honest person who ever heard Kirk speak had to come away impressed by his erudition. Modern academics read books largely written by other academics. Kirk, on the other hand, read the works of philosophers, both Christian and political. Rarely, if ever, did he stumble in the face of superior knowledge.

Marxists, of course, spent decades wresting control of our institutions, especially our schools. In all that time, they never encountered a greater threat to their hegemony than Kirk.

Thus, when Trump or whoever takes the next step and smashes America's public education system to smithereens, the new system, based on truth and merit, should bear Kirk's name.



5- Picture of the Day

Charlie Kirk banner on the Department of Education building in Washington D.C.





PRAY for President Trump and all in his administration.

PRAY for each and every military member and all military leadership.

PRAY for the Iranian people.

PRAY for all children.

SEEK truth.

SHARE truth.

Hold Fast,

Defending The Republic

Follow Sidney on X @SidneyPowell1

UPDATED: [Read the five part series truthfully explaining the unprecedented lawfare used by the left to remove Sidney Powell's right to free speech.](#)

[This will be permanently available for all at Defending The Republic.](#)

Regardless of who wins any election, to have confidence in the outcome, we must continue to demand **(1)** real paper ballots, **(2)** hand counted in a bipartisan transparent process, and **(3)** citizen voter ID.

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