



American humiliation: Trump is erratic because he knows he's lost the Iran war

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Trump

US president Donald Trump is erratic at the best of times. But his current tendency to threaten Iran with annihilation and then claim peace is at hand five minutes later comes from an awareness that he has lost the Iran war. In truth, we have known this is [an American humiliation](#) for a long time.

Iranian politics professor Hassan Ahmadian [told](#) Drop Site News on 12 June:

The United States has hit the hard rock of a formidable force that stopped its aggression and they have to deal with it.

President Trump realized that he cannot change the failure, the military failure of the war into a diplomatic win.

You can listen to [the full interview](#) below:

Drop Site is one of the few media outlets which has made a point of interviewing people within Iran, including [state officials](#). Most of the legacy media have failed on this front, leaving the war poorly reported from the Iranian perspective.

Drop Site's Jeremy Scahill [wrote](#):

Throughout the U.S.-Israeli war with Iran, President Donald Trump has constantly flailed in his campaign to portray it as a historic success. The blunt reality is that what Trump

announced as a quick and easy war of regime change rapidly transformed into a quagmire.

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For the past two months, Trump has struggled to find a way to declare victory, alternating between claims that Iran is begging him for a deal and threats to destroy Iranian civilization.

The jig is up, Trump and America are humiliated

US-Israel attacked Iran first on 28 February without provocation. Iran was offering unprecedented concessions in negotiations at the time. The Pentagon has since stated there was no imminent threat from Iran. And the UN's atomic watchdog, the IAEA, has said there is no evidence Iran was developing a nuclear weapon.

The US has achieved none of its original war aims. Iran predictably closed the Straits of Hormuz, a vital oil channel, once attacked, creating a global energy crisis. Iran has said the war will continue until "the enemy's inevitable and humiliating, disgrace, regret, and surrender". Trump came to power on an anti-war "America First" ticket. He now faces worldwide humiliation.

In fact, the jig has been up for a long time.

US journalist Spencer Ackerman was saying as long ago as 1 April that America and Trump have been humiliated. And that they need to be made to feel it.

Ackerman argued that the warmongers can't be allowed to get away with their ridiculous assertion that the US, which has achieved none of its goals, has in any way won:

A narrative that the 2026 War was a success will hasten both that return [to warfare] and to the deeper catastrophes it will unlock.

He warned that we must tell the truth of the US defeat or:

We will be right back here if the architects, the profiteers, the propagandists and the forerunners of this war get away with their evasions once again.

Trump has bitten off more than he can chew, to put it in simple terms. His desperation to exit the war looks increasingly obvious. Hubris dictates that the US president needs to appear to have won in some sense. But that ship "unlike the estimated 1600 vessels stuck in the Persian Gulf" has sailed.

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