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So, I have some very good friends, they even call me family, who are Arabic and first-generation LEGAL immigrants from the Middle East. They LOVE America and understand and appreciate the freedoms, opportunities and security it affords them because they have experienced firsthand the other side. And they REALLY love President Trump and despise Biden and most Democrats because of the damage he did to the country and what the Democrats continue to do.

They watch TV and are shocked by the protests and anti-Americanism they have seen lately and repeatedly ask me why, to which I respond:

Well, it's complicated, my friends, but you see it's a combination of the fact that:

- most Americans have VERY SHORT memories
- most people have little or no historical perspective on just about anything and basically don't know much of anything, especially when it comes to geopolitical issues
- most are products of our government school system (aka publik skoolz)
- most have been indoctrinated into believing the tenets of socialism and communism by NEA and AFT-affiliated secondary and college educators who ascribe to those misguided ideologies
- most parents are ill-equipped educationally to counter this indoctrination or just don't care much about their children's education anyway and leave it up to "the system"
- most couldn't care less anyway as long as they have their smartphones, social media, game consoles, \$10 coffees and a monthly paycheck
- Many of these "No Kings" (no worKing, no-thinKing)," "Pro-Palestinian," "BDS," etc. protestors are actually paid by "dark money" billionaires like George Soros and Neville Roy Singham, notorious America-haters and funders of all things anti-American.
- Many of these people suffer from termed as mass social-media-induced illness (MSMI). and or mass sociogenic psychopathy thought to be brought on, in these cases, by social media, but that is debatable at this point.
- Most of what you see and hear from the mainstream media does not represent the sentiments of most reasonable Americans. The mainstream media is controlled by, for the most part, 6 large corporations which are heavily and admittedly left-wing biased and have anti-American agendas and you cannot believe much of what they put out because it is misinformation, disinformation and half-truths, at best.

They ask me for examples and I tell them, "Well, we are living in interesting times and here is something you can really relate to given your history:"

EXAMPLE 1:

People think things are expensive now and they kind of are, but I have noticed prices falling on a lot of items, at least in my area. However, they forget that during the Presidential debate in March 2020, then Vice President Biden said, *Number one, no more subsidies for fossil fuel industry. No more drilling on federal lands. No more drilling, including offshore. No ability for the oil industry to continue to drill, period, ends, number one.*" On the day before he took office, gas was \$1.99 a gallon. Then, when Biden took office on January 20, 2021, he kept his debate promises and started reversing all Trump's common-sense, pro-energy production policies in favor of "green" energy initiatives. After that, gas prices began to rapidly rise and on June 12, 2022, gas in our area hit a high of \$4.57 a gallon for E-10 Regular Unleaded. All that despite his unprecedented release of oil from the SPR (Strategic Petroleum Reserves) ostensibly because of Russia's invasion of Ukraine causing instability in the energy markets and because oil companies wouldn't drill, yet ignoring that it was his policies and regulations that hamstrung and kept the oil companies

from producing the oil and gas. [For those reading this on the website, you can see the timeline on [my website here](#)¹.]

EXAMPLE 2:

Moving on, here's another example: The current military action against Iran. People forget these inconvenient facts:

- Iran is recognized by almost all the civilized world as the #1 state sponsor of terrorism – that means they provided money and weapons to groups who terrorize innocent people around the world and I don't care what that nut job Ron Paul's website says.
- So, since 1979, Iran, along with their proxies Lebanese Hezbollah, Yemen's Houthis, Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, and various Iraqi/Syrian Shia militias have killed, maimed, enslaved and committed all other kinds of atrocities against "non-believers" of Islamic Fundamentalism. So below are a few examples.

But first, you know, back in WWII, no one argued that we couldn't allow Hitler to continue his extermination of the Jews and other "non-Aryan" people, yet so many people stand against our current actions in Iran despite their sworn statements to exterminate the Jews and the state of Israel. Recall that thousands of our troops were killed and maimed in Iraq and Afghanistan by weapons and IED's produced by and provided to our enemies by Iran. Yeah, yeah, I hear you dimwits....that we went into Iraq under false pretenses...to which I reply, Saddam admitted he lied to his generals and the Iraqi people about having WMD so as to not look weak to Iran – he duped everyone! Further, he violated 16 UN resolutions regarding inspections he agreed to under repeated threat of severe consequences for doing so....and he eventually learned what "severe consequences" meant. It's not like he wasn't given PLENTY of chances, (just like the Mullahs in Iran were by Obama, Biden and Trump, but they broke agreement after agreement and didn't negotiate honestly). And, oh yeah, remember, Saddam started the whole thing when he invaded Kuwait for no legitimate reason. [More info here](#).

My friends are concerned that they keep hearing on the news how we are losing this "war." I remind them about how the media back then was so sure that there was no way the U.S. could defeat Saddam and the Iraqi Army which was once one of the world's largest military forces, characterized by a massive, Soviet-equipped regular army, ALWAYS referred to by the liberal media as "elite" Republican Guards. HA! Well-equipped ROTC units of equal size could've easily defeated Saddam's "elite" Republic Guard. Yet another reason why we can't believe a word coming out of the alphabet soup media's mouths. Remember, Thomas Jefferson and Albert Einstein warned us about the insidious media! But even as far back as 64 A.D. when the Apostle Paul famously wrote these words to Timothy, *"For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own likings, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander into myths."* **2 Timothy 4:3-4.**

Jumping forward in time - let's not forget (but we have) the October 7, 2023 attack on Israel by Hamas where they viciously murdered approximately 1,200 innocent people including 46 Americans and took 250 hostages. Babies were beheaded and put in ovens among other of some of the most heinous atrocities committed against human beings. Some Arab countries blamed Israel because of their "occupation" of Gaza, yet, here's another example of how people don't remember and the complicit media conveniently leaves out of the stories: The Israelis completely pulled out of Gaza in 2005 - the withdrawal involved removing over 8,000 Israeli settlers and dismantling 21 settlements (plus 4 additional in the West Bank), with the military completing its exit by September 12, 2005. Then, in January 2006, Hamas was elected as the governing party in Palestine. Hamas was and is designated as a terrorist organization by the U.S. and other countries and are a proxy of Iran. Another interesting factoid and question to ask – why is it no other Arabic country or even Iran is willing to take Palestinian refugees? Hmmm???? And did you know that Arabs actually hold seats in the Israeli Knesset (their equivalent of a Parliament). Yeah, I'll bet that last one really shocked you, didn't it, pretzel boy??

¹ <https://www.magnusomnicorps.com/biden-watch.html>

EXAMPLE 3:

Below are some more examples of Iran and their direct and indirect terrorist activities against mostly Americans and Europeans and after reading this list, ask yourself these questions:

Why in the world did we allow these assaults to continue for so long?

What would Harry Truman have done had he been President? Oooo, that's going to be a tough one for the modern-day, bed-wetting Dumbocrats!!!

Now, I ask any reasonable person reading this – why in the world would we (the U.S.) continue to allow these kinds of assaults on our citizens and citizens of our allies without any significant response? Well, we did....for decades. Feckless and spineless politicians on both sides failed to seriously and **decisively** address the #1 cause of terrorism in this world, again, for decades.

The following list below and narrative was compiled from these sources, among others:

- [Hezbollah, Hamas, and More: Iran's Terror Network Around the Globe](#)
- [Brief Timeline of Iran-Sponsored Terrorism Since 1979](#)
- [Iranian and Iranian-Backed Attacks Against Americans, 1979 to Present](#)

Want to see an even bigger list? Check out: [List of Islamic Terror Attacks in Europe Since 2001](#)

WASHINGTON, D.C. – From its warmongering in Iraq, Syria, and to a degree in Yemen, to its meddling in Lebanon, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, the Palestinian territories, and Turkey, the Iranian regime and its Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), through its terrorist proxy in Lebanon, Hezbollah, have caused chaos in the Middle East region since it came to power in 1979.

The U.S. Department of State has [asserted](#) that “Iran has ... assisted in rearming Lebanese Hizballah, in direct violation of UNSCR 1701.” The State Department noted in 2014 that General Amir Ali Hajizadeh, head of the IRGC Aerospace Force, stated that “the IRGC and Hezbollah are a single apparatus jointed together.”

The following is a list of Iran-sponsored terrorist activities that have taken place since Iran's late Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi was overthrown and replaced with radical Islamic hardliner Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini:

1. **1979:** 52 American diplomats and citizens were taken from the U.S. Embassy in Tehran and [held](#) hostage for 444 days between November 4, 1979 – January 20, 1981 by a group of Iranian militant students belonging to the Muslim Student Followers of the Imam's Line, supporters of the Iranian Revolution, and with the help of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guards. During their 444 days of captivity they were subjected to psychological torture and threats of execution. [They were released the day President Ronald Reagan took office – coincidence??? I don't think so. More like fear! But they didn't worry about that from Milquetoast Jimmy!!]
2. **1982:** Between 1982 and 1992, Iran-backed Hezbollah systematically [abducted](#) a total of 96 foreign nationals, including 25 U.S. citizens, during the Lebanon Hostage Crisis. CIA Station Chief William Buckley was among the Americans killed.
3. **1983:** On April 18, 1983, an Iran-backed Hezbollah suicide bomber [rammed](#) a truck into the U.S. embassy in Beirut, Lebanon, killing 63 people, including 17 Americans, 8 of which were CIA employees.

4. **1983:** On October 23, 1983, A yellow Mercedes-Benz truck loaded with the equivalent of over 12,000 pounds of TNT smashed through the perimeter of the compound of the U.S. contingent of the Multinational Force (USMNF) at the Beirut International Airport. The truck bomb penetrated the four-story cinder block Marine Battalion Landing Team headquarters building and detonated. Iran-backed Hezbollah killed 241 Americans in a terrorist attack on the U.S. Embassy's Marine barracks in Beirut, Lebanon. Over 100 were wounded including 60 military personnel, mostly U.S. Marines. The explosion caused what was described as the "largest non-nuclear explosion that had ever been detonated on the face of the Earth," A separate, and simultaneous, suicide truck bombed and destroyed a building housing French soldiers, leaving 58 French paratroopers dead.
5. **1983:** On December 12, 1983, Iran-backed Hezbollah and Iran-backed Shiite group Da'wa bombed the U.S. embassy in Kuwait killing 6, including the suicide truck bomber and 90 injured. The suspects were thought to be members of Al Dawa, or "The Call," an Iranian-backed group.
6. **1984:** March, CIA Station Chief William Buckley kidnapped. Buckley was the fourth person to be kidnapped by militant Islamic extremists in Lebanon. The first American hostage, American University of Beirut President David Dodge, had been kidnapped in July 1982. Eventually, 30 Westerners would be kidnapped during the 10-year-long Lebanese hostage-taking crisis (1982-1992).
7. **1984:** On September 20, 1984, Iran-backed Hezbollah detonated a truck carrying explosives outside the U.S. Embassy annex in East Beirut, Lebanon, killing 24 people. Among them were two Americans. two of whom were U.S. military personnel. According to the U.S. State Department's 1999 report on terrorist organizations, elements of Iranian-backed Hezbollah are "known or suspected to have been involved" in the bombing.
8. **1984:** December, Hijacking of Kuwait Airways Flight 221: On its way from Kuwait to Pakistan, was hijacked and diverted to Tehran. The hijackers demanded the release of the Kuwait 17. When the demand wasn't met, the hijackers killed two American officials from the U.S. Agency for International Development. On the sixth day of the drama, Iranian security forces stormed the plane and released the remaining hostages. Iran arrested the hijackers, saying they would be brought to trail. But the trial never took place, and the hijackers were allowed to leave the country. There was no U.S. military response. The State Department announced a \$250,000 reward for information leading to the arrests of those involved in the hijacking. Later press reports linked Hezbollah's Imad Mughniyah to the hijackings.
9. **1985:** On Friday, June 14, Iran-backed Hezbollah hijacked TWA flight 847, flying from Cairo, Egypt, to San Diego, California, and dumped U.S. Navy Diver Robert Stethem's lifeless body onto the runway at the Beirut Airport. The hijackers sought the release of 700 Shi'ite Muslims being held as prisoners in Israel, Kuwait, and Spain. TWA Flight 847 was hijacked en route from Athens to Rome and forced to land in Beirut, Lebanon, where the hijackers held the plane for 17 days. They demanded the release of the Kuwait 17 as well as the release of 700 fellow Shiite Muslim prisoners held in Israeli prisons and in prisons in southern Lebanon run by the Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army. When these demands weren't met, hostage Robert Dean Stethem, a U.S. Navy diver, was shot and his body dumped on the airport tarmac. U.S. sources implicated Hezbollah. In what was widely perceived as an implicit, never explicit, quid pro quo, the hostages started being released by the hijackers, followed some days after by Israel starting to free some of its hundreds of Shiite prisoners. At the time, U.S. officials denied there was a deal and said Israel had already committed to releasing the prisoners. Imad Mughniyah, a senior officer with Hezbollah, was secretly indicted for the TWA hijacking in 1987, along with three others. One of those indicted, Mohammed Ali Hamadei, was arrested in Frankfurt, Germany. In 1989 he was convicted in a German court and sentenced to life in prison. [Editor's Note: Imad Mugniyah remained at large and on the FBI's Most Wanted List for 19 years, until he was killed in a car bombing in Damascus, Syria on Feb. 12, 2008.]
10. **1985:** October, Hijacking of cruise ship Achille Lauro: Off the coast of Egypt, four gunmen hijacked the Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro and demanded the release of Palestinian prisoners in Egypt, Italy, and elsewhere. When the demands weren't met, they killed Leon Klinghoffer, a 69-year-old disabled American tourist. Investigators blamed the Palestine Liberation Front, which some believed to be allied with Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Liberation Organization. Later, U.S. officials were able to link Libya to the PLF and the hijacking. After the hijackers escaped the Achille Lauro and left Egypt by air,

U.S. Navy fighters intercepted their plane and forced it down in Italy. The four hijackers were apprehended, and in 1986, they were found guilty in an Italian court. Two of the hijackers escaped from prison. One, Magid al-Molgi, who confessed to killing Mr. Klinghoffer, was caught and returned to prison. The man identified as the mastermind of the hijacking, Abu Abbas, was released by Italy despite Washington's pleas that he be held for trial.

11. **1985**, December, Bombing of Rome & Vienna Airports: Airports in Rome and Vienna were bombed, killing 20 people, five of whom were Americans. This time, U.S. officials said they were able to link Libya to the bombing attacks. In January, U.S. officials decided to send the Navy and its warplanes to patrol the Gulf of Sidra -- in territorial waters claimed by Libya -- in an effort to provoke Qaddafi. The White House warned Qaddafi that any Libyan forces further than 12 miles from shore were subject to attack. (The U.S. and other nations used an international standard, set at only 12 miles from Libya's coast, to mark the country's territorial waters; Qaddafi said that Libya's territorial waters extended more than 100 miles from the coastline.) At this point, the face-off between the U.S. and Libya escalated.
12. **1986**: April, Bombing of La Belle Discotheque: An American soldier was killed when a bomb was detonated at La Belle, a discotheque in West Berlin known to be popular with off-duty U.S. servicemen. A Turkish woman was killed, and nearly 200 others were wounded. U.S. intelligence sources identified Libya as being responsible for the attack. [For more on the evidence pointing to Libya, see interviews with Paul Bremer, Caspar Weinberger, and Robert Oakley.] In Berlin, five individuals were tried for carrying out the bombing of the discotheque. In November 2001, four of the defendants were convicted and sentenced, while the fifth was acquitted. The court found only Verena Chanaa guilty of murder; she was sentenced to 14 years. Prosecutors said Chanaa, a 42-year-old German national, brought the bomb into the disco in a handbag. Three other defendants were all convicted of multiple counts of attempted murder. Yasir Shraydi, a Palestinian who was said to have assembled the bomb, was sentenced to 14 years, while Musbah Eter, a Libyan diplomat, and Verena Chanaa's former husband, Palestinian Ali Chanaa, were sentenced to 12 years apiece. Verena Chanaa's sister, 36-year-old Andrea Haeusler, was acquitted. She had accompanied Verena Chanaa to the disco on the night of the bombing. After U.S. intelligence intercepted Libyan government communications implicating Libya in the La Belle disco attack, President Reagan ordered retaliatory air strikes on Tripoli and Benghazi. The operation on April 15, 1986, dubbed Operation El Dorado Canyon, involved 200 aircraft and over 60 tons of bombs. One of the residences of Libyan leader Muammar el-Qaddafi was hit in the attack, which, according to Libyan estimates, killed 37 people and injured 93 others. As a result of this American operation, U.S. national security officials say Libyan-sponsored terrorism ceased "for a long time." (See interviews with Robert Oakley and L. Paul Bremer.) Two days after the U.S. retaliatory attack, the bodies of three American University of Beirut employees -- American Peter Kilburn and Britons John Douglas and Philip Padfield -- were discovered near Beirut shot to death. The Arab Revolutionary Cells, a pro-Libyan group of Palestinians affiliated with terrorist Abu Nidal, claimed to have executed the three men in retaliation for Operation El Dorado Canyon.
13. **1987**: Hezbollah al-Hejaz, the Saudi-backed branch of Hezbollah, together with the help of the IRGC, carried out two attacks between 1987 and 1988. First, they [bombed](#) a gas facility in Ras al-Juaymah, Saudi Arabia, in August 1987. Then, in March 1988, they [bombed](#) a petrochemical plant in Jubail and an oil refinery in the Saudi City of Ras Tanura.
14. **1988**: United Nations Diplomat Robert Higgins was [kidnapped](#) in South Lebanon. Although the exact date of his murder is uncertain, he was declared dead on July 6, 1990.
15. **1988**: December, Bombing of Pan Am Flight 103: Pan Am Flight 103 from London to New York exploded over the small town of Lockerbie, Scotland. All 259 people on board were killed, along with 11 on the ground. According to the State Department's "Patterns of Global Terrorism, 1991," released in April 1992, the bombing of Pan Am 103 "was an action authorized by the Libyan Government." Though there were reports that Syria and Iran also played significant roles in the attack, U.S. officials were never able to tie the two countries to the bombing. No one has ever taken credit for planting the bomb. In May 2000 the trial of the two Libyan intelligence officers charged with planting the bomb started in the Netherlands. It ended in February 2001 with the conviction of defendant Abdelbaset Ali

Mohmed al-Megrahi; he received a life sentence. The other defendant, Al Amin Khalifa Fhimah, was acquitted and set free.

16. **1989:** On July 13, 1989, then Secretary-General of the Kurdish Democratic Party of Iran (KDPI) Dr. Abdul-Rahman Ghassemlou was [murdered](#) in Vienna, Austria along with two of his associates where he was meeting secretly with Iran's then-President Hashemi Rafsanjani. Austrian sources have reportedly [connected](#) Dr. Ghassemlou's assassination to former Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad through the sale of weapons.
17. **1989:** July, Hezbollah operatives [kill](#) U.S. Marine Corps Col. William Higgins after kidnapping him the previous year while on a United Nations peacekeeping mission in southern Lebanon.
18. **1991:** On August 8, 1991, Iranian politician Shapour Bakhtiar, the last Iranian prime minister prior to the Islamic Revolution of 1979, was [murdered](#) by Islamic regime operatives.
19. **1992:** On March 17, 1992, Iran-backed Hezbollah [carried](#) out a suicide bombing on the Israeli embassy in Buenos Aires, Argentina, leaving 29 people killed and injuring 242 others.
20. **1992:** On September 17, 1992, the Iranian regime and then-Minister of Intelligence Ali Fallahian [executed](#) the murder of four Iranian Kurds at the Mykonos Café in Greece. The murder also included Dr. Mohammad Sadegh Sharafkandi, then-leader of the KDPI.
21. **1994:** On July 18, 1994, the Iranian regime [bombed](#) the AMIA Jewish community center in Buenos Aires, Argentina, leaving 85 people dead and injuring 300 others. This attack was the deadliest in the history of the Western Hemisphere prior to September 11, 2001.
22. **1995:** April, an explosives-laden van crashes into a bus near Kfar Darom in the Gaza Strip, [killing](#) one American and seven Israelis. Palestinian Islamic Jihad claims responsibility.
23. **1995:** August, a Hamas suicide bomber [blows up](#) a bus in the Ramat Eshkol neighborhood of Jerusalem, killing an American and three other passengers and wounding more than 100.
24. **1996:** February, a Hamas suicide bomber [blows up](#) a Jerusalem bus, killing three Americans and wounding three other Americans. A total of 26 people die in the attack.
25. **1996:** March a suicide bomber [blows up](#) the Dizengoff shopping center in Tel Aviv, wounding two Americans. Twenty people die and 75 others are injured in the attack. Both Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad claim responsibility.
26. **1996:** May, Gunmen [kill](#) an American-Israeli dual citizen in the community of Beit El in the West Bank. Another U.S. citizen and three Israelis are wounded. No group claims responsibility, but Israel suspects Hamas or Palestinian Islamic Jihad.
27. **1996:** June, a truck carrying 5,000 pounds of explosives [blows up](#) the Khobar Towers, a U.S. Air Force housing complex in the Saudi Arabian town of Khobar. Nineteen Americans die and some 500 people are injured. The Iran-backed Hezbollah Al Hijaz, a terrorist group in Saudi Arabia, is deemed responsible.
28. **1997:** June, three Hamas suicide bombers [blow themselves up](#) at the Ben Yehuda shopping mall in Jerusalem, killing a U.S.-Israeli dual citizen and wounding seven other American citizens. Four other people die and nearly 200 are wounded in the attack.
29. **1998:** August, with the assistance of Hezbollah, al Qaeda suicide bombers almost simultaneously blow up the U.S. Embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, [killing](#) 224 people, including 12 Americans, and wounding thousands. According to the [9/11 Commission Report](#), al Qaeda developed "the tactical expertise for such attacks months earlier, when some of its operatives — top military committee members and several operatives who were involved with the Kenya cell among them — were sent to Hezbollah training camps in Lebanon."
30. **1996:** On June 25, 1996, fourteen members of the Iran-backed Saudi branch of Hezbollah [bombed](#) the Khobar Towers in Saudi Arabia, leaving 19 U.S. airmen dead and 372 injured.
31. **2000:** On October 7, 2000, Iran-backed Hezbollah forces [abducted](#) three Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) soldiers from the Israeli side of the border with Lebanon. Benny Avraham, Adi Avitan, and Omar Souad's bodies were returned to Israel in 2004 in exchange for the release of 400 Palestinian prisoners.
32. **2001:** August, a Hamas suicide bomber [blows up](#) the Sbarro pizzeria in Jerusalem, killing a U.S.-Israeli dual citizen and two other Americans. A total of 15 people die in the attack.

33. **2001:** September 11, While the [9/11 Commission Report](#) concludes that Iran had no foreknowledge of al Qaeda's attacks on the World Trade Center, the report indicates that Tehran facilitated the travel of some of the terrorists. "In sum," the report notes, "there is strong evidence that Iran facilitated the transit of al Qaeda members into and out of Afghanistan before 9/11, and that some of these were future 9/11 hijackers."
34. **2002:** January, gunmen affiliated with the Iran-backed al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigade [kill](#) a U.S.-Israel dual citizen and wound another individual in the West Bank community of Beit Sahur.
35. **2002:** July, a bomb planted by a Hamas terrorist [kills](#) five Americans at Jerusalem's Hebrew University, killing five American students, including an American-Israeli dual citizen and an American-French dual citizen. A total of nine people died in the attack.
36. **2003:** June, an American citizen, along with 16 other people, [died](#) when a Hamas terrorist blew himself up on a bus in Jerusalem.
37. **2003:** October, terrorists from the Iran-backed [Popular Resistance Committees](#) kill [three U.S. diplomatic personnel](#) in a bombing in Gaza.
38. **2003-2011:** Iranian-backed militias kill at least 603 U.S. troops in Iraq, [according](#) to the Pentagon. Iranian [training and material support](#) for Iraqi militias during the surge greatly increased the difficulty of U.S. forces to combat the insurgency and included some of the deadliest weapons used against American troops, including explosively formed penetrators (EFPs) and improvised explosive devices (IEDs).
39. **2003:** August, a Hamas suicide bomber [blows up](#) a bus in Jerusalem, killing five Americans and wounding one other American. A total of 24 people died in the attack.
40. **2005:** On February 14, 2005, Iran-backed Hezbollah [assassinated](#) Lebanese Prime Minister Rafic Hariri, along with 21 others, in an explosion in Beirut.
41. **2006:** On July 12, 2006, Iran-backed Hezbollah [infiltrated](#) Israel in a raid, killing seven IDF soldiers in a conflict that would continue for a month.
42. **2006:** August, Hezbollah fighters [kill](#) American citizen Michael Levin, a soldier in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF), during the Second Lebanon War. He is the only American to die in the conflict.
43. **2007:** January, twelve men affiliated with the Quds Force of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) [disguised](#) themselves as U.S. soldiers, entered the Provincial Joint Coordination Center in the Iraqi city of Karbala, killed five U.S. soldiers, and wounded another three. In 2019, the U.S. State Department [issued](#) a \$15 million bounty for information on an IRGC Quds Force commander who planned the attack and other "assassinations of coalition forces in Iraq."
44. **2007:** In March 2007, the Asaib Ahl al-Haq (AAH) terrorist group, directed by the IRGC-Quds Force, oversaw an attack that [killed](#) five U.S. soldiers in Karbala. The group's leader, Sheikh Qais al-Khazali, directed this attack.
45. **2007:** Sheikh Qais al-Khazali organized the [kidnapping](#) of five British men in Iraq.
46. **2009:** Certain paramilitary groups in Iraq are affiliated with the IRGC and are engaged in terrorism and crimes against humanity. On June 24, 2009, the State Department [designated](#) Kataib Hezbollah (KH), a paramilitary group in Iraq affiliated with the IRGC, a terrorist organization. The group was responsible for attacks on U.S. forces, including the bombing of a U.S. Embassy in Iraq. The group's head currently reports directly to Quds Force Commander Qasem Soleimani.
47. **2011:** In October 2011, dual U.S.-Iranian citizen Mansoor Arbabsiar and IRGC-Quds Forces commander Gholam Shakuri planned to bomb a restaurant in Washington, D.C., in order to target then Saudi Ambassador to Washington, Adel al-Jubeir. The plan was [thwarted](#).
48. **2012:** Between February 13 and 14, 2012, members of the IRGC attempted to [assassinate](#) the wife of an Israeli diplomat in New Delhi, India. The wife and her driver were injured after the device planted on their car detonated.
49. **2012:** In March 2012, IRGC-backed terrorists targeted U.S. and Israeli officials in an Azerbaijan-based terror plot. Arrests [prevented](#) the plots from being carried out.
50. **2012:** On July 18, 2012, Iran-backed Hezbollah bombed a bus in Bulgaria, [killing](#) five Israeli tourists and the bus driver and injuring more than 30 others.
51. **2014:** July, Hamas terrorists [kill](#) two Americans serving in the IDF during fighting between the terrorist group and Israel in Gaza as part of Operation Protective Edge.

52. **2015:** In August 2015, Kuwait [foiled](#) an Iran-backed Hezbollah terror plot meant to destabilize Kuwait, which is located to the southeast of Iraq, where Tehran has a heavy presence.
53. **2015:** October, Hamas terrorists [kill](#) an American citizen and his wife, residents of the West Bank community of Neria, in their car in a drive-by shooting.
54. **2015:** In December 2015, members of Iran-backed Kataib Hezbollah in Iraq kidnapped 29 Qatari falcon hunters in the Iraqi desert only to [release](#) them over a year later in exchange for [hundreds](#) of millions of dollars in ransom. Since then, nearly a dozen planned terrorist attacks by Iran-backed Hezbollah have been thwarted.
55. **2019:** December, rockets [fired](#) by Kataib Hezbollah, an Iran-backed militia, kills an American security contractor and wounds several U.S. service members and Iraqi personnel at the K1 military base in the Iraqi city of Kirkuk.
56. **2020:** January, a direct Iranian ballistic missile attack against the Ain al-Asad airbase in Iraq [causes](#) more than 100 U.S. troops to suffer traumatic brain injuries.
57. **2020:** March, the family of former FBI agent Robert Levinson, who disappeared in Iran in 2007, [announces](#) that he likely died in an Iranian prison at an unknown date.
58. **2020:** September, U.S. intelligence reports [indicate](#) that Iran is weighing a plot to assassinate U.S. Ambassador to South Africa Lana Marks.
59. **2021:** February, a rocket fired by an Iran-backed militia at coalition forces in the Iraqi city of Erbil [wounds](#) a U.S. service member and four U.S. civilian contractors.
60. **2021:** July, Iranian-backed militias [conduct](#) at least three rocket and drone attacks against U.S. forces in 24 hours in Iraq and Syria, wounding two U.S. service members.
61. **2022:** September, an Iranian rocket attack [kills](#) an American citizen in Iraqi Kurdistan.
62. **2022:** November, a captain in Iran's IRGC [orchestrates](#) the killing of an American citizen living in Baghdad who worked at an English language institute.
63. **2023:** March, an Iranian drone [kills](#) an American contractor and wounds five service members and another contractor when it strikes a coalition base near the Syrian city of Hasakah.
64. **2023:** October 7th, Hamas [kills](#) at least 48 Americans and kidnaps at least 12 Americans in a massacre of 1,200 people in southern Israel.
65. **2023:** December, a drone attack [conducted](#) by an Iranian-backed Iraqi militia against U.S. forces in Erbil wounds three American soldiers, including [one](#) critically injured with shrapnel to the head that placed him in a coma.
66. **2024:** January, a drone launched by Kataib Hezbollah [kills](#) three U.S. soldiers at a U.S. military base in Jordan and wounded more than 40 other service members.
67. **2024:** October, Iran [executes](#) German-Iranian national and U.S. permanent resident Jamshid Sharmahd on fraudulent terrorism charges.
68. **2024:** November, a [report](#) released by the Foundation for Defense of Democracies indicates that Iran and its proxies have conducted more than 180 attacks against U.S. forces in the Middle East between October 17, 2023, and November 19, 2024, [resulting](#) in more than 180 wounded and three killed U.S. service members.
69. **2024:** November, the U.S. Department of Justice [announces](#) charges against an Iranian national and two American accomplices for plotting to assassinate President Trump.
70. **2025:** March, a U.S. jury [convicts](#) two agents of Iran for plotting to assassinate Iranian-American journalist Masih Alinejad in New York in 2022.
71. **2025:** June, at least three U.S. bases in Syria and two [U.S. bases](#) in Iraq are [attacked](#) with missiles or drones, likely by Iranian-backed militias.
72. **2026:** Iran slaughters somewhere between 30-50,000 of its own citizens for protesting the government.

What is not included in this list is the number of people, mostly Israelis, killed by Palestinian suicide bombers, so here are those stats:

Between 1994 and 2005, Palestinian suicide bombings killed approximately 735 Israelis and wounded over 4,500, with a sharp concentration of over 525 deaths occurring during the Second Intifada (2000–2005).

These attacks, largely targeting buses and public spaces, were primarily carried out by Hamas and Islamic Jihad.

- **1994-2005 (Major Period):** Around 735 Israelis were killed in suicide attacks.
- **Second Intifada (2000-2005):** 525 Israeli lives were lost to suicide bombings.
- **Mid-1990s:** Attacks during this period accounted for at least 86 deaths between 1993 and 1995.
- **Key Attacks:** The Passover massacre (2002) killed 30, and multiple Jerusalem bus bombings in 1996 killed over 40.

The IRGC could be designated a terrorist organization under Executive Order 13224, first [signed](#) by President George W. Bush on September 23, 2001.

In February, the National Council of Resistance of Iran (NCRI)—an exiled Iranian resistance group affiliated with the Mujahedin-e-Khalq (MEK)—[published](#) a detailed intelligence report specifying the scope of terrorist training camps run by the IRGC and Quds Forces within Iran for the specific purpose of training foreign mercenaries. The report showed how the IRGC poaches Afghani and Pakistani recruits and brings them to Syria and Iraq to carry out the Iranian regime’s dirty work.

“Every month, hundreds of forces from Iraq, Syria, Yemen, Afghanistan, and Lebanon—countries where the regime is involved in frontline combat—receive military training and are subsequently dispatched to wage terrorism and war,” the report states. The IRGC reportedly also recruits people from Shiite-majority but Sunni-governed Bahrain.

The report also alleges that IRGC terrorist trainees first are sent for ideological indoctrination at the Imam Ali Academy in Tajrish, Tehran, and thereafter sent to one of the following camps for training in specific areas:

The Imam Ali Garrison (various means of training), Baadindeh Center in Varamin (urban warfare training), Malek Ashtar Camp in Amol (survival training), Semnan Center (missile training), Lowshan Garrison (specialized training), Telecabin Axis (commando training), Abadan (marine warfare training), Ahwaz (marine warfare training), Qeshm Axis (marine warfare training), Mashhad Center (Afghan forces training), Pazouki Garrison (Afghan forces for Syria deployment), Chamran Garrison (Afghan forces for Syria deployment), Shahriar Garrison (Afghan forces for Syria deployment)

On Friday, President Donald Trump authorized the U.S. Department of Treasury to sanction the IRGC as a terrorist organization under terrorism Executive Order 13224, a move the leader of the free world said was “long overdue.”

Some analysts have argued that declaring the IRGC as such would result in retaliation and endanger U.S. personnel in the region. Others have suggested designating the IRGC would undermine the fight against the Islamic State (ISIS, ISIL, Daesh). However, it is critical to note that the IRGC has helped prop the Islamic State they now fight up through the promotion of their puppet governments in Syria and Iraq, both of which are essentially under Tehran’s control.

So after reading all that, any reasonable person has to ask themselves, why in the world would the leaders of 190 mostly civilized countries in this world tolerate this kind of activity against its citizenry?? More seriously, though, why would they tolerate it for almost HALF A CENTURY???? Well, we kicked the can down the road, hoping that appeasement, talks, treaties, etc., would constrain Iran. Here again, we forgot history – how well did that strategy work against Hitler? The Ayatollah was no less deranged, if not more so, than Hitler was and bent on all kinds of genocide. There are no peaceful uses for uranium enriched above 5%, but in recent negotiation talks, Iran admitted to having approximately 1,000 pounds of 60% enriched uranium. At that point, it only takes about 2 weeks to enrich it to 90%, which can be used in a nuclear weapon and we now know that they definitely had the ballistic missile capability to reach the farthest

points in northern Europe with those missiles and again, they have been threatening to wipe out Israel and the U.S. for decades. So would you have rather waited for them to build a nuclear missile or pre-emptively eliminate their capacity to build and launch it. I think based on that list, we should be thankful that President Trump had the Spaldings to take the actions he has because no other president did. And if anyone reading that doesn't like that assessment, I got two words for you....TOUGH SHIT!!! Sometimes the truth hurts, snowflakes!

No one wants war and we, the citizens of the United States, certainly don't want to see our sons and daughters lives put at risk in some kind of conflict, but as the book title says, "Sometimes Violence IS the Answer." Please pray for the safety of our GI's, peace in the Middle East, and all those affected by this conflict, especially the good people of Iran who just want their freedom from a brutal, murderous, totalitarian regime – it has to FINALLY go!!