

Cease Fire & The Numbers

Let's make this very clear...there is NO peace treaty between Iran and the USA. There is a ceasefire...a "make believe" agreement...that is not holding and was never signed and is pretty much worthless.

Also, let's be clear...When Trump talks about all of list of US demands that Iran has agreed to...he ~~is~~ ~~lying~~ has knowingly misspoken. Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Saeed Khatibzadeh also said his country will not hand over its enriched uranium to the United States as Trump has repeatedly said.

Further, Iran shut the Strait of Hormuz back down Saturday due to the US keeping the blockade in place although the US said it wouldn't as they sat across the negotiating table from the Iranians. So now we have both Iran and the US (i.e. Trump) slowing or stopping shipping in the Strait of Hormuz...costing the world 100's of billions of dollars...thank you DD.

Iran agreed to the ceasefire only after gaining the upper hand and making Trump stop Israel from their Lebanon genocide.

When Trump reneged on the Strait being opened, Iran reimposed its closure of the Strait, then called off any face-to-face negotiations, and has since attacked multiple ships...that the US military was unable to prevent. This was all due to Trump's position on key points; nuclear program, sanctions, maritime control, and regional military activity. Iran is controlling the situation and the narrative. Trump is delusional when talking about what is happening with negotiations...and has ~~lied~~ misspoken almost continually about it. Around the world everyone has learned that no one can trust Trump...he has lost all credibility.

Trump continues his war on previous MAGA supporters, Catholics, and Christians. His support is plummeting...overall he has lost 10% of his 2024 voter base...as they now "disapprove" of him. He has all but lost the "independent" voters. And that march out the door is accelerating...mostly due to the crumbling economy and Trump's warmongering. There was a 16pt swing in just the last week. It now appears the Trump (republicans) will for sure lose Georgia, North Carolina, & Iowa in the mid-terms. If the trajectory keeps going the way it is currently; Ohio, Maine, Alaska, & possibly Texas are likely heading into the democrat camp as well, even with only a couple of wins among those states. That would ensure the Senate moves to dem control. With only 3 – 5 House seat needed by Dems...control of the House is almost assured going to the dems.

And Trump is not just losing on the war...only 34% approve of his ICE immigration policies. And that is after Trump re-framed that policy. Meaning...no one bought his constant stream of BS after ICE killed a couple of US citizens. Even a growing percentage of MAGA voters are now disapproving of his immigration policy.

On the economy only about 30% of voters approve of his handling. That 30% shows a massive loss among MAGA voters abandoning Trump on the economy. And you can understand why...Trump has tanked the economy and it is getting worse. April inflation number is predicted to be at March's level or slightly higher; the highest in two years...higher than when Trump took office. That clearly shows why less than 30% approve of his handling of inflation...another large exit of MAGA folks.

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Doubt me? Remember in 2024 when Trump promised “*Starting on Day 1, we will end inflation and make America affordable again.*” and “*When I win, I will immediately bring prices down.*” It’s been just the opposite...growing inflation and even less affordable under Trump. Numbers prove that to be true. Yeah, and folks wonder why the vast majority of people don’t believe Trump anymore about anything. Only 22% of Americans think Trump is honest. I truly wonder who they are! Notice that also means a large percentage of MAGA don’t even think he’s honest.

Why are these numbers important...mid-terms. Trump single-handedly will hand Congress over to the Democrats. And then political hell on earth descends on Trump...rightfully so. Trump is out-of-step with the vast majority of Americans. “Wrong Track” poll numbers show nearly 60% of Americans see the USA on the wrong track as a country. When wrong track stays above 55%, incumbents usually face real trouble in mid-term elections. Only about 1/3rd of the country believes the USA is on the right track.

There is another whole reason why I relate numbers other than just staying abreast of where we are politically...conflict. Conflict comes from a disagreement in a power dynamic. And right now the country has a huge disagreement in our power dynamic. Trump thinks he reigns supreme...untouchable...able to do anything, say anything without serious challenge. And in a way, he is right. Problem is...he’s too dumb to be omnipotent.

But, the citizens of the US...the vast majority of US citizens...not only don’t agree with him, they disapprove of him. So Trump has the power, but the people have the numbers. At some point the dynamic could/will shift. When that happens Trump will have some power, but the people will have more power. That results is a HUGE problem in the power dynamic. Trump still wants to be omnipotent...but the people are finally able to restrain him. Then there are two incredibly important questions:

1. What does Trump do when he finds himself restrained?
2. What do the people do when Trump doesn’t act as they wish?

Think that through. The United States, the whole world actually, is on a razor thin edge of civility. What happens when we fall off that edge? Some argue we’ve already fall off the edge. Neither side presents a soft landing. Trump is the master of creating chaos, confusion, contention, and conflict...no one does it better. But what are the dems capable of if they gain control of Congress?

Here is my point, my concern...have you done what you can to prepare for that when it comes?

Okay, that is a wrap...just wanted to keep you up to date on the world as AH sees it.