

THE U.S. IS THREATENING IRAN, NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND

To the west of Iran is U.S.-occupied Iraq... To the east is U.S.-occupied Afghanistan... Nuclear-armed Israel is nearby... The U.S. has two aircraft carriers in the gulf as a "reminder" to Iran... The US is funding terror groups in Iran to sow chaos... The CIA is conducting "black-ops" in Iran...

The U.S. government and media are trying to convince you that Iran is a threat, but the obvious truth is the U.S. is doing the threatening. Keep in mind that we were lied to about Iraq. It's happening again with Iran.

THE U.S. HAS NUKES. WHY CAN'T IRAN?

A December 2007 U.S. National Intelligence report said that Iran stopped nuclear weapons work in 2003. The CIA and the UN Nuclear watchdog have said there's no evidence Iran is developing nuclear weapons. Yet the politicians say Iran is developing nukes. But even if Iran WERE building a nuclear bomb, what gives the U.S. the right to tell Iran they can't have one? Is the U.S. going to destroy its 10,000 nukes?

WHO HAS A HISTORY OF VIOLENCE?

Name one country that Iran has attacked since 1776? The U.S., on the other hand has been involved in endless and illegal wars of aggression since its inception.

IRANIAN PRESIDENT AHMADINEJAD

Iran's president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad did NOT say Israel should be 'wiped off the map.' What he said is "... this regime occupying Jerusalem must vanish from the page of time". Also, Ahmadinejad recently stated that he does NOT deny the Holocaust, contrary to mainstream reports. And finally, unlike in the United States, the president of Iran does not have the ability to declare war against another country.

WHAT ABOUT THE U.S. HOSTAGES TAKEN BY IRAN

That was in response to the U.S. demolishing Iran's democracy when the CIA overthrew Iranian president Mossadeqh. After the US reinserted the shah, thousands of innocent Iranians were killed with US support. Following the hostage situation, the US supported Saddam Hussein's chemical war against Iran in the 1980's in which hundreds of thousands of Iranians died. Additionally the USS Vincennes shot down an Iranian passenger jet that it had 'mistaken' for a hostile Iranian fighter aircraft, killing all 290 people on board.

IS IRAN KILLING U.S. TROOPS IN IRAQ?

Not according to former top U.S. military official Peter Pace, who said there's no evidence of Iranian involvement in Iraq. But even if there were evidence, it would not justify an attack on Iran. What would America do if Canada and Mexico, for instance, were attacked and occupied by another country that was hostile towards the U.S.? Wouldn't it send troops in to fight the invaders?

BASIC LOGIC

If Iran were to attack Israel or the U.S., Iran knows it would be wiped off the map, so why would they do it? Iran is not going to attack the U.S. or Israel. Don't let our country attack Iran.

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