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The Madness of King Trump: War Games, War Crimes and a Wrecking Ball Presidency

Dysfunction, decadence, depravity and a death cult: that, in a nutshell, sums up the mindset now at the heart of the Trump administration.

Troubling reports have surfaced that [apocalyptic Christian rhetoric is being used to justify the Trump administration's attacks on Iran](#) as part of an "end-times" struggle between good and evil. "[President Trump has been anointed by Jesus to light the signal fire in Iran to cause Armageddon and mark his return to Earth](#)," one commander told his combat unit.



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The Military Religious Freedom Foundation has received more than 100 complaints that military commanders have characterized Trump's attacks on Iran as a religious war.

Once war is framed as a holy mission, cruelty quickly becomes a virtue.

Measured against that standard, what we are witnessing now should alarm anyone who values human life or constitutional government.

The pattern extends far beyond the battlefield.

With each new release from the Epstein files, another allegation of depravity surfaces involving Donald Trump.

Meanwhile, the Trump administration continues to double down on cruelty, inhumanity, and a wrecking-ball approach to governing.

Every moment Congress allows this madness and corruption to continue, more innocent people die — and the American dream of a nation built on liberty, justice and opportunity dies a little more.

That taxpayers are being forced to fund this evil masquerading as governance only deepens the outrage. In the first two days of the U.S. war with Iran alone, the Pentagon reportedly used roughly [\\$5.6 billion worth of munitions](#) — spent in service of a war Congress never authorized.

Congress has failed in its duty to act as a guardrail against executive excess and overreach. Its inaction is not merely partisan — it is a betrayal of "we the people."

The Supreme Court has deferred, deflected and delayed in holding the president accountable to the rule of law, which reveals exactly where their allegiance lies — and it is not with the Constitution.

Now we have war crimes to add to the list of moral failings by the people supposedly in charge.

Leading news outlets, including the *New York Times*, report that it is likely the U.S. military was not only responsible for the [Tomahawk missile that killed a school of over 165 Iranian girls](#), but may have



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carried out a [double tap strike](#) — a tactic widely condemned as a war crime under international humanitarian law — to target any parents and officials attempting to rescue survivors.

Pete Hegseth, the self-dubbed Secretary of War, has publicly [boasted about directing a U.S. submarine attack on an Iranian naval vessel in international waters](#) — an action critics argue could constitute a violation of international law.

We should be better than this.

If ever there were a time to draw a line in the sand, it is now.

We are long past the point of partisan nitpicking over which politician's positions are marginally better than another's.

This is no longer a debate about Democrats vs. Republicans, Christians vs. non-Christians, or citizens vs. immigrants.

It is about the extent to which the U.S. government has been overtaken by a cabal of immoral, amoral, and power-hungry demagogues who have been playing reckless and costly war games with people's lives, livelihoods, and freedoms for far too long.

Without presenting any credible case of an imminent threat requiring offensive war maneuvers by the military without congressional authorization — first in Iran to destroy their supposed nuclear labs, then against shipping vessels in the Caribbean, then in Venezuela to kidnap the nation's president, and now again in Iran — Trump is attempting to normalize brutality, aggression and thuggery as the defining characteristics of American leadership.

In the process, he risks staining the reputation of the American military itself.

The rhetoric and imagery being pushed by the Trump administration is in-your-face, unapologetically glorifying war, death and destruction.

In one Truth Social post, [Trump warned that "Death, Fire, and Fury will reign upon them"](#) if Iran does anything to stop the flow of oil within the Strait of Hormuz.

In one [Facebook post](#), captioned "We have Only Just Begun to Fight," the so-called Department of War depicts a missile with the words "No mercy" superimposed over it. This from the same Secretary of War who has tattooed a cross on his body, invited his own pastor to preach at the Pentagon, and repeatedly speaks of his Christian faith in one breath while bragging that "[America is winning decisively, devastatingly, and without mercy.](#)" Hegseth might need to be reminded of Matthew 5:7: "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy."

This rhetoric is not accidental. It reflects a deliberate attempt to normalize brutality as a virtue. The language being embraced by Trump officials — especially Hegseth — takes open pride in violence.

"This was never meant to be a fair fight. [We are punching them while they are down](#), as it should be," Hegseth bragged about the U.S. military's attacks on Iran, which have reportedly [resulted in more than 1,000 civilian deaths so far](#), including hundreds of children.

The kill talk has been accompanied by a social media presence straight out of Stanley Kubrick's *Dr. Strangelove* and the [video game Call of Duty](#), in which images of battle, war and destruction are glorified and presented as noble.

When this kind of propaganda becomes the public face of American leadership, it signals a government



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that has lost its moral bearings.

It must be said: Donald Trump is no longer fit for office.

Whether the problem is [cognitive decline](#), moral corruption, or simply a president more interested in personal power and wealth than constitutional duty, the result is the same: a government untethered from competence, restraint and accountability.

Donald Trump is not making America great again. He is not making America (or Iran) safe again. He is not making America healthy again. And he is certainly not making America wealthy again.

So where does that leave us?

A president who wages unauthorized wars, glorifies civilian casualties, and openly flirts with war crimes cannot remain in office.

As James Madison warned, the accumulation of power in a single set of hands “may justly be pronounced the very definition of tyranny.”

The remedy is the same one the founders provided for moments like this: impeachment.

Impeach them all — from the president on down.

As I make clear in my book [Battlefield America: The War on the American People](#) and in its fictional counterpart [The Erik Blair Diaries](#), every official who has betrayed the Constitution and the American people must be held accountable, regardless of party.

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