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GOP Sen. Lindsey Graham Dies; Advocated More War to His Last Day

Senator Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, who died Saturday night, spent the last days of his life advocating for more war in Iran and more conflict with Russia.

Graham was 71 when he died after a “sudden illness,” [his office said](#). The office did not say what befell the Israel First senator. *The Washington Post* reported rescue efforts at Graham’s home that suggest he suffered a heart attack.

A day before he died, he again threatened Russia with sanctions and proxy war through Ukraine. And just last week, he again said the United States must “obliterate” Iran. In 2024, he suggested that Israel should hit Iran with a nuclear weapon because the United States had done the same to Japan.

In 2022, he called for the assassination of Russian President Vladimir Putin.



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Breaking news: Lindsey Graham, a longtime Republican senator from South Carolina, died Saturday night, his office said in a statement. <https://t.co/ODaEojI9rT>
[pic.twitter.com/a9PgafpuMa](https://t.co/ODaEojI9rT)

— The Washington Post (@washingtonpost) [July 12, 2026](#)

“Chest Pains”

On Friday, [Graham visited](#) a secret drone factory in Kyiv, Ukraine. While there, as was his wont, he urged more U.S. involvement with the dictatorship. He met with “President” Volodymyr Zelensky and urged U.S. cooperation “with Ukraine in the field of drones. They are ready to help us, because we were ready to support Ukraine in the most difficult times.”

Before leaving, Graham said he would push the U.S. Senate and President Donald Trump to wage more kinetic and economic war on Russia.

“We’ve reached agreement with the White House on a version of the Russian sanctions bill that they will support,” he [told reporters](#) after the tour:

It means it’s gonna become law. So when I get back to Washington, I’m gonna go with [Democratic] Senator [Richard] Blumenthal [of Connecticut] to the Republican and Democratic leader[s] to see if we can find time to move this Russian sanctions package that would give tools to President Trump to help end this war.



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He [continued](#):

There's some things we can do on the technology front to build on the lethality of Ukraine to protect itself from ballistic missile attack. If we did that, combined with creating tools to punish those countries that prop up Putin, that make money off this war, then I think we've got the best chance since I've been coming here in the last five years to get Putin to the peace table.

Some X users speculated that Russia assassinated Graham. Others pondered Iran's possible role in his death given the recent protest that featured placards of Graham, chicken-hawk podcaster Ben Shapiro, billionaire Israel loyalist Miriam Adelson, and other Israel Firsters with crosshairs on their foreheads.

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— Kate from Kharkiv (@BohuslavskKate) [July 10, 2026](#)

Russian opposition figure Igor Eidman claimed that Lindsey Graham may have been killed by Kremlin intelligence services

According to sociologist Eidman, two factors point in this direction — the timing and the location.

Moscow had a motive: Graham actively advocated for... <https://t.co/AbEeNZNQkd>
pic.twitter.com/K7G1i1xDkq

— NEXTA (@nexta_tv) [July 12, 2026](#)

But citing audio from a 911 call, the [Post reported](#) that “emergency medical services received a call around 8:30 p.m. for a person suffering chest pains at a Capitol Hill home owned by Graham.”

As well, the newspaper continued, paramedics performed CPR on a “man” at the residence who suffered cardiac arrest. An ambulance took the man to George Washington University Hospital.

5 days ago.. Lindsey Graham responded to a call for his assassination at the funeral of Khamenei.

He was one amongst several signs calling for assassination being held:

- President Trump
- Ben Shapiro
- Jigsaw
- Miriam Adelson
- Lindsey Graham



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— Mark Dubowitz
— Peter Thiel

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— MJTruthUltra (@MJTruthUltra) [July 12, 2026](#)

Advocate for Perpetual War

Iran and Russia won't miss him.

Most recently, on CBS's *Face the Nation* [Graham said](#) Trump should "obliterate" Iran, then seize the Strait of Hormuz and charge fees to traverse it if peace talks fail:

If this deal fails, President Trump is going to take the Strait of Hormuz over by force. The United States will control the Strait of Hormuz. We'll charge a fee for all those who go through ... to pay for the operation, and we're going to expand the Abraham Accords in calendar year 2026. We're going to get Saudi Arabia to join the Abraham Accords ... which is the biggest change in 5,000 years in the Mideast. And if Iran contests control of the Strait of Hormuz by the United States, we will obliterate them. So, to all the people listening, if this diplomatic effort fails, President Trump is going to take the Strait of Hormuz.

In mid-May, on NBC's *Meet the Press*, he urged Trump to escalate his unconstitutional war on Iran by wrecking its oil industry.

"Whatever price we have to pay, we will pay," [he said](#):

What did Churchill say? Whatever price we have to pay to beat Hitler, we will pay. Same with Iran.

In March, he urged an attack on Kharg Island, the center of Iran's petroleum industry, by U.S. Marines. "We've got two Marine Expeditionary Units sailing to this island," [he said](#):

We did Iwo Jima. We can do this. My money is always on the Marines.

"I'm with Israel ... till our dying day," [Graham told](#) chicken-hawk Fox bloviator Sean Hannity earlier that month. "[When] I go back to South Carolina, I'm asking them to send their sons and daughters to the Middle East," he said.

This is an insane thing for a United States senator to say. Totally indefensible.
<https://t.co/6rRhkv1xSG>

— Matt Walsh (@MattWalshBlog) [March 10, 2026](#)

"We're killing all the right people, and we're cutting your taxes," [Graham said](#) in November:

Trump is my favorite president. We've run out of bombs, we didn't run out of bombs in World War II. ... We love Israel.



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On May 12, 2024, on *Meet the Press*, hostess Kristen Welker asked why Israel needed “massive bombs that can potentially level an entire block.”

Graham suggested hitting Iran with a nuclear weapon:

Here’s what I would say about fighting an enemy who wants to kill you and your family. Why did we drop two bombs — nuclear bombs — on Hiroshima and Nagasaki? To end a war that we couldn’t afford to lose. You don’t understand apparently what Israel is facing. They’re facing three groups. Iran, who has received \$80 billion in aid. When Trump left office they were exporting 300 barrels of oil a day. Now they’re at 1.3 million a day. They’ve been enriched by [former President Joe] Biden. They’re taking that money to kill all the Jews. So when we were faced with destruction as a nation after Pearl Harbor, fighting the Germans and the Japanese, we decided to end the war by bombing Hiroshima and Nagasaki with nuclear weapons. That was the right decision. Give Israel the bombs they need to end the war they can’t afford to lose and work with them to minimize casualties.

This is the genocidal piece of shit that all the American senators are crying over.

Let me remind you he wanted to drop a Nuclear bomb on Gaza.

Fuck him and anyone who’s crying over this monster.

Hope his passing was a painful 1. pic.twitter.com/p48Bd4V2ST

— JonnyUtd (@Fx1Jonny) [July 12, 2026](#)

Is there a Brutus in Russia? Is there a more successful Colonel Stauffenberg in the Russian military?

The only way this ends is for somebody in Russia to take this guy out.

You would be doing your country - and the world - a great service.

— Lindsey Graham (@LindseyGrahamSC) [March 4, 2022](#)

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[Claus von Stauffenberg](#) was the Germany Army officer executed for attempting to assassinate Nazi leader Adolf Hitler with a bomb.



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