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Graham's Last Thoughts Were About War With Russia, Iran, Saudi-Israeli Relations

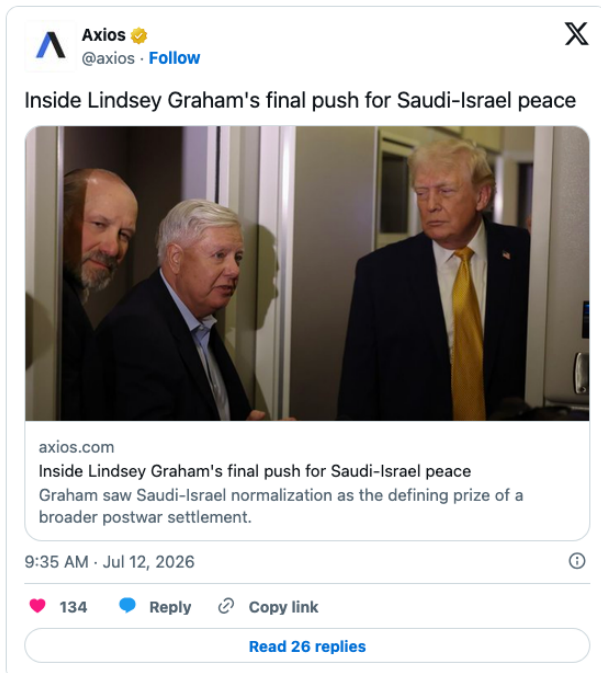
GOP Senator Lindsey Graham's final thoughts were not about his constituents or even his family, but instead about waging economic war on Russia and relations between Israel and Saudi Arabia.

And more video of the Israel-First senator's incessantly pounding the drums for war is surfacing on social media.

Graham was 71 when he died on Saturday after returning from Ukraine, where he vowed to continue wasting his time and American tax money on Ukraine and its futile struggle against Russia.



AP Images
Lindsey Graham



Cause of Death Revealed

As [The New American reported](#) yesterday, on Friday, [Graham visited](#) a secret drone factory in Kyiv, Ukraine. After the tour, he told reporters he would return to Washington to advocate for more economic and kinetic war against Russia.

When Graham landed back in Washington, he spoke to President Donald Trump on the phone about his trip and passing the SAVE Act, which would fortify election security. [Trump told Meet the Press](#) that Graham said he was tired.

Shortly after that conversation, Graham died of a "sudden" illness.

In fact, [Politico revealed](#), it wasn't "sudden." He appears to have been headed to the grave for some



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time.

Washington, D.C.'s coroner, the website reported, said "Graham's death was caused by 'aortic dissection due to arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease.'"

"Aortic dissection is a medical emergency in which a tear happens in the inner layer of the body's main artery," the [Mayo Clinic website says](#):

That artery is called the aorta. Blood rushes through the tear. This causes the inner and middle layers of the artery to split, called a dissection. If the blood goes outside the artery, aortic dissection is often deadly.

Such an emergency is uncommon, the website says, but when it occurs, it usually strikes men in their 60s and 70s. But arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease — hardening of the arteries — takes time to develop to the point where it causes aortic dissection.

Politico did not divulge which of the [four types](#) of aortic dissection felled the senator or whether hypertension played a role in it.

Last Thoughts

Graham was so worried about foreign policy he delayed going to the hospital when he told a friend that he felt sick, [Axios reported](#).

Noting that Graham told him that he "spent his final weeks laying the groundwork for an ambitious new push to normalize relations between Saudi Arabia and Israel," Axios reporter Barak Ravid disclosed Graham's final moment before he went the way of all flesh.

"A person who spoke with Graham shortly [after he spoke with Trump] said the senator complained that he was feeling unwell," [Ravid reported](#):

When the person urged him to seek medical attention immediately, Graham said he would do so Sunday morning after his scheduled appearance on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Graham then joked: "I can't die now. I still need to do the Russia sanctions, get Iran sorted out, and do Israeli-Saudi normalization."

Then he died.

Graham's last thoughts aren't surprising. War against Russia and for Israel were his main priorities, not his constituents in South Carolina.

Always a Warmonger

Indeed, war against Russia and Israel were always Graham's first thoughts. In October 2024, when Hurricane Helene hit his home state, Graham appeared on chicken-hawk Fox talker Sean Hannity's program. As video next to Graham showed the storm's devastation, [Graham quickly turned](#) to his favorite subject: Israel, or *Isrul*, as he called it:

You know, I've been going all over South Carolina and like most people haven't slept much. But look what's going on in Israel. Our friends in Israel [are] surrounded by people that



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want to kill them, destroy them, a second holocaust in the making, and [President Joe] Biden says be proportional. What is the proportional response to people who want to kill you and your family? They're running out of ammunition in Israel. We have to help our friends to keep the war over there from coming here.

As for proportionality, during an interview in February for [Hadley Gamble's On The Record](#), Graham compared the October 7, 2023, terror attack on Israel to World War II, and said it merited the same terror bombing that the [Allies visited](#) upon Germany and Japan. He strongly suggested that Israel should drop an atomic weapon on Gaza.

"Tell me this, Senator ... when you look at the last few years, since October 7th, many people in this part of the world say what happened in Gaza does not align with Christian values — killing children, killing mothers, killing families who are not militants," Gamble said.

Graham: *Yeah. I just don't buy that at all. ... What did we do in World War II? Did we think one minute about starving the Germans? Did we bomb every city into smithereens?*

Gamble: *You're comparing October 7th to World War II?*

Graham: *Yes, I am. This is an absolute existential threat to the Jewish people. What happened on October the 7th was 1,200 people were slaughtered, raped, and murdered, and filmed by radical Islamists who would kill every Jew if they could. To the world: if you don't understand this is a threat to Israel ...*

Gamble: *And then they flattened Gaza.*

Graham: *Just flatten it. We flattened Berlin. We flattened Tokyo. Were we wrong to drop an atomic bomb to end the Japanese reign of terror? ... If I were Israel, I would have probably done it the same way. ... We flattened Germany. We flattened Japan.*

Something of a droll note about the Axios report, which said Graham was working for peace, is its X post about it, which features a photo of Graham standing next to President Trump on Air Force 1. [Graham was advocating](#) for war against Cuba after Trump sent U.S. armed forces [to capture](#) Venezuelan dictator Nicolás Maduro.

Graham's career Freedom Index grade [is 57 percent](#). He dropped to 11 percent in the 2019-2021 116th Congress.



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