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# Trump Admits Attacking Iran Was for Israel, Wants Half a Million Chinese Students at U.S. Universities

President Trump has finally admitted what everyone has known about the unconstitutional war against Iran: The U.S. attacked the country for Israel.

Trump confessed the truth to Israel-first Fox talker Sean Hannity, who interviewed Trump during the president’s junket to China.

Trump also told Hannity that importing more than half a million Chinese students is important because they need to learn American culture.



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## It’s All for Israel

Earlier reports showed that Israel pushed the U.S. into the war not only by [presenting a false claim](#) that Iran’s regime could be easily removed from power, a claim U.S. intelligence officials called “farcical” and “detached from reality,” but also by warning Trump that [it would use](#) nuclear weapons against Iran if the United States did not attack.

As well, Secretary of State [Marco Rubio said](#) U.S. officials knew Israel would attack Iran and that Trump had no choice but to order the American military to attack to avoid American casualties:



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We knew that there was going to be an Israeli action, we knew that that would precipitate an attack against American forces, and we knew that if we didn't preemptively go after them before they launched those attacks, we would suffer higher casualties, and perhaps even higher [numbers] killed.

Curiously, Trump contradicted Rubio.

During an Oval Office meeting with German Chancellor Friedrich Merz, a reporter asked whether Rubio was correct in that Israel forced his hand.

"No," [Trump replied](#), "I might have forced their hand."

"You see, we were having negotiations with these lunatics, and it was my opinion that they were going to attack first," Trump continued:

They were going to attack if we didn't do it. They were going to attack first; I felt strongly about that. ... Based on the way the negotiation was going, I think they were going to attack first, and I didn't want that to happen. So if anything, I might have forced Israel's hand.

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Trump: 'NO. I might've FORCED THEIR HAND'

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That answer now makes sense given what Trump told Hannity, one of the many chicken-hawk



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neoconservatives who advocate wars in which they never fight.

Claiming that China, not the United States, needs the Strait of Hormuz open to oil traffic, [Trump explained](#) that he ordered the attack for Israel:

I mean, you could make the case, you know, like why are we even — we're doing it to help Israel, and to help Saudi Arabia, and to help Qatar and UAE and, you know, Kuwait and other countries, Bahrain.

"It also helps China," Hannity replied. Trump added:

I told [Xi Jinping on Thursday], I said, "You know, we're helping you, and we're helping you in another way, because I don't think they want, I don't think China wants Iran to have a nuclear weapon either." I said, "Just don't go crazy. You don't need them having a nuclear weapon either." We talked about it.

As [The New American reported](#) last week, citing former U.S. counterterrorism chief Joe Kent, U.S. intelligence agencies had concluded that Iran was not preparing to build a nuclear weapon.

"You are paying ridiculous prices for gas, inflation is rising, and we are evaporating our weapon stockpiles, and he finally admitted why," former GOP Representative [Marjorie Taylor Greene wrote](#) over video of Trump's confession. "Wake up everyone!!!"

## Welcome Chinese Students

Trump also told Hannity that he isn't much worried about China's purchase of farmland in the U.S., [notably near military bases](#), and gave Hannity a bizarre excuse for permitting 600,000 Chinese students to enter the United States. ([Trump unbosomed himself](#) of that idea in August, despite the arrest of Chinese nationals working at American universities for smuggling bioweapons material into the country.)

The Chinese students must come here because China might build its own universities, Trump said. And American universities will "die" if those students aren't permitted to matriculate. Another positive: They can learn about American culture.

How American universities survived before the influx of Chinese and other trouble-making foreign "students" isn't clear.



“They come, good students,” [Trump said](#):

I could tell them — “I don’t want any students,” is a very insulting thing to say to a country. They would then immediately go out and start building universities all over China. ...

If you want to see a university system die, take a half a million people out of it. And you know, the ones that won’t be hurt are the top schools. The top schools will do fine. But your lower schools, your lower ... the ones that don’t do quite as well, those too, they’ll be dying all over the place.

I frankly think that it’s good that people come from other countries and they learn our culture and many of them want to stay here. I think it’s good. Not everybody agrees with me and it doesn’t sound like a very conservative position.

And I’m as conservative ... I’m really a commonsense guy, I think, more than a conservative guy. I think MAGA is common sense, you know?

Greene blasted Trump for these comments as well.

“Trump says it’s insulting to tell China their students can’t go to our universities, imagine being an American student and receiving a rejection letter while 500,000 Chinese students get in!” [she wrote](#):



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And NO it is not ok for China to buy our farmland!!!

And no that's not common sense!!!



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