

Is the current war with Iran legitimate?

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Wednesday, I closed my review with the question “why Iran wants to destroy Israel” with the words: *will the Muslims “conquer” the west by “peaceful” immigration? Will the west know to defend its democratic liberal values?*

Now I will address whether the war against Iran is legitimate. I also asked AI. For the first time, instead of a direct answer, I received from AI an analysis of arguments for and against – see below in page 3 of this write-up.

**I believe the current war against Iran is legitimate.
Jews and by extension Israel should never take extermination threats lightly.
Do never forget the Holocaust and October 7th, 2023.**

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You need to know my background to understand, why I believe the war against Iran is legitimate

As a Holocaust survivor born in September 1942 in Antwerp (Belgium), I was one of the so-called “hidden children”, hidden from the age of three months to two years. I never had the chance to know my father, as he was murdered by the Nazis in the extermination camp of Sobibor. My mother, survived by living under a false identity as a maid in a Brussels family. As I grew older and began to understand the reason for my father’s absence, I became intensely interested in the events of World War II and the Holocaust. Through my research, it became evident to me that the end of World War I, marked by the ineffective League of Nations and the Treaty of Versailles, laid the groundwork for the outbreak of World War II.

Below are several crucial events which, if addressed decisively by the League of Nations—whose purpose was to maintain global peace—might have averted World War II.

The war claimed the lives of between 39 and 40 million people in Europe including American soldiers who were decisive for destroying the Nazi regime, including six million Jews who were murdered, among them my father, three of his four brothers, his parents, and his entire extended family. I grew up surrounded only by my mother’s family. My half-brother Rene (same father) who was hidden with us as an 8-to-10-year boy became an orphan, as his mother did not return from the war. To this day, we do not know what happened to her. For legalistic reasons, he could not stay with us, was moved to Paris to his only surviving uncle. I met him the first time when I was 15.

My survival, and that of over 6,000 other children, was made possible by the Belgian underground organisation known as the “White Brigade”. This group was instrumental in hiding my mother and other members of our family in Belgium. In future write-up, I plan to write about what happened to Rene before and after the war, why I decided not to stay in Belgium who saved my life and go to Israel in a Kibbutz, and last, but not least, about my views on the Israel Palestinian conflict: history and possible solution.

This above-mentioned background is certainly instrumental for my view that the war against Iran is legitimate. Indeed, when I analyse what led to WW2, there are several key events which I selected from many, which, had they been met with decisive action, might have prevented the catastrophe of World War II.

Last, but not least, here some questions to those who do not agree with me:

Should Europe not be grateful to the USA for saving it twice from Germany in WW1 and WW2, forced Germany in 1949 to adopt its present fantastic constitution, protected Europe for over 40 years from the Soviet Union instead of hiding behind legality questions to wait until Iran will have his atomic bomb to be fitted on her Ballistic missiles. How long will the west allow Putin to wage war against the courageous nation of Ukraine. Will the Baltic states be next? And who will stop China to invade Taiwan?

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Could WW2 have been averted Here my 7 events

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| 1923 | Hitler wrote “My Kampf” while in prison to have tried a coup in Bavaria. In his book he describes among other things his aim to eradicate Jews from the earth. Nobody acts. | 1933 | Hitler starts a massive rearmament program ignoring the Versailles treaty. Nobody acts. |
| 1933 | Hitler becomes Chancellor of Germany after “democratic” election in the weak Weimar Republic suffering at that time by massive unemployment following the 1929 worldwide financial crisis. Two months later he enacts the Nuremberg laws against Jews, builds, the first concentration camp in Dachau and gets dictatorship powers. Nobody acts. | 1935 | Nazi troops enter Saarland against the provisions of the Versailles Treaty: Nobody acts. |
| | | 1938 | Hitler annexes Austria. Nobody acts. |
| | | 1938 | Chamberlain & Daladier cede the Sudetenland to Hitler with their appeasement policy and claim “we saved the world from war”. Who gave them the right to this. |
| | | 1939 | September 1 st Hitler invades Poland and starts WW2. |

These are only 7 events before WW2 out of many where decisive reaction to Hitler’s actions might have avoided getting to WW2 in Europe. Therefore

Since their establishment we hear the leaders of the Islamic Republic of Iran (1978), its proxies Hezbollah (1982) and Hamas (1987) declaring their intention to destroy Israel.

Iran does all it can to divert its petrodollars from the welfare of its people to building a war machine with atomic bombs and ballistic missiles to reach Israel. Iran is also instrumental to finance and train the 2 above mentioned “so-called” liberation movements but are in fact terrorists with as only purpose the destruction of Israel.

Should we believe Iran’s declaration that they need atomic energy “only” for peaceful use. Then why do they need 60% enrichment, thousands long-range ballistic missiles to deliver them and why are they arming their proxies Hamas in Gaza, Hezbollah in Lebanon. Who is threatening them?

So, although, I do not accept Netanyahu’s policies towards the Palestinians (I believe they should have their own state) and many areas of our daily lives, I do agree that sooner or later a war with Iran was needed to destroy their capability to harm Israel directly or through their proxies and I thank Trump to support Israel in this. The sooner the better.

I know that neither Trump’s nor Bibi’s motivations are pure. Trump is in this for the oil (see Venezuela) and Bibi is in this for his skin (remaining prime minister after the next elections to avail going to prison for his current accusation of bribery).

Relevant links:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Witte_Brigade

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sobibor_extermination_camp

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/League_of_Nations

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Treaty_of_Versailles

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mein_Kampf

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nuremberg_Laws

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/z3kqrwx/revision/3>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/German_rearmament

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1935_Saar_status_referendum

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<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anschluss>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Munich_Agreement

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hamas>

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hezbollah>

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AI wrote: The legitimacy of the current war with Iran is a subject of intense debate, with justifications and criticisms varying significantly based on legal, strategic, and moral perspectives.

Arguments for Legitimacy

The U.S. and Israeli governments have framed the military operations as necessary for regional and global security.

- **National Security Threat:** Proponents argue that a nuclear-armed Iran poses an "unacceptable security threat" to Israel, the United States, and Arab allies.
- **Pre-emptive Self-Defence:** The strikes have been characterized by Israel as a "pre-emptive attack" to prevent imminent threats, including the potential for Iran to reach weapons-grade uranium enrichment.
- **Humanitarian & Democratic Support:** President Trump has described the mission as "noble," aiming to support the Iranian people in rising up against a repressive regime. Some analysts suggest that removing the current leadership is a necessary step to protect the population from government atrocities.
- **Exhaustion of Diplomacy:** Officials in Washington and Jerusalem have stated that the military action followed a conclusion that all diplomatic avenues had been exhausted.

Arguments Against Legitimacy

Critics, international law experts, and the Iranian government contend that the war lacks legal and moral standing.

- **International Law Violations:** Critics argue the attacks cannot be legally justified under the UN Charter, which prohibits the use of force against the territory or independence of another state. Pre-emptive action is typically only recognized if an attack is "imminent," as experts have questioned.
- **Lack of Congressional Approval:** Under U.S. law, only Congress has the authority to declare war. The Trump administration's decision to launch "major combat operations" without such approval is seen by some as a violation of the Constitution.
- **Disputed Justifications:** Reports from the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) in 2025 indicated that Iran did not possess missiles capable of reaching the U.S. and was years away from developing them, undermining claims of an "imminent" threat.
- **Humanitarian Impact:** The war has already resulted in significant civilian casualties, including reports of more than 1,000 civilians killed, which critics argue undermines the "noble" framing of the mission.
- **Strategic Fallout:** Opponents warn that the war is escalating into a regional conflict, threatening global economic stability and increasing the risk of "forever wars" rather than achieving stable democracy.
- **Calls for De-escalation:** Countries such as the UK, France, and Germany have expressed concern or called for dialogue, while Russia and China have called for special UN sessions to address the strikes.
- **Iranian Response:** Iran has labelled the strikes "unprovoked, illegal, and illegitimate," asserting its own "legitimate right" to retaliate, which has included strikes on U.S. bases and Arab states.

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