



## [State Department Openly Admits That Israel Pushed the United States into the Iran War](#)

Earlier this week, the legal advisor for the State Department, Reed Rubinstein, affirmed the already existing belief that the United States entered the Iran war on behalf of Israel. The admission directly contradicts statements from the White House and President Donald Trump – which have repeatedly insisted that Israel did not have anything to do with the decision to initiate the conflict. The revelation comes as largely unsurprising to many, not only because of the widespread suspicion of it being the case, but also due to Israel’s continuous attempts over the years to drag the United States into a war with Iran. The confirmation has exacerbated concerns over the nature of the relationship between the United States and Israel, and the troubling degree of influence that the latter wields over American military and foreign policy decisions.

One of the primary areas of significance surrounding the State Department’s legal memo lies in its direct contradiction of the narrative maintained by President Trump. Throughout the escalations and initiation of the conflict, Trump has repeatedly insisted that the United States acted independently, driven by its own strategic calculations. Following the outbreak of direct hostilities, the president took to Truth Social to assert that "Israel never talked me into the war with Iran," yet the State Department’s legal filing frames the conflict not as a unilateral American endeavor, but as an operation legally executed "at the request of" Israel. By citing communications previously sent to the UN Security Council as evidence of this connection, the State Department effectively anchored the legal continuity of the war to Israeli interests. This disparity between the White House's public posture of absolute sovereignty and the State Department's legal reality exposes a fractured messaging strategy within the Trump administration.

The disclosure by the State Department adds weight to investigative reporting detailing the run-up to the conflict. Reports from outlets like The New York Times indicated that a critical turning point occurred during a mid-February Situation Room meeting involving President Trump, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, and senior officials from both governments. Analysts suggest that Prime Minister Netanyahu leveraged a sustained pressure campaign to secure direct American military involvement. Critics of the administration argue that this represents a dynamic where the U.S. was essentially backed into a corner. Even Secretary of State Marco Rubio alluded to this in earlier remarks to reporters, noting that an anticipated

Israeli action against Iran would inevitably precipitate retaliatory strikes against American forces, leaving the U.S. with perceived "pre-emptive" choices. This dynamic has led to intense criticism from observers, who argue that the U.S. allowed its military hand to be forced by a foreign entity's interests.

The admission that the United States is fighting a war requested by a foreign government carries heavy strategic and domestic consequences. For an administration that campaigned on avoiding drawn-out foreign entanglements and putting "America First," fighting a costly, unpopular, and questionable regional conflict at the behest of another nation severely damages political credibility. In doing so, the U.S. has adopted Israel's maximalist position towards Iran, becoming entangled in a potentially protracted conflict with no clear goals, objectives, or exit strategy. Furthermore, U.S. and Israeli intervention in Iranian affairs is unlikely to produce positive outcomes, and on the contrary, could lead to major instability and the creation of a regional humanitarian crisis.

Moving forward, the State Department's revelation will likely serve as a central piece of evidence for those demanding a fundamental recalibration of how the United States defines its national interests abroad. The memo serves as alarming evidence that the U.S. can be swayed into making major foreign policy decisions that are detrimental to its own best interests at the behest of external forces. Thus, many contend that it should be a wake-up call regarding how dangerous it is to allow an outside entity to exert this much influence. Aligning so closely with a foreign government that has received high levels of international criticism for its actions, particularly in recent years, is damaging to the United States' credibility as a global champion of peace and human rights. Ultimately, the proof that American military action against Iran was driven by outside forces raises serious concerns about the manner in which the Trump administration is carrying out its foreign policy decision-making process.