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Iran war is all about Trump's machismo

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There is a lot of speculation swirling about in the pundit world, from bro podcasts and Fox News to CNN and MS Now. All the talking heads are trying to determine why President Donald Trump chose this particular moment to leap into a war with Iran.

[The confusion is driven by Trump himself.](#) While Secretary of State Marco Rubio asserts it is all about preventing Iran from developing nuclear weapons and Secretary of Defense (or War?) Pete Hegseth insists the mission is definitely not about regime change, Trump has offered a variety of justifications, from toppling the ayatollahs (sounds kind of like regime change, doesn't it?) to getting even for alleged Iranian interference in the 2020 presidential election (for Trump, all roads lead back to losing to Joe Biden in 2020).

Trump has said the war will be over in five days. He has also said it will take weeks. He has also said he is in the fight for as long as it takes (to do what, nobody is exactly sure).

Since no one can definitively say why Trump abandoned his solemn vow to the America First crowd that he would never, ever send U.S. troops off on another crusade in the Middle East, I will posit my own theory: Trump cannot resist using the Big Stick.

Since he was a spoiled rich kid in Queens, Trump has always wanted to be seen as the biggest bully on the block, the ultimate alpha male, the guy with the cojones grandes. As president, he has command of the most powerful military the world has ever seen. Sure, he wants a Nobel Peace Prize, but he wants to prove his manliness even more. What could be more macho than using that potent military to blast a rogue country to smithereens while sending its leaders to the afterworld with Allah?

Israeli Prime Minister Bibi Netanyahu is reported to have been ready to do this on his own, so it is entirely

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possible that Trump simply did not want another guy to look more tough than him.

Why are we at war with Iran? Testosterone.

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