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Recent developments in the Middle East reveal a geopolitical earthquake systematically ignored by the West. While bombings in Southern Lebanon – including devastating attacks in the regions of Jabal Amel, Marjayoun, and Tyre – appear to be accelerating, another, far more significant signal can be detected from Washington. U.S. Vice President JD Vance recently made it painfully clear that more than two-thirds of the war materiel Israel has used during the current conflict originates from the United States. This implicit threat – that American support is not unconditional and that Israel must 'face reality' – marks the end of an era. The American security umbrella in the region is collapsing, and those who

thought they could shelter under it indefinitely are now confronted with harsh geopolitical reality.

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The Psychological Impasse: The Loss of a Self-Created Narrative



What we are currently witnessing in Israel's response to this strategic defeat and forced withdrawal from Lebanon is not merely a political crisis, but a deeply rooted psychological trauma. **Israel is, in general terms, psychologically incapable of digesting this reality. They simply cannot process it.** It represents a fundamental and painful rupture with the narrative they have assigned themselves for decades: the story of constant victory, invulnerability, and inherent superiority.

This self-created narrative dictates that they are superior to many of the 'goyim', the non-Jewish gentiles, that they are intellectually smarter, that their military is unmatched in capability, and that their technology is absolutely potent and the best. When the reality of a forced withdrawal and the failure of military deterrence presents itself, massive cognitive dissonance occurs. They find themselves in a state of deep denial. Even when the facts are unmistakable – such as the fact that their own warfare has become entirely dependent on the American taxpayer – the collective psyche refuses to accept it. They cling to the illusion of superiority, knowing that American willingness to subsidize this illusion is rapidly diminishing.

The Collapse of the Regional Architecture

This Israeli denial does not stand alone; it is symptomatic of the collapse of the broader American-dictated security architecture in the region. The entire narrative of the Gulf States was built on three pillars: the American security guarantee, integration into the Western tech and investment world, and the role as a bulwark against Iranian influence. All these pillars have now disappeared.

The American security umbrella has proven to be non-existent. Symbolically enough, there are strong signals that the United States plans to dismantle its naval headquarters in Bahrain and withdraw. For the Gulf States, this is an existential blow. At the same time, the Trump administration has concluded that the costs of an endless struggle against Iran do not outweigh the benefits. **They are no longer willing to sacrifice the world economy, or the interests of allies in East Asia and Europe, for an Israeli war that turns out to be a strategic failure.** The petrodollar architecture of 1973, which made financial globalization possible, is making way for a multipolar landscape in which the Gulf States are forced into a complete reorientation.

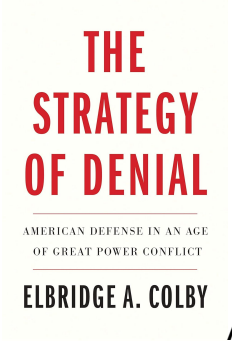
The Chronology of Capitulation: The Dialogue with Iran

Ultimately, geopolitical gravity forces every denial into the ground. What remains when military options are exhausted and the American umbrella has collapsed? The answer is as inevitable as it is indigestible for the West: they will have to sit down at the table with Iran. This reality is not new.

> Senior figures in the region predicted this outcome more than a decade ago. The chronology of how the various actors will eventually capitulate to the necessity of dialogue is painfully predictable: "*Listen, the order will be as follows: first Israel will do this. Then America will follow.* ***And last of all, the Europeans will finally come to realize that there must be some form of consultation****, that some kind of agreement must be reached.*"

Israel, forced by the disappearance of American backing and the military-strategic bankruptcy in Lebanon and beyond, will be the first to have to find the way to Tehran. The United States, driven by pragmatic 'America First' interests and the unwillingness to ruin their own economy for Israeli adventures, will follow this example and begin to treat Iran as a nation-state with which security issues can be negotiated.

Europe: The Eternal Rear Guard



And then there are the Europeans. As the prediction goes, they will be the very last to understand that the world has changed. **Europe, trapped in its own moral arrogance and an uncritical embrace of the old, American-dictated paradigm, will only come to its senses when the rest of the world has long accepted the new reality.** The European trajectory, characterized by an unwillingness to develop strategic autonomy and a blind dependence on Washington, will ensure that the continent watches irrelevantly as the new security architecture in the Middle East is shaped by those who are willing to face reality.

The road to dialogue with Iran is still miles away, but the alternative for a country like Israel is total isolation and economic strangulation. The time of self-created myths is over. The security umbrella has collapsed, and it is time to learn to live with the rain.

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The Strategy of Denial

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