

Iran War

For future reference some of the reasons that the US government, and likely us, the UK, our government, the Israeli government, and whoever else thinks that it would be sensible to join up, might attack Iran are as follows: (no order of significance) (contradictory) (repetitive) (by no means comprehensive)

| Iran sells a lot of oil to China

| [an attack] would encourage Israel to consider a 'two-state solution' agreement with Palestine - and contrariwise - Israel's enthusiasm to accord can be bought by the US with an attack against Iran

| Iran holds the world's second-largest oil and gas reserves

| Iran's Shi'ite Muslim majority could develop influence in Iraq and thereby undermine US attempts to subordinate the Iraqi state

| Iran's continued independence prevents US domination of Middle East oil reserves
| the United States controls large oil and gas reserves in Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan. The most direct route for a pipeline to transport these resources to sea would be across Iran to the Persian Gulf

| regime change

| Iran's further development of its oil and gas fields

| Iran is willing to negotiate and cooperate with the US

| an Iran-Pakistan gas pipeline

| to maintain Israel as the only Middle Eastern state to possess nuclear weapons as a means to increase defence budgets

| as a means to distract populations from domestic issues

| Iran is bordered by Afghanistan

| Iran is bordered by Iraq

| Iran is bordered by Pakistan

| Iran is bordered by Russia

| Iran is bordered by Turkey

| Iran is bordered by Turkmenistan

| Iran may desire a more prominent role in the region

| Iran supports an independent Palestinian state

| Iran poses a strategic challenge to the United States in the Middle East

| to hurt China's economy

| to prevent Iran from developing its oil refining capabilities

| Iran might be developing nuclear weapons