U.S. Imperialism in the Middle East After the Midterms

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The U.S. war on Iran (10:03:47)
The role of China (10:13:45)
Regional dynamics of the war (10:18:22)
Iran’s internal politics (10:22:33)
The Gaza genocide and the Israeli colonial settler state (10:26:45)
Creeping ethnic cleansing in the West Bank (10:37:35)
US-Israel relations (10:43:10)
Israel’s territorial ambitions (10:48:00)
The Gulf monarchies (10:53:50)