

My Response to Cliff Kincaid's Article: "A Trump War in Iran Means the End of MAGA?"



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First things first, I want to thank fellow political commentator Cliff Kincaid for driving so much traffic to my commentaries lately. In the past four days, he has rushed out at least four pieces attacking Trump and his supporters for Trump's decisive action in Iran. He mentions me in three of them and my subscriber numbers have increased as a result. Thank you, Cliff!

Second, Cliff's current post is full of utter false statements, misquotes, and a clear effort to create divisions in the MAGA movement while promoting those divisions in defense of the Islamic Terror State of Iran, whom according to Cliff, is united with communist Russia and China. I have known Cliff for many years, and we used to be on the same page most of the time. But ever since he became a [Covid JAB pusher for the very deadly mRNA bioweapons in 2020](#), he seems to have drifted further and further to the left, [attacking Trump, his supporters, Fox News, and everyone except the people truly responsible for the mess Trump must clean up...Obama & Co.](#)

[Cliff's Latest](#) and My Response

Unlike Cliff, who went to great pains to find some way to

manufacture a case against Trump, while claiming to support the U.S. Constitution by never actually quoting from the U.S. Constitution, I will make my case in a clear-cut undeniable response, all of it taken directly from the U.S. Constitution and related statutes.

I'll respond item by item.

Cliff – *The pro-MAGA commentator Lex Greene insists, in regard to U.S. military action against Iran, that if President Trump chooses to end the conflict “by using USA special weapons to destroy all Iranian efforts to develop long-range nuclear capabilities,” he will be acting in accordance with the U.S. Constitution. Greene writes, “He does indeed hold that power but appears reluctant to use it unless necessary.”*

Above is an accurate quote from my June 18, 2025, commentary on the subject posted [here](#). However, Cliff immediately takes issue with my commentary on this basis:

Cliff – *“However, **Greene’s statement about the Constitution is false**, creating more uncertainty in MAGA about the wisdom of President Trump’s current course of action and the possibility of deep U.S. involvement in another Middle East war.”*

As Cliff well knows, my statement is entirely based upon the text found in the only Article in the U.S. Constitution pertaining to *Presidential Powers and Authority*, specifically, [Article II – Section II](#) which reads as follows; “*The President shall be Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, and of the Militia of the several States, when called into the actual Service of the United States;*”

In order for my statements above to be false, one of three things has to be true...

1. Article II – Section II doesn't say that
2. Despite what it says, that's not what it means
3. No matter what it says or means, it's irrelevant

Anyone making the claim that Trump lacks the Presidential Power to make these types of decisions, must totally ignore [Article II – Section II](#) on the matter, or, as Cliff has attempted, find something outside the Constitution to challenge this constitutional text. Of course, the second you do that, you will be making an argument against the Constitution instead of for it.

Cliff – *“Trump ran for office promising to be the peace president and avoid the “forever wars.”*

In this case, constitutional conservatives point to the original text of the Constitution, which requires congressional approval for involvement in a war of this nature, as well as the words of James Madison, father of the Constitution, who served two terms as President and declared:”

First, Cliff assumes here that the one bombing run in Iran will become a “forever war.” Others make a very different assumption in this regard and opinions vary, as always. Only time can tell... But this belief by Cliff seems to be driving his fear and his effort to undermine the Constitution, while pretending to stand for it.

But then Cliff begins his left-like word-parsing... *“constitutional conservatives point to the original text of the Constitution”* – which is exactly what I did in quoting directly from Article II – Section II, the most important section of the Constitution on the subject of Presidential Powers, which Cliff doesn’t quote, adding something he likes better, *“and the words of James Madison, father of the Constitution;”*

The leftists in our country have perfected the art of turning the Constitution inside-out and upside-down by cherry-picking things they like and ignoring text they don’t. Cliff appears to have learned these tricks from the left and employs them well in this case.

Cliff – “*In no part of the constitution is more wisdom to be found than in the clause which confides the question of war or peace to the legislature, and not to the executive department.*”

There’s actually no such clause in the Constitution. First, the only section of the Constitution pertaining to Presidential Powers is Article II, which says no such thing. No other Article in the Constitution pertains to Presidential Powers. I believe, though Cliff is unclear about it, he is leaning on [Article I – Section 8](#) of the Constitution, the “*To declare War*” power granted Congress.

However, although these three words in Article I grant Congress the power to “declare war,” there’s nothing in any part of the Constitution that requires Congress to “declare war” or that requires the President to gain a *Declaration of War* from Congress before fulfilling his duty under Article II as Commander-in-Chief.

I’m deeply troubled by the practice of pretending to uphold the Constitution, while clearly working against Constitutional text to undermine it, in this case, to undermine the *Article II powers of the Presidency* in matters of National Security. It matters not whether *libertarian* Cliff does it, or if the likes of global Marxists AOC and Bernie Sanders, or Islamic jihadis like Ilhan Omar and Barack Obama do it.

In Cliff’s manic rush to judgment on Trump and his supporters, and even me, his friend, Cliff made so many obvious critical errors in his pieces. He privately sent me his first piece and at first glance, I let him know he made errors right out of the gate...from saying “*Israel can never have nukes*” when he meant to say Iran, to quoting President Hamilton in 1793, who was never President...and Washington was President in 1793. It only got worse after that.

His focus has largely been on two things, neither of which is

Constitutional text.

Cliff seems to love *The Federalists*, like Madison and Hamilton, overlooking the historical reality that the juggernaut federal government we are fighting today was built by the Federalists, at the objection of anti-Federalists like Jefferson, Payne, Henry and Adam's. He even overlooks the fact that his hero [Madison](#), was one of the first to attempt "nullifying" federal powers along with Jefferson, in the Kentucky and Virginia Resolutions.

So, Cliff tries to ignore the actual Article II Constitutional text in favor of an obscure personal quote from someone, and hang his hat in the end, upon the [War Powers Act of 1973](#), which itself, is very likely to be "unconstitutional" due to its overt effort to regulate powers of the President granted in Article II.

But even in the case of the [War Powers Act](#), which was a congressional resolution and not a constitutional amendment, the circumstances concerning Iran would still be covered as Presidential Powers in [this resolution](#).

Cliff – *"Lex Greene writes, "For the record, Congress has not 'declared a war' since WWII. Yet every President since, has ordered American troops into harm's way without any declaration from Congress." Let's examine this claim and see whether it is true and relevant in this case."*

Yet another fact stated by me, easily confirmed in History. Every President since WWII has ordered military actions without a single *"declaration of war"* from Congress. That's just a fact... That's because, it is a "Presidential Power" granted the Presidency in Article II and not every situation calls for a formal *"declaration of war"* from congress. To suggest otherwise is just constitutionally false!

Cliff's cherry-picked example of George W. Bush and Iraq is irrelevant in this case, as Bush was seeking additional war

funding for a protracted war to depose Hussein, and not a 24-hour tightly targeted mission to end hostilities, as is the case in Iran.

Cliff drones on, and on, and on in search of a way to make his case against the [Constitutional text](#), while trying to convince readers he's making a constitutional case while ignoring [what the constitution says](#). Cliff would like to be President, like many other *armchair-presidents*, but he isn't...

Look, Trump-haters everywhere will try every dirty trick in the book to cause divisions in the MAGA movement and unfortunately, Cliff has joined that chorus now.

But at the end of the day, the Constitution means exactly what it says, or it means absolutely nothing at all... You decide what is the Supreme Law of the Land...the Constitution, or Cliff and Bernie?

I feel compelled to remind all fellow Americans, that in this world, there is no peace, other than through strength! Evil exists where good men do nothing!

Last, as I complete the response to Cliff, news is breaking that Israel and Iran have apparently agreed to a ceasefire, bringing Israel's 12-day mission to end nuclear proliferation in Iran to an end. If this ceasefire holds, Cliff's manic fears will be unwarranted.

May God make it so!

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