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Potential Iran deal puts Trump in a bind



People walk past an anti-U.S. and anti-Israel mural depicting missiles hitting an aircraft carrier on May 26 in Tehran, Iran. ATTA KENARE/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

Hawks resist concessions on Tehran nuke program

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REUTERS

WASHINGTON – President Donald Trump finds himself in a bind as he seeks to end the war against Iran: He is under pressure to reopen the Strait of Hormuz and get U.S. gasoline prices down but at the same time faces a potential backlash from Iran hawks in his own party over any concessions to Tehran.

Trump's dilemma became clear during a week of hectic diplomacy marked by word of an emerging framework deal that, according to sources familiar with the matter, would extend a current ceasefire and release Iran's stranglehold on the vital oil-shipping route while deferring discussions of its nuclear program.

Such an interim agreement, if approved by Trump and Iran's rulers, would amount to the most significant



President Donald Trump insists he is in "no rush" to reach a peace deal and would only accept a "great" agreement to end the war in Iran.

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step toward peace since he joined with Israel in attacking the Islamic republic on Feb. 28, and could ease the soaring energy prices the conflict has triggered.

But it could also draw the disapproval of a key segment of Trump's base – influential Republicans clamoring for him

to "finish the job" by resuming strikes to close Tehran's path to a nuclear weapon, his main stated reason for going to war.

Earlier this week, some of Trump's hard-line anti-Iran allies responded to reports of a possible deal with criticism, even arguing that he might gain little beyond the 2015 Iran nuclear deal negotiated by former President Barack Obama and scrapped by Trump during his first term.

Senior Republicans rarely at odds with Trump, including U.S. Sens. Lindsey Graham, Roger Wicker and Ted Cruz, urged the president not to compromise.

Trump pushed back, insisting he was in "no rush" and would only accept a "great" agreement.

Caught between the competing demands – a quick solution to high gas prices and an end to Iran's nuclear ambitions – the president has little room to maneuver.

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Nick Bilton, a former New York Times technology reporter, podcast host and filmmaker, has been named as the new executive producer of "60 Minutes."

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'60 Minutes' gets staffing shakeup

Bilton named to top job at program in latest change at CBS News

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CBS News editor-in-chief Bari Weiss continued the staffing shakeup at "60 Minutes" on May 28, naming Nick Bilton the executive producer of the TV news program.

The move sets TV newcomer Bilton, a former New York Times technology reporter, podcast host and filmmaker, into the top "60 Minutes" job amid a tumultuous wave of high-level changes at the 57-year-old news program.

Bilton, who will relocate from Los Angeles to New York, told The New York Times he's "excited to jump into" his new role. "When you take an insider and you put them inside a company, nothing changes," he said.

CNN anchor Anderson Cooper signed off after 20 years as a "60 Minutes" star correspondent in an emotional final show on May 17 on the news program, saying he wanted to spend more time with his children.

Out: '60 Minutes' executive producer Tanya Simon

"60 Minutes" executive producer Tanya Simon, the first woman to hold the top job, announced that she will be leaving the news program on May 28, The New York Times reported. Simon, the daughter of "60 Minutes"

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Population declining in NYC, other large cities

Less immigration a factor in the change

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America's largest cities were bouncing back from their post-pandemic population losses, but the latest Census Bureau data shows that the post-COVID-19 rebound for many metropolises stalled or reversed in 2025.

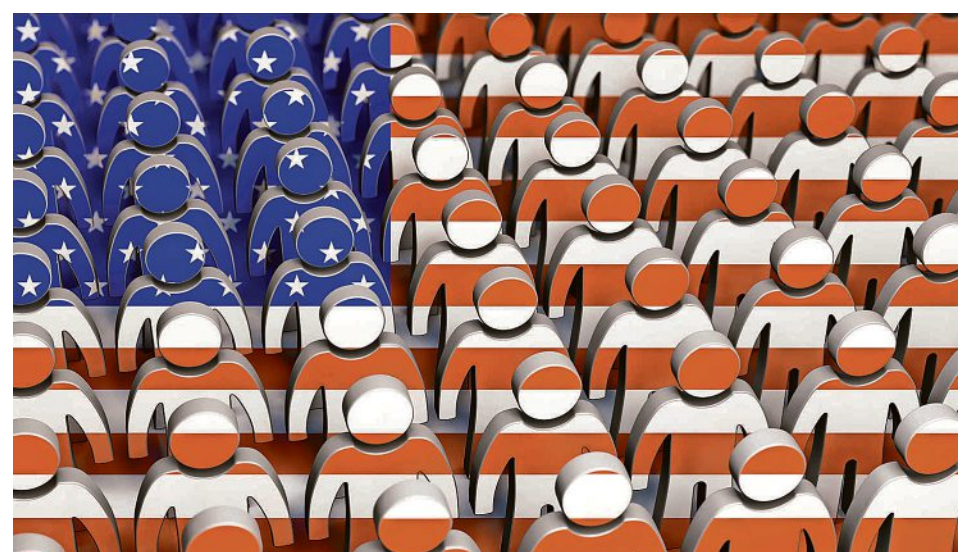
Big cities lost population during the

pandemic, with nearly half of the largest U.S. cities reporting fewer residents in 2022 than in 2020. By 2024, two-thirds of these cities had begun adding residents again. But in 2025, almost all of them saw that momentum fade, with many recording losses again.

Experts attributed much of it to one primary factor: a steep decline in net international migration.

"Domestic migration is a kind of zero-sum. Some places lose numbers, some

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The U.S. population grew by 1.8 million people, or 0.5%, the slowest rate since the pandemic, according to the most recent Census data. DESIGNRAGE/GETTY IMAGES

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