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ISRAEL STEPS UP AIRSTRIKES IN IRAN



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An Iranian flag is placed among the ruins of a police station Tuesday that was struck during the U.S.-Israeli military campaign in Tehran, Iran.

President Trump doesn't rule out sending troops



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Smoke rises Tuesday after Israeli airstrikes in Dahiyeh, a southern suburb of Beirut, Lebanon.

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DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Israel said it launched airstrikes against Iranian missile launchers and a nuclear research site Tuesday, and Iran struck back against Israel and across the Gulf region, targeting U.S. embassies and disrupting energy supplies and travel.

Four days into a war that President Donald Trump suggested would last several weeks or more, almost 800 people have been killed in Iran, including some Trump said he considered as possible future leaders of the country.

Explosions rang out Tuesday in Tehran and in Lebanon — where Israel said it retaliated against Hezbollah militants — and the American embassy in Saudi Arabia came under drone attack.

Iran fired dozens of ballistic missiles at Israel, though most of the incoming fire was intercepted.

Eleven people in Israel were killed since the conflict began.

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Dem moderates warn against leaning too far left

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CHARLESTON, S.C. — Across the country, progressives are lighting a fire that they hope will catapult Democrats back to power in Congress this year. But here in a hotel ballroom, the party's beleaguered moderates have another message — not so fast.

Leaders at Third Way's conference talked over and over about how Democrats can't swing too far left in the midterms, or when picking their next presidential nominee, if they have any hope of winning back the White House.

The title of the two-day, invite-only conference: "Winning the Middle." And there was plenty of advice on how to do that.

Be plainspoken, not lofty or academic.

Don't live online, but be authentic on social media. Loosen up, and be patriotic without fear that something like the American flag or Pledge of Allegiance has been co-opted by conservatives.

Matt Bennett, co-founder of Third Way, said the organization of moderate Democrats plans to meet repeatedly as the next presidential campaign approaches, convening people who will be influencing and working for Democratic candidates.

"We're doing it early, and we're doing it much, much more aggressively than we did last time," Bennett said. "We've got a team in place that is talking every day to the 2028ers."

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Former Illinois Republican Rep. Joe Walsh, right, speaks about becoming a Democrat as moderator Sarah McCammon and panelist Yemisi Egbewole listen during Third Way's "Winning the Middle" conference on Monday in Charleston, S.C.