

Note from AFA President -- Iran, Afghanistan, Russia

AFA members, Congressional staffers, Civic Leaders, and DOCA members, this week an excellent op-ed on Iran appeared in the Wall Street Journal. It was written by Warren Kozak (whose book -- [LeMay: The Life and Wars of General Curtis LeMay](#) is on both my and the Chief of Staff of the Air Force's reading list). In the op-ed, Mr. Kozak argues we should actually pay attention to what the Iranians are saying ... and then believe them. You can find the piece at: [http://www.afa.org/EdOp/2010/Iran\\_Hostage\\_Crisis.pdf](http://www.afa.org/EdOp/2010/Iran_Hostage_Crisis.pdf)

Secondly, George Will has written an intriguing piece he calls "The Civilianization of the US Military." In it, he argues that time is running out for our efforts in Afghanistan ... and the best we can do is to convince enough of the Taliban to abandon the fight before we make the decision to abandon our efforts. You can find the piece at: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/05/07/AR2010050704311.html>

Thirdly, David Kramer has penned an op-ed which appeared in the Washington Post entitled: "Russia First" is becoming "Russia Only." In the piece, Mr. Kramer states the US has not only put Russia first, but has been "neglecting and even abandoning other countries in the region." You can find the piece at: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/05/14/AR2010051404496.html>

For your consideration.

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