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THIS.

Russia hasn't been a willing partner in this treaty for almost 3 decades. We should have ended the pretense long ago.

Naturally, Rand Paul is telling anyone who will listen to him that Trump is making a HUGE MISTAKE here.

Arms control agreements are good when you have willing partners. Lightens the load on our military.

Russia hasn't been a willing partner in years. There will be gnashing of teeth from people who do arms control advocacy full time, but this is right move <https://t.co/WmQE43ERCB>

— John Noonan (@noonanjo) October 20, 2018

Rand is just like his dad, Ron. 100% isolationist.

They've never grasped that 100% isolationist is not 'America First' when you examine it. It really means 'America Alone'.

The consistent grousing of pursuing military alliances with allies - like Trump is doing now with Saudi Arabia.

So of course Rand has also spent the last 2 days loudly calling for Trump to kill the arms deal with Saudi Arabia and end our alliance with them.

What Obama was engineering with his foreign policy was de facto isolationism: pull all the troops out of the ME, abandon the region to Iranian control as a client state of Russia.

Obama wasn't building an alliance with Iran; he was facilitating abandoning the ME to Iran.

Obama wouldn't even leave behind a token security force, so of course what happened was the rise of ISIS. He also pumped billions of dollars into the Iranian coffers, which the Mullah's used to fund destabilizing activity [wars/terrorism] & criminal enterprises all over the globe

Well guess what? Rand Paul SUPPORTED Obama's Iran Deal for this very reason: hey it got us out of the region, right? Who cares what happens to it? He was VERY upset Trump was going to scrap it to form an alliance with Saudi Arabia & the GCC in opposition to Iran.

And no, I'm not making this up:

<https://t.co/GsjyUOXWM8>

At the time Obama was making the deal, Paul said he was against it. Once Trump started talking about ending the Deal and forging an alliance with Saudi Arabia, all of a sudden Rand Paul was everywhere trying to save the Iran Deal.

<https://t.co/KiggcLR3Wz>

Paul was against what he called any new Middle East entanglements. No new alliances, no new NOTHING was his policy.

<https://t.co/dNQgms7AWd>

So by the time Trump was elected & started making overtures to Saudi Arabia, Paul had done a 180 on the Iran Deal & was now saying a Russian-backed nuclear Iran with a hegemony over the entire Middle East was just fine with him.

Threats - especially NUCLEAR threats - don't go away just because you insist on a policy of isolationism and abandon your allies to deal with the threats themselves.

This is why Rand Paul or anyone holding to his FP views needs to be kept away from any real say an FP.

Trump is about the furthest thing from a war mongering neo-con there is, but I don't think Rand Paul can see that.

Keep this in mind as Paul spends the next week or so loudly calling for abandoning Saudi Arabia & staying in the IMF treaty.

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And here's Wictor's take on this news that Trump is telling Putin we're thinking of pulling out of the INF treaty:

<https://t.co/HABa7bMjaO>

Hey can everybody just pretend I didn't mistype the acronym of the treaty multiple times in this thread, calling it the IMF instead of the accurate INF?

Thanks!

