## Bolton's Syria Conditions Are Designed to Prevent U.S. Withdrawal

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Syria withdrawal: it was absurd from the start. Could you imagine John Bolton withdrawing from ANY war/occupation? Not in a pink fit, and then with Mike Pompeo on his flank and poor little non-entity president Trump in the middle, what would you? So now the truth emerges, indeed, there is going to be an INDEFINITE withdrawal which could take years. Now that's more in character Washington neocons and war hawks. Since when has any modern president stood in the way of the now entrenched Deep State. Let's face it American dupes, presidents today are only for show purposes. If they go against deep state policy they are easily out-maneuvered by the REAL powers that be and their servants in government.



## War criminal and psychopath, John Bolton with previous, easily managed, puppet president

If Trump seriously entertained the idea that Bolton and Pompeo would not stab him in the back then he is more deluded than is commonly believed. Bolton is a known psychopath that threatened lives of the children of a independent diplomat that wouldn't toe the American line, at the UN of all places. Bolton's infamous words, to paraphrase, "we know where your family lives!" And this neocon nutter serves today at the heart of the Trump administration, well BIG fool YOU, Mr Trump -- you have just been shitted on AGAIN.

Bolton <u>continued</u> his efforts to <u>drag out</u> withdrawal from Syria for as long as possible:

President Trump's national security adviser, John R. Bolton, rolled back on Sunday Mr. Trump's decision to rapidly withdraw from Syria, laying out conditions for a pullout that could leave American forces there for months or even years.

One of the reasons that I didn't believe that U.S. withdrawal from Syria would really happen was the presence of Bolton and Pompeo on Trump's national security team. As committed Iran hawks, they have strong incentives to delay and undermine any withdrawal plan, and Bolton is already doing that

with his current trip abroad to "reassure" regional clients. It seems that they will pay lip service to the long-term goal of withdrawal, play along with the idea that U.S. forces will eventually leave, but then set so many conditions and create so many obstacles to withdrawal that it will never take place.

Bolton's conditions are designed to make withdrawal practically impossible for the foreseeable future. Staying in Syria "until the last remnants of the Islamic State" are defeated commits U.S. forces to remain for a long time to come. When any group like this has been beaten, there are always going to be a few scattered members that survive. Going after those last few "remnants" isn't a good reason to keep U.S. troops illegally in a country where they were never properly authorized to go. The other condition that Bolton mentioned is even harder to fulfill. Keeping U.S. forces around until Turkey pledges not to attack the YPG amounts to waiting forever, because Turkey's government considers them terrorists and isn't going to make a credible promise not to attack them. Having set the protection of Kurdish forces as one of the key requirements for withdrawal, the administration can't very well disregard it later on when it becomes obvious that the Turkish government won't make any guarantees that can be trusted. Unless he does something to repudiate it immediately, Trump is stuck with the Syria policy Bolton has created for him.

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