



Iran and the Rubicon

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Last weekend, Cenk Uygur, of the alternative news commentary show *The Young Turks*, focused on the Iran war, [including](#) one of its stranger developments, rumors that the Trump Administration is planning to arrest a different news commentator, Tucker Carlson.

And try Mr. Carlson for *treason*.

“If [@TuckerCarlson](#) is actually arrested, the government will have crossed the Rubicon,” Mr. Uygur [posted](#) to X. “Whatever ridiculous charges they bring up, everyone will know real reason was that he opposed the war and Israel. He’ll be considered [the] first American political prisoner within our own country.”

A [factual corrective](#) to this was provided Sunday, on this site, at least about the historical background of imprisoning journalists critical of a U.S.-involved war: *Woodrow Wilson* did that. He “[crossed the Rubicon](#)” over a hundred years ago. And he wasn’t the [first president](#) to do so.

But is there any real *push* to try Tucker Carlson for treason?

Robbie Soave, [writing](#) on Tuesday, surmised that, considering Carlson’s connections with the administration, the commentator is not likely paranoid or making things up.

And you can certainly find arguments pushing a treason case, and worse — for example, Israeli journalist and historian Yair Kleinbaum [wrote](#) in *JFeed* that “Carlson, Fuentes and Owens Must Be Jailed Inside a WWII-Style Internment Camp.”

At least, apparently, “while America is locked in a struggle against the dark forces of Shia Islam.” (Note that one consequence of the Iraq War was to attack Sunni Islam and install Shia Islam in Mesopotamia.) “Once the war is won and the threat is neutralized, we can release them,” Kleinbaum concludes.

Let’s hope this treason talk is all rumor. Arresting Tucker Carlson won’t improve the popularity of the Iran War.

This is Common Sense. I’m Paul Jacob.