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We Support:

1. The withdrawal of US forces from Iraq and Syria. Attempting by force of arms to transform foreign countries into liberal democracies squanders millions of lives and trillions of dollars, fails to achieve US interests, and has directly harmed such interests.
2. US diplomatic engagement in long-term peace and a settlement of the Armenia-Azerbaijan conflict, lest it continue to claim lives and to be exploited by the questionable ambitions of regional powers like Russia and Turkey.
3. Self-determination for the people of occupied and disputed territories, including but not limited to Kurdistan, Kashmir, East Turkestan, and Tibet.
4. A combination of sanctions and diplomacy with respect to Iran to curb its nuclear program and address its destabilizing influence across the region.
5. A two-state solution in Israel and Palestine, including a fully sovereign and free Palestine, alongside Israel's right to exist as a Jewish democratic state, with equal rights for all inhabitants, and with borders established by mutual agreement. The United States should take an even-handed approach to the conflict, including by upgrading our diplomatic ties to Palestine, and US aid policy towards Israel should reflect this goal, and should be used as leverage to incentivize Israel to engage in the peace process in good faith, rather than being dispensed unconditionally.
6. Diplomatic and economic efforts to stabilize Lebanon, including the disarming of paramilitary groups outside the control of the Lebanese government.
7. Iranian women in their fight for human rights, democracy, and freedom from the oppression of the Iranian government.
8. The anti-regime protests and the Freedom Movement in Iran.

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3. Saudi Arabia's brutal war in Yemen, and US military support thereof.
4. The gross human rights abuses of the Gulf countries including Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and Qatar. The US must reduce its carbon dependence for the sake of our ability to represent our values with respect to these oil-exporting countries.
5. Russian military presence in Syria.
6. Iran's military presence in Iraq and Syria, its attempts to develop nuclear weapons, its support for Houthi rebels in Yemen, its supply of drones for Russian terror bombing in Ukraine, and its violent stifling of civil society and women's, human, and political rights domestically.

7. Turkey's suppression of the Kurds and its occupation of Northern Cyprus.
8. The Israeli government's ongoing genocide in Gaza, its occupation of the West Bank, and its denial of civil and political rights on an equal basis in the territories it militarily occupies.
9. The continued and expanding Israeli settlement enterprise in the West Bank and the forced displacement of Palestinians, which jeopardizes a two-state solution.
10. India's crackdown in Kashmir, including attempts to disconnect Kashmir from the internet, and on India's own democratic institutions.
11. Oppose Hamas' relentless and illegal hold of hostages.

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