

TRUMP'S WAR



Presidential Powers and Undeclared War

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President Donald Trump has come under heavy criticism for attacking Iran without a declaration of war and without Congressional approval. In fact, waging undeclared wars by presidential decree is an American tradition and almost every president since John Adams has done the same thing. Join historian Ed Erickson as he examines the question "What is War?" and the Article I clauses of the US Constitution. He will discuss the long history of presidential decisions leading to undeclared wars, including John Adams' Quasi-War with France, Woodrow Wilson's Interventions in Mexico and Russia, Calvin Coolidge's Banana Wars, and Harry Truman's International Police Action in Korea. The presentation is non-political and a short Q & A will follow the presentation



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