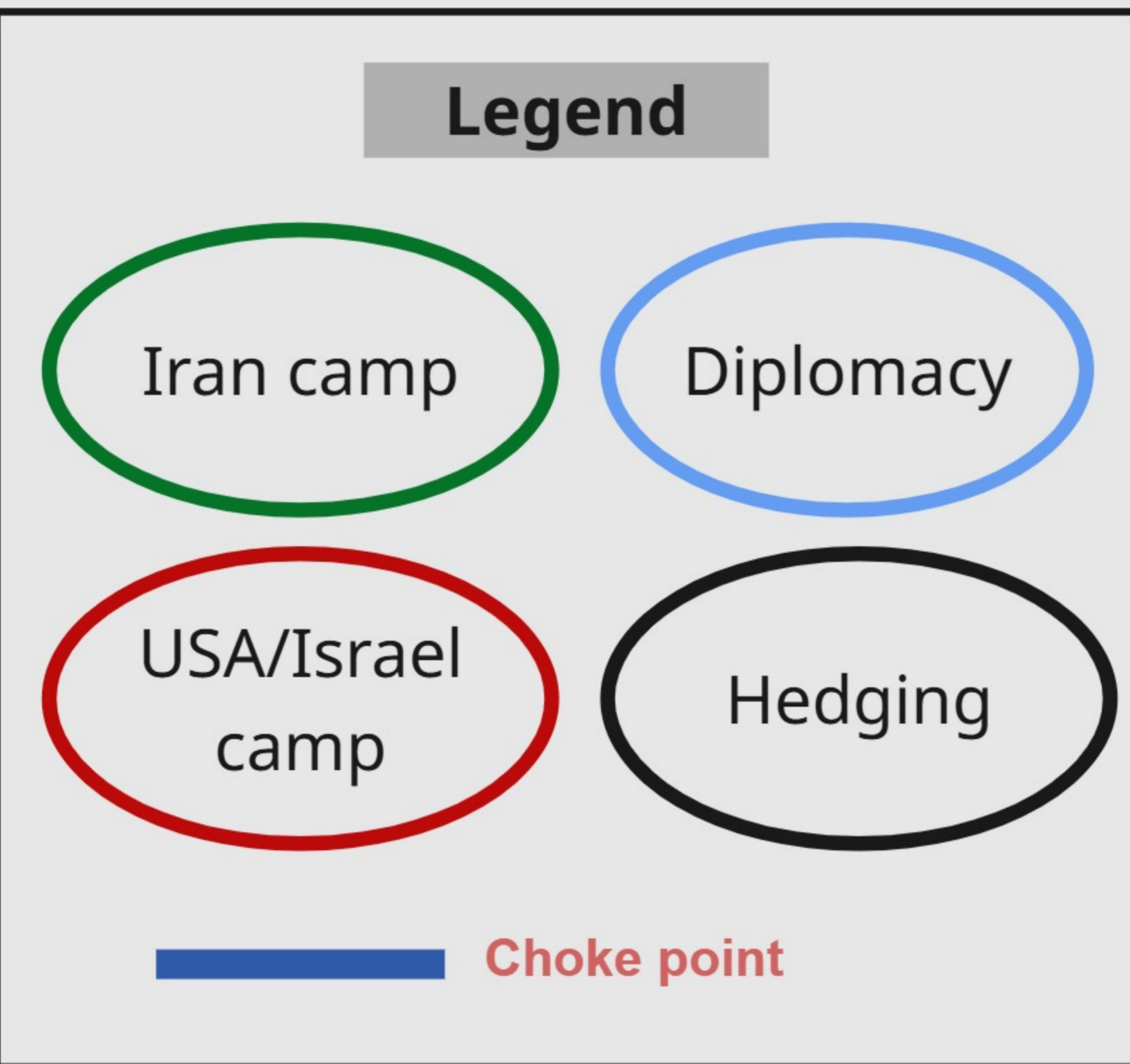


# USA

- Severe depletion of short term strength
- Domestic politics and markets need quick offramp and claim victory
- Can't open Hormuz by itself. No good military options.
- Can and will rein in Israel if necessary
- No reparation to Iran. No Hormuz tollbooth unless shared with US and denominated in USD
- Iran nuclear enrichment issue can be deferred
- Nonaggression commitment irrelevant
- UN SC & IAEA demand is irrelevant
- Reconstruction commercial gains in Iran not likely
- Likely run into severe resistance from GCC on any deal
- Pax Americana is over. Isolationists win regardless of outcome

# Europe

- Powerless to stop war; can't join war; limited influence on America
- Economic damage is severe; inflation and interest rates forced higher
- Energy policy, NATO alliance, security arrangement need painful adjustments
- May accept short-term Hormuz toll if war stops



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- Severe damage by Israel
- Too weak to support Iran

# Israel

- Escalate in tight window. Little incentive to stop war despite moderate damage
- No trust for Iran guarantee
- Kneecap Iran and weaken Arab neighbors
- Narrow window to eliminate Iran proxy in Lebanon

- 1. Unable to do much
- 2. Need stability

- IRGC consolidated power domestically, more hardline
- No trust for paper security guarantee
- Narrow window to extract concession on sanctions & security
- Severe infra and missile damage and internal pressure
- Set regional security terms w/o Arab neighbors
- Keep proxy network
- Hormuz tollbooth as reparation. Keep newfound leverage
- Nuclear enrichment as future guarantee. Can accept limits.
- Want US withdrawal from Middle East

# Iran

# Kuwait

- Hedging
- Light damage
- Wary of Israel drawing in GCC

# Bahrain

# Qatar

- Normalize with Israel
- Escalate to eliminate Iran threat
- Heavy damage
- Business env. destroyed

# United Arab Emirates

- Diplomacy
- Heavy damage
- Wary of Israel drawing in GCC

# Saudi Arabia

- Quiet cooperation but no open partnership with Israel
- Moderate damage
- Want long-term security agreement to check Iran
- Wary of Israel dominance
- Pipeline export to bypass Hormuz

# Oman

- Diplomacy
- Joint tollbooth

- Houthis conserving strength. Benefits from wait n see
- Leverage for Iran to block Bab al-Mandab Strait

# China

China naval base. can be used to counter Houthis

- Oil import: ok for a few months, long term inconvenience (Iran can throttle Hormuz)
- Economic impact: minimal short term damage, avoid long-term global recession
- May accept short-term Hormuz toll but need incentives
- Non-ideological but significant leverage over Iran (and Houthis)
- Opportunity for geopolitical gains and diplomatic clout
- Opportunity to accelerate Taiwan invasion plan

1. GCC in a war they did not choose, do not control. They are attacked, but no influence on decisions.
2. US military bases become liability w/o security benefit (need renegotiation for military use)
3. Want Iranian power checked (missile, nuclear, proxy)
4. Peace dividend for economy destroyed, avoid collapse
5. Want say in any regional security agreement with Israel & Iran
6. Export choked. May tolerate Hormuz toll if shared to compensate damage
7. Accelerate multi-polar alliances e.g. Ukraine, Turkiye, Russia, China

