U.S. enthusiasm for a hostage deal encourages Hamas recalcitrance

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Col. (res.) Prof. Gabi Siboni: it's clear the Americans only want a cease-fire…The more they pressure Israel, the more the decision-makers in Hamas think that they can wait because the Americans will just pressure Israel more. I imagine the Americans know this, but it's like an instinct. If Hamas says no, then they ask for more from Israel.

The hostages are the last thing that interests the Americans. They take advantage of the hostages as a lever of pressure on Israel.

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