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Tyler Cowen [looks at](#) old estimates for when the Soviets would get the bomb and asks "whether today's estimates of Iranian production are any better." Yglesias [thinks](#) "they are almost certainly worse", and Justin Logan [lists](#) a few.

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