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Mike Norman@mikenorman

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Trump supplied heavy weapons to Ukraine in violation of the Minsk Agreement. So, the argument that this war would not have happened under Trump is false.

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Norman@mikenorman

<u>6 h</u>

Zelensky invoking Martin Luther King in his speech to Congress was disgusting. King achieved what he achieved through peaceful means. Zelensky is calling for more war, even if that means nuclear war.

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Mike Norman@mikenorman

<u>6 h</u>

Dems control the House, Senate and Presidency, couldn't pass BBB or other aid for Americans (in fact they cut), but they came together, no problem, for billions¹ more in defense spending and billions in aid and weaponry for Ukraine.

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Michael McFaul expresses frustration and outrage that the U.S. just doesn't give Zelensky everything he demands. Crazy. Like, fuck U.S. interests; Ukraine decides what's important. Why not ask what is the logic of getting involved in Ukraine's war?

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Aaron Maté@aaronjmate

The Ukrainian government is sharing pictures of civilians that its own missiles killed.

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MFA of Ukraine @MFA_Ukraine

Ukraine government organization

mar. 17

You may not understand the language, but the grief on the faces of these people is clear to everyone.



Donetsk

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Chris Williamson@DerbyChrisW

¹ Amerikar bilioi bat = mila milioi europar.

<u>12 h</u>

While Blinken complains about "Russian war crimes" his administration, and the UK govt, are perpetrating a war crime by continuing to supply what is euphemistically referred to as "lethal aid" to prolong an unwinnable war.

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The Ukrainian military killed these civilians. It was the largest civilian mass casualty event in the Ukraine - Russia conflict, since February 24, 2022. Now the Ukrainian government is posting their own slaughtering, as if it were Russia who committed the crime.

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D@FadhelKaboub

I just as you explained Professor



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<u>6 h</u>

American MMA legend Jeff Monson shares his experiences of visiting Donbass several times, as the breakaway region has been under attack by Ukraine's army since 2014.

Full video: https://youtube.com/watch?v=xFtOz2

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<u>mar. 17</u>

Undoubtedly the greatest violation of the Nuremberg Principles since the Nuremberg Trials was the vicious aggression, invasion, occupation, devastation of Iraq by George W. Bush and the "coalition of the willing" with an estimated one million deaths

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<u>mar. 17</u>

The idea of trying Putin for the crime of aggression has some merit - but only if the ICC first tries George W. Bush, Tony Blair, Dick Cheney, Benjamin Netanyahu, Ilham Alijev, Mohammed bin Salman -- among others.

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<u>Mar. 17</u>

Putin is not the first aggressor since world war II -- surely the Vietnam war with its 4 million deaths in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia entailed the crime of aggression, war crimes and crimes against humanity.

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<u>Mar. 17</u>

The Russian aggression against Ukraine has many precedents -- the US aggression against Vietnam, Iraq, Syria, the Saudi aggression against Yemen, the Azeri aggression against Nagorno Karabakh

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<u>mar. 17</u>

Where is the world outcry against the war crimes and crimes against humanity committed by NATO countries in Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya? Where the outrage against Ilham Aliyev's aggression against Nagorno Karabakh -- barely a year and a half ago.

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<u>mar. 17</u>

The economic war against Russia and the massive attack on commercial and financial transactions is really unprecedented and is likely to change the way our world functions more deeply than any single military aggression

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mar. 17

77 years of international integration and cooperation since 1945, of rational dependencies in trade and banking are being rapidly dismantled by the unwise sanctions policies of the US and EU. It will backfire against us.

(Gogoratu ondoko hau: Neil Wilson's The Russian Fiscal Toketa, <u>The Russian Fiscal Toketa | New</u> <u>Wayland (new-wayland.com)</u> <----

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<u>mar. 17</u>

It is profoundly sad that the peaceful world we all wanted and that appeared possible in 1989, a world free of East/West hostility, was sacrificed on the altar of NATO expansion and the greed of the military-industrial-financial complex.

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<u>mar. 17</u>

Gorbachev had a dream -- like Martin Luther King, Jr. Both wanted peace and security. Both wanted human rights. The "Project for a new American century" buried these dreams.

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<u>mar. 16</u>

As the Warsaw Pact was dissolved in 1991, NATO should have followed suit. Had NATO not expanded east and continued threatening Russia -- we would not be experiencing this tragedy.

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<u>1 h</u>

Why did the ICJ not order the US to stop its invasion of Iraq in 2003? Why did it not condemn the Azeri Blitzkrieg on the hapless Armenians of Nagorno Karabakh in 2020. Why does it not condemn the ongoing Saudi assault on Yemen?

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The term "liberal democracies" is an euphemism for oligarchies run by corporations with an Orwellian propaganda machine that sells the illusion that GDP is all that matters.

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<u>1 h</u>

Since the 1980's the US had imposed some 15,000 sanctions on countries and individuals. This hypersanctionism has negatively impacted the world economy and even the US economy.

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A recipe for peace; economic interconnectedness and inter-dependencies.

A recipe for dislocation, chaos and corruption: unilateral coercive measures. Our governments choose the latter.

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Double-standards destroy the authority and credibility of all institutions -- the UN, the European

Union, the OAS -- the International Court of Justice, the International Criminal Court, Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, etc.

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<u>mar. 18</u>

At a time when cool judgment is necessary and a strategy to overcome the crisis we cannot afford to censor the Russian media. We MUST know how they are thinking, so that we can make proposals that have a chance to be accepted

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<u>mar. 18</u>

But is the press labeling George W. Bush, Tony Blair, Barack Obama, Donald Trump, Muhammed bin Salam,, Recep Erdoğan, Ilham Aliyev war criminals ? Again double standards...

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Sure enough, the war in Ukraine must end, and the UN and the ICJ must call all parties, associated parties, mercenaries to stop fighting, sit down and negotiate.

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Among the items of faith in the West is the conviction that we are right and the others are wrong. To prove it we invoke human rights, as if we ever practiced it.

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<u>mar. 18</u>

COUNTERPUNCH: Economic Sanctions Kill

https://dezayasalfred.wordpress.com/2022/03/18/counterpunch-economic-sanctions-kill/

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<u>mar. 18</u>

CIA eager to boast of its lengthy involvement with Ukrainian armed forces in the Donbass. Congratulations boys, you helped make the Russian invasion possible!

<u>yahoo.com</u>

Exclusive: Secret CIA training program in Ukraine helped Kyiv prepare for Russian invasion

As the battle lines hardened in the Donbas following Russia's annexation of Crimea in 2014, a small, select group of veteran CIA

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<u>mar. 18</u>

In 2015, the New York Times described Ukraine's Azov Battalion as "openly neo-Nazi." Today, NYT's

<u>@antontroian</u> describes Azov as "far-right." What happened? Did Azov complete a special training program that takes open neo-Nazis and turns then into a more palatable far-right?

The New York Times	EUROPE Islamic Battalions, Stocked With Chechens, Aid Ukraine in War With Rebels
	Apart from an enemy, these groups do not have much in common
	with Ukrainians — or, for that matter, with Ukraine's Western
	allies, including the United States.
	Right Sector, for example, formed during last year's street protests
	in Kiev from a half-dozen fringe Ukrainian nationalist groups like
	White Hammer and the <u>Trident of Stepan Bandera</u> . Another, <mark>the</mark>
	Azov group, is openly neo-Nazi, using the "Wolf's Hook" symbol
	associated with the SS. Without addressing the issue of the Nazi
	symbol, the Chechen said he got along well with the nationalists
	because, like him, they love their homeland and hate the Russians.
	To try to bolster the abilities of the Ukrainian regular forces and
	reduce Kiev's reliance on these quasilegal paramilitaries, the
	United States Army is training the Ukrainian national guard. The
	Americans are specifically prohibited from giving instruction to
	members of the Azov group.

With Ukrainian nationalist groups now playing an important role in defending their country from the Russian invasion, Western supporters of Ukraine have struggled for the right tone. Facebook last week said it was making an exception to its anti-extremism policies to allow praise for Ukraine's far-right Azov Battalion military unit, "strictly in the context of defending Ukraine, or in their role as part of the Ukraine National Guard."

Russia's state media seized upon Facebook's move as the latest proof that the West supported Nazis in Ukraine. They also highlight it when Western politicians, like House Speaker Nancy Pelosi on Wednesday, greet Mr. Zelensky with "Slava Ukraini!" — "Glory to Ukraine!" — a greeting used by Bandera's troops.

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<u>mar. 19</u>

A guest on <u>@TuckerCarlson</u> just pointed out that US is providing tactical intelligence to Ukrainian armed forces. In other words, US is directly helping Ukraine to target Russian personnel and armaments. That can't end well.

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The Kaerchexicon@kaerchexicon mar. 19 @GeorgeSzamuely

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"I foresee a protracted insurgency...." And gosh, who could possibly be funding that insurgency, hmmm...???? If Sen. Paul wants this war to end then he should demand the US stop giving billion\$ to the Ukrainian gov't.

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GLORIA MARASCIULLO@GLORIATHERESA2

<u>mar. 14</u>

UKRAINE ON FIRE - 2017 Documentary by Oliver Stone https://youtu.be/hlutjcwXQzk via

@YouTube

@sdgrumbine

connect the dots the power is deep inextricably entwined Your articulate style needs to be harnessed

to break the BS manipulation of the IMF & it's global oligarch patriarchs

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Mike Norman@mikenorman

<u>14 h</u>

Nineteen Years Ago Today the Bush Administration Invaded Iraq in One of the Worst Crimes of the Modern Era <u>https://covertactionmagazine.com/2022/03/19/nineteen-years-ago-today-the-bush-administration-invaded-iraq-in-one-of-the-worst-crimes-of-the-modern-era/</u>

via @CovertActionMag

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Don't shoot the messenger@DonMessanger

<u>13 h</u>

One of the show on Hungarian TV talks about how Ukraines treated their minorities since 2014 Watch and rt pls <u>#UkraineNazis</u> <u>#NaziUkraine</u>

<u>@MaajidNawaz</u>

@Lauren_Southern

<u>@NinaByzantina</u>

@politblogme

@jimmy_dore

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<u>@stillgray</u>

@JackPosobiec

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Basking in the memory of Churchill while taking on much weaker opponents such as Yugoslavia and

Iraq has its counterpart in the US, with neocons basking in the memory of Reagan. Incidentally, neither Churchill nor Reagan was demented enough to advocate for starting World War III.

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Glenn Greenwald@ggreenwald

18 h

There's nothing wider than the gap between how British political and media elites speak and posture during war, and their actual power and influence in the world. The reason they're so desperate to

prove how Churchillian they are is to compensate for their national weakness.

Erakutsi haria



NATO has the largest combined professional military force in the history of Planet Earth. They don't need a 56yr-old journalist to do the fighting for them. They just need leaders with the will to take on Putin & stop his monstrous illegal war-mongering.

🍪 Glenn Greenwald 🤣 @ggreenwald · Mar 17

Replying to @mtracey and @piersmorgan

He's very Churchillian. He sadly didn't get to fight any wars in his 20s, 30s, or 40s - you know he really wanted to but, damn, just for whatever reasons wasn't able - so now he has his chance given that Zelensky has all but begged men like him to come to Ukraine and help fight.

2:49 PM · Mar 17, 2022 · Twitter for iPhone

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Clint Ehrlich@ClintEhrlich

<u>mar. 18</u>

Videos like this highlight the internal political constraints Zelensky faces in trying to negotiate with Russia. He does not have complete, unitary command of the nationalists within Ukraine's armed forces. If he gives up too much to Russia, Azov will turn on him.

Txioa aipatu Russians With Attitude@RWApodcast mar. 18 Members of the Azov regiment who are currently in Kiev are demanding that the government should attempt to lift the siege of Mariupol with a counter-offensive. The government has already announced through presidential advisor Arestovich that they can't & won't do this.

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Russians With Attitude@RWApodcast

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So has anyone mentioned that Zelensky just banned all opposition parties in Ukraine through the National Security and Defense Council or

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<u>6 h</u>

Pundits who have for weeks been hailing Russia's military operation "failure" have not been so keen on noting the patently obvious failure of the sanctions against Russia. Sanctions have neither altered Russian policy nor turned the public against Putin.

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Joe Kent for WA-3@joekent16jan19

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The purpose of sanctions against Russia was to have leverage to get them to the negotiating table, not ideal, but all we had. The Russia trade bill makes negotiations near impossible, we are forcing RU into the arms of China We are prolonging the killing & killing the dollar.

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<u>5 h</u>

Just came across this essay from 2014. Highly relevant today as US & EU policymakers cheerfully embrace East European leaders who cheerfully celebrate Nazi collaborators on the grounds that they were "anti-Soviet," and in particular "anti-Russian." <u>https://jewishcurrents.org/neocons-holocaust-revisionism-eastern-europe</u>

there. **MANY ELITES IN THE REGION** have chosen to build national myths of heroism not on great artists, thinkers, poets or scientists but on their own nation's Holocaust collaborators and perpetrators. Most typically, the basis for this is that these Holocaust perpetrators were *also* anti-Soviet and anti-Russian (which is in most cases absolutely true of East European collaborators and perpetrators of the Holocaust). The fact is that in the territories conquered by Hitler following upon the Barbarossa invasion of the USSR launched on 22 June 1941, local nationalist "heroes" in the Baltics and (western) Ukraine started humiliating, molesting and murdering Jewish neighbors even before the first German forces arrived.

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<u>5 h</u>

Guess this won't make it on the news any more than the cluster-bomb attack on Donetsk did.

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Ivan Katchanovski@I_Katchanovski

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Democracy: #Zelensky & his National Security and Defense Council of #Ukraine suspend activities of 11 opposition parties for "ties to Russia". They include Opposition Platform for Life, Party of Shariy & Opposition Bloc which condemned #Russian invasion. https://pravda.com.ua/news/2022/03/20/7332907/

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Mark Ames@MarkAmesExiled

<u>5 h</u>

Interesting that Zelensky isn't banning Ukraine's neofascist parties like Svoboda, or the Azov neo-Nazis. He can't, obviously.

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<u>2 h</u>

For decades NATO has been a "cash cow" to enrich the Pentagon's weapon contractors, a cash cow at the expense of taxpayers², who have paid trillions³ of dollars (and euros) to enable a permanent war machine.

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NATO learned nothing from the 20-year defeat in Afghanistan. Its eastern expansion and continuing provocations have meant that we taxpayers are now expected to foot the bill for Ukraine's folly to let itself be used as a pawn.

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² Ez, gogoratu MTM. Afera da, dirutza horrekin hamaika gauza on egin zitekeela AEBn

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Why can't we understand that NATO is not there to protect us, or values, or our democracy. Its actions actually augment the danger to all of us -- including the spectre of nuclear warfare.

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<u>3 h</u>

Peace depends on de-escalation and good faith negotiation. Jens Stoltenberg's rhetoric before the Ukrainian war was counter-productive -- and contrary to article 20(1) of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

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<u>3 h</u>

As an American citizen I do not want NATO to take funding away from healthcare, education, infrastructure, and other necessities of life.

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Richard Medhurst@richimedhurst

<u>12 h</u>

If Putin banned 11 opposition parties under the pretext of war, just as Zelensky has done today, Western media would be likening it to a Stalinesque purge.



Opinion | A Fateful Error (Published 1997)

<u>George F Kennan Op-Ed article contends that expanding NATO would be 'most fateful error of</u> <u>American policy in the entire post-cold-war era;' maintains tha</u>

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Tulsi Gabbard @TulsiGabbard

<u>11 h</u>

CENSORED: YouTube/Google are offended by my criticism of the Military Industrial Complex and my advocacy for negotiated settlement in Ukraine, because they are the social media arm of that warmongering Power Elite/MIC.

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Glenn Diesen@Glenn_Diesen

<u>15 h</u>

The Israeli media brings forward a good question. Is NATO pretending to represent the "international community"? The rest of the world is seemingly not on board...

blogs.timesofisrael.com

Much of the world is ambivalent about the Ukraine war. Rightly so.

There is a distinct sentiment across Asia, Africa and the Arab world that Europe is throwing itself into a disaster and that the international order itself is crumbling

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George Szamuely@GeorgeSzamuely

<u>9 h</u>

This needs to be repeated again and again because there is so much misleading claptrap talked about this. The nuclear weapons on Ukraine were never, not for one moment, under Ukraine's command and control. They were always under Russia's control. <u>https://patrickarmstrong.ca/2022/03/18/wha</u>

possibility that Ukraine might make nuclear weapons. There is a widespread belief that Ukraine gave up its nuclear weapons after the breakup of the USSR but that is nonsense. Yes, some of the USSR's nuclear weapons were based in the Ukrainian SSR, but they were no more under Kiev's control than the American ICBMs in Montana are controlled by the state government in Helena.

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<u>9 h</u>

"They Will Have A Negative Impact On Us" - Deutsche Bank CEO Cautions Against More Russian Sanctions

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"They Will Have A Negative Impact On Us" - Deutsche Bank CEO Cautions Against More Russian

Sanctions

"If we curtail Nord Stream 1, although this will not mean the end of Russian gas supplies to Germany, this will soon lead to serious problems with energy supply..."

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Michael Tracey@mtracey

<u>10 h</u>

Tweeted just hours before Zelensky unilaterally banned 11 opposition parties -- impressive

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David Frum@davidfrum

mar. 19

Ukraine may be the first example in human history of a country that under the pressure of war is becoming *more* tolerant and *more* liberal

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<u>8 h</u>

I don't think the Biden administration is getting very far trying to get China to join the anti-Russia coalition.



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<u>7 h</u>

The phenomenon of journalists demanding that corporate executives silence other journalists is now so routine that one no longer even notices it. <u>https://theguardian.com/media/2022/mar</u>

But no action has apparently yet been taken by Fox News executives to rein Carlson in. The 52-year-old host has taken on the mantle of "Tucker the Untouchable", even taking huge public offense when a senior Republican lawmaker called his show "an organ of disinformation".

George Szamuely@GeorgeSzamuely

<u>6 h</u>

Well, if that's what US officials said, then it must be true.

@guardiantruly is an embarrassment.

Yet, amid a huge outpouring of sympathy for Fox's staff, and anger at the Russian army, Carlson, on successive nights last week, devoted segments to promoting Moscow's unfounded propaganda claims of secret American biological warfare labs in Ukraine.

US officials have said the labs are Ukrainian and part of an initiative called the Biological Threat Reduction Program that has received US financial assistance. The White House has warned that the Kremlin's conspiracy theory, used to justify its invasion of Ukraine, could itself be a prelude to a Russian chemical or biological attack.

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Paul Joseph Watson@PrisonPlanet

<u>11 h</u>

Zelensky: "If these attempts fail (peace talks), that would mean that this is a third World War." Deranged nutcase. Sounds like he wants one.

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Chris Williamson@DerbyChrisW·

<u>7 h</u>

What do the political class who gave Zelenskyy a standing ovation in the House of Commons have to

say about this?

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Levi@Levi_godman

9 h

Democratic values At Ukraine 24, the head of the military medical service talks about the fact that the order was given to castrate wounded Russian soldiers, because they are "cockroaches, not people" All of this live on Yo

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Going Underground on RT@Underground_RT

<u>11 h</u>

Russia state-affiliated media

Actions of Ukraine's Zelensky in the last few days: -banned the major left-leaning parties that are mainly voted for by eastern Ukraine -all broadcast news media to be streamlined into one channel

while martial law is in place - No ban on far right parties, neo-Nazi groups

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<u>Zhang Meifang 张美芳@CGMeifangZhang</u>

<u>19 h</u>

China government official

Perhaps worthy of repeating until concrete actions replace empty words: There is NO place for chemical and biological weapons on the planet. ALL countries who produce and/or stockpile these type weapons must come clean, held to account for such inhumane activity. The time is now!



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UkraineMaps@MapsUkraine

<u>mar. 19</u>

You see this pattern always with terrorist groups, when they're losing badly they start to turn their aggression against civilians. We saw this in Raqqa and Mosul when ISIS started killing their own

civilians out of frustration, now we see the same behaviour patterns back

Txioa aipaitu

Juan Sinmiedo@Youblacksoul

mar. 19

Thread. Hundreds of civilians have been punished for diverse reasons in Ukraine by paramilitary groups and National guard. Strong footage. Tortures, abuses, humiliation, even of kids and girls.

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George Galloway@georgegalloway
<u>20 h</u>
Anyone? Anyone at all?
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Manchester Chronicle @WithyGrove
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VIDEO: 'Justice' reduced to this in the failed state once known as #Ukraine . #Irpin #Kiev #Kyiv #Zelensky #Russia
Bideoa: https://twitter.com/i/status/1505194109916569605
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Dan Cohen@dancohen3000
<u>7 h</u>
This
@CathyYoung63 article is straight up apologia for Nazi propaganda being shown on Ukrainian television. But because she launders her sympathy for genocidal incitement under the guise of countering "Russian propagandists," it gets published in mainstream media.
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Cathy Young @CathyYoung63
mar. 17
New from me at @BulwarkOnline: Russian propagandists (and their Western friends) find their latest "Ukrainian Nazi." I dig in. https://thebulwark.com/digging-into-r

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Max Blumenthal@MaxBlumenthal

<u>5 h</u>

MSNBC Mehdi sheds his superficial support for the Palestinian struggle the moment Palestinians assert their long tradition of steadfast anti-imperialism and repudiate the NATO alliance that has sought to bury their struggle for rights

Txioa aipatu

Mehdi Hasan@mehdirhasan

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Deeply disappointing to see the Palestinian parties in the Knesset boycott Zelenskyy's speech and blame NATO, and not Putin, for 'imposing' this war on Ukraine. No excuse for this kind of awful behavior. twitter.com/timesofisrael/...

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Russian American Daily@RussiaUSA

<u>7 h</u>

Gennadiy Druzenko, who heads a Ukrainian ambulance corps project dubbed "medical angels" and was recently featured on <u>@CNN</u> with <u>@FareedZakaria</u>, says he ordered doctors to castrate wounded Russian POWs "because they're cockroaches, not humans."

Bideoa: https://twitter.com/i/status/1505698080712232968

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Russian American Daily@RussiaUSA

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Here is Druzenko with <u>@FareedZakaria</u> on <u>@CNN</u>:

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Fareed Zakaria@FareedZakaria

mar. 13

As Ukrainian civilians join the fight, well-known intellectual Gennadiy Druzenko has fired up an ambulance corps. Our conversation, from today's GPS:

Bideoa: https://twitter.com/i/status/1503078660131201033

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Russian American Daily@RussiaUSA

<u>4 h</u>

Druzenko was also featured in a piece by <u>@holliesmckay</u> for <u>@nypost</u>:

nypost.com

On the front lines with Ukraine's 'medical angels'

The Pirogov First Volunteer Mobile Hospital rushes to the front lines at the first sign of trouble.

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COUNTERPUNCH: Economic Sanctions Kill

By: Alfred de Zayas

(https://dezayasalfred.wordpress.com/2022/03/18/counterpunch-economic-sanctions-kill/)

The international community is committed to advancing the enjoyment of all human rights by all persons in all countries. This noble goal enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and ten core human rights treaties can only be achieved through international solidarity and cooperation.

The international community is also bound to advance the foundational purposes of the UN, namely the promotion of local, regional and international peace and development. In order to achieve these goals strategies should be developed, so that a democratic and equitable international order can emerge that brings prosperity and stability while respecting the sovereignty of states, their right to choose their socio-economic systems and modalities, and the right of self-determination of peoples.

The Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights has shown that its Advisory Services and Technical Assistance are effective in strengthening democracy, the rule of law and state institutions. One example: The opening of an OHCHR bureau in Caracas, Venezuela, in 2019, which I strongly advocated when I was the first UN rapporteur to visit Venezuela in 21 years, represents a significant step in coordinating the assistance of UN agencies including UNDP, UNHCR, UNICEF, WHO, ILO and FAO.

Bearing in mind that the United Nations Charter is akin to a world constitution, we should endeavour to ensure that international action is based on multilateralism and that make domestic law and practice conform with that constitution. History shows that international peace and the welfare of nations are threatened by unilateralism, including by the imposition of unilateral coercive measures against other countries, most frequently against geopolitical or geoeconomics rivals. Only UN sanctions imposed pursuant to Chapter VII of the UN Charter are legal. Unilateral sanctions contravene the letter and spirit of the UN Charter.

While arms embargoes are necessary and legitimate, because they aim to deescalate conflicts and give a chance to peace negotiations, economic sanctions aimed at "regime change" constitute a threat to the peace and stability of the world and should be condemned by the Security Council under article 39 of the Charter. Any country or group of countries can impose embargoes on the import and export of weapons by countries already at war or in danger of entering internal or external turmoil, but they should not gang-up on a geopolitical rival by imposing crippling economic sanctions and financial blockades that invariable impact the most vulnerable..

Experience shows that economic sanctions adversely impact the enjoyment of fundamental human rights by targeted populations. Many sanctions, even "legal" sanctions imposed by the United Nations Security Council (e.g. against Iraq 1991-2003), can cause death, even massive death, as documented by UNICEF and other international organizations (it is estimated that at least 500,000 children died because of the sanctions^[1], in Venezuela some 40,000 people died because of sanctions in 2018 alone^[2]). When sanctions cause such havoc, they must be lifted and other methods must be tried that are consistent with the principles and purposes of the UN. Such sanctions also contravene international humanitarian law, which specifically condemns "collective punishment." Moreover, sanctions regimes that disrupt or even asphyxiate the economies of the targeted countries result in unemployment, hunger, disease, despair, emigration, suicide. To the extent that such sanctions are "indiscriminate", they are tantamount to a form of state "terrorism", which by definition entails indiscriminate killing, just as land mines, cluster bombs and the use of cancer-producing depleted uranium weapons. It is a disgrace for the international community that the US has disregarded 29 General Assembly resolutions demanding that the US embargo against Cuba. It is a disgrace that

notwithstanding General Assembly Resolution 76/161 of December 2021 and Human Rights Council Resolution 46/5 of March 2021 – unequivocally condemning unilateral coercive measures and demanding their abolition – the United States, Canada, UK, European Union have actually intensified economic sanctions affecting the rights of hundreds of millions of human beings the world over. To pretend that these sanctions have anything to do with promoting human rights is a *contradictio in adjecto*, an Orwellian cognitive dissonance.

The history of unilateral coercive measures is one of suffering and devastation. According to the theory, such sanctions are expected to "persuade" the targeted countries to change their policies. As the pundits like to predict, sanctions should lead to such public discontent that the population will arise in anger against their governments or lead to a coup d'état. Although the purpose of the sanctions is precisely to cause chaos, a national emergency, a volatile situation with unpredictable consequences, the political narrative that attempts to justify the sanctions invokes human rights and humanitarian principles as their true purpose. This is the classical instrumentalization of human rights for purposes of inducing "regime change". But are human rights served by the sanctions? Is there any empirical evidence showing that countries subjected to sanctions have improved their human rights records?

Experience shows that when a country is at war – any kind of war — it usually derogates from civil and political rights. Similarly, when a country is enduring non-conventional hybrid warfare and is subjected to economic sanctions and financial blockades, the result is *not* an expansion of human rights, but exactly the opposite. When sanctions trigger economic and social crises, governments routinely impose extraordinary measures and justify them because of the "national emergency". Accordingly, as in classical war situations, when a country is subject to a siege, it closes ranks in an attempt to regain stability through the temporary restriction of certain civil and political rights.

Article 4 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights does envisage the possibility that governments may impose certain temporary restrictions, e.g. the derogation from Art. 9 (detention), Art. 14 (fair trial proceedings), Art. 19 (freedom of expression), Art. 21 (freedom of peaceful assembly), Art. 25 (periodic elections). NO ONE wants such derogations, but every state's priority is survival, defending its sovereignty and identity. International law recognizes that governments have a certain margin of discretion in determining the level of threat to the survival of the state posed by sanctions, paramilitary activities, sabotage.

Thus, instead of facilitating the improvement of the human rights situation, economic sanctions often result in emergency domestic legislation that aim at safeguarding vital interests. In such cases sanctions reveal themselves as counter-productive, as a lose-lose proposition. Similarly, the overused practice of "naming and shaming" has revealed itself as ineffective. What has been effective in the past is quiet diplomacy, dialogue, compromise.

If the international community wants to help a country improve its human rights performance, it should endeavour to eliminate the threats that make governments retrench instead of opening-up. By now it should be obvious that sabre rattling, sanctions and blockades are not conducive to positive change. Precisely because they aggravate the situation and disrupt the proper functioning of state institutions, they actually weaken the rule of law and lead to retrogression in human rights terms.

In the light of the continuing threats by by some politicians against countries subjected to sanctions, it would seem that an old French adage has application :

- la bête est très méchante, lorsqu'on l'attaque, elle se défend.

The beast is very nasty — when you attack it, it defends itself.

Bottom line

Let us recognize that "democracy" cannot be exported and imposed by force, that human rights are not the result of a vertical, top-down enforcement but rather require a horizontal recognition of the dignity of every human being, and that the exercise of human rights depends on education, mutual respect and solidarity. It is imperative to reaffirm the reasons why unilateral coercive measures are incompatible with the object and purpose of the United Nations Charter and violate basic principles of the Charter including the sovereign equality of states, the self-determination of peoples, freedom of trade, freedom of navigation, non-discrimination, the obligation to solve differences by negotiation, the prohibition of the use of force.

A strong argument can be made that the language of article 2(4) of the Charter prohibiting "the threat or use of force" logically encompasses all forms of coercion against other states – coercion that would deny those countries the right to choose their form of government and their socio-economic system. Coercion cannot be used to impose a neo-liberal economic system on other states. See GA Resolutions 2131, 2625, 60/1 (para. 135), 76/161, OAS Charter Articles 19, 20, etc. See in particular the Reports of the Special Rapporteurs of the Human Rights Council on the negative impacts of unilateral coercive measures, the late Dr. Idriss Jazairy and Professor Dr. Alena Douhan

(<u>https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/UCM/Pages/SRCoerciveMeasures.aspx</u>). See also the language of the 29 General Assembly resolutions condemning the US embargo against Cuba.

It is imperative to reject the pretence that sanctions have anything to do with promotion of human rights. On the contrary – SANCTIONS KILL. Experience shows that sanctions are there to advance geopolitical and geoeconomic agendas. The corporate media, however, disseminates the propagandistic and profoundly wrong argument that sanctions are imposed with the benevolent purpose to induce countries to stop violating international law or stop violating human rights. Such is pure cynicism and hypocrisy. Moreover, bearing in mind that economic sanctions and financial blockades kill hundreds of thousands of innocent persons world-wide, the International Court of Justice should issue an advisory opinion enunciating point for point why such sanctions are contrary to international law and defining the legal consequences for the rogue states that impose them. Finally, the International Court must declare such sanctions to constitute crimes against humanity for purposes of article 7 of the Statute of Rome.

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<u>mar. 21</u>

VIDEO: Congress screws American workers to escalate war on Russia <u>https://thegrayzone.com/2022/03/10/congress-american-workers-war-russia/</u> via <u>@TheGrayzoneNews</u>

Thegrayzone.com

VIDEO: Congress screws American workers to escalate war on Russia - The Grayzone

As gas prices and inflation surge, Max Blumenthal questions members of Congress on the economic toll American workers face from escalating sanctions on Russia, and on their support for escalating the...

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<u>Mar. 21</u>

"NATO peacekeepers," like "lethal aid" & "no-fly zone" are terms that are part of NATO lingo and mean the exact opposite of what they appear to mean to unsuspecting ears. NATO knows this, as do the media. Yet they continue with this deliberate deception.

msn.com

Top diplomat rules out US role in Ukraine peacekeeping mission

U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Linda Thomas-Greenfield on Sunday ruled out the possibility of the U.S. taking part in peacekeeping operations inside Ukraine, reiterating that the Biden...

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interviews/ Part 4: How Neil Wilson discovered MMT (and Reddit) Part 5: Neil Wilson: Real-world economics requires understanding dynamics. Part 6 and part 7: An Accounting Model of the U.K. Excheque

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<u>mar. 21</u>

This is hilarious. Elderly Ukrainians living in US happily justify Ukrainian collaboration with Hitler and explicitly link Ukrainian nationalists' murderous Russophobia of that time with their Russophobia today.

@FoxNews interviewer appears befuddled.

youtube.com

WWII refugees discuss Russia's invasion of Ukraine Refugees who fled Ukraine during World War II discuss Russia's invasion of the country today. #FoxNewsSubscribe to Fox News! https://bit.ly

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<u>mar. 20</u>

Anatoly Shariy, whose political party named the 'Party of Shariy' was just banned by Zelensky, explains that Ukrainian SBU intelligence – led by "The Strangler" – is disappearing, torturing and murdering anyone who has spoken a single word criticizing the regime.

Continued below.

Bideoa: https://twitter.com/i/status/1505619547566530563

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Zelensky: Our army is just like the IDF.

Palestinians: To hell with it then. Libs: How dare you !?

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<u>mar. 21</u>

It is shocking that Zelensky's patrons--Biden, Johnson et al--have done nothing to rein in his wild threats to unleash World War III. One can only surmise that they are perfectly happy with such talk.

zerohedge.com

Zelensky Says WWIII Assured If Negotiations With Russia Break Down

"But if these attempts fail, that would mean that this is a third World War."

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<u>mar. 21</u>

David, they're publicly torturing anyone accused of being a traitor.

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Mar. 19

Ukraine may be the first example in human history of a country that under the pressure of war is becoming *more* tolerant and *more* liberal

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Michael Savage@ASavageNation

<u>19 h</u>

Z IS A DICTATOR! BANS OPPOSITON PARTIES. do you see him now?

breitbart.com

Ukraine's Prez Zelensky Uses Martial Law to Ban Main Opposition Party

President Volodymyr Zelensky has used martial law to ban a number of Ukrainian opposition parties, including the largest party after his own.

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<u>Gleb Bazo@gbazov</u>

<u>mar. 21</u>

<u>#UKRAINE</u> using civilian objects, such as, inter alia, schools, kindergartens, hospitals, mid and highrise apartments, and administrative buildings as barracks, military staging and storage, firing locations, and artillery positions. <u>#ABC</u> confirms. Next <u>#CNN</u> and <u>@POTUS</u>? <u>#Russia</u>

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<u>Mar. 21</u>

ABC visits a school in <u>#Ukraine</u> that has just been turned into a military target. "This school has been made into a massive military warehouse," says ABC reporter. Ukraine military has allegedly been using schools, hospitals & public buildings.

https://iview.abc.net.au/show/abc-newsstories/series/0/video/NEWS202213804368

@ABCnews

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<u>mar. 21</u>

Pouring in weapons, targeting Russian civilians w/ sanctions, & siding w/ neo-Nazis over Minsk accords is the "responsible progressive position on Ukraine", <u>@BernieSanders</u> aide declares.

Pandering to DC war fever makes it easy to grasp why progressives are in a weak position:

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Matt Duss@mattduss

mar. 20

This is apparently hard for some folks to grasp because it's not true in many other areas of foreign policy, but a responsible progressive position on Ukraine is basically what Biden is doing right now.

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Russians With Attitude@RWApodcast

<u>Mar. 21</u>

Has any big news agency offered a correction of their claims that the "abandoned mall" was a civilian target now that the Ukrainian side admits their military was there?

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<u>22 h</u>

Hungary seems to be the only country these days that shows any common sense. No wonder the Ursula von der Leyen types are determined to get Viktor Orban out.

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Velina Tchakarova@vtchakarova

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Hungary will veto EU sanctions on Russian gas, a no-fly zone and an EU peacekeeping mission.

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Ali Abunimah@AliAbunimah

<u>20 h</u>

Welcome to 2022, where German government broadcaster <u>@dwnewsmis acting as a public relations agency for Nazis. https://dw.com/en/the-azov-battalion-extremists-defending-mariupol/a-61151151</u>



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Umland said Azov had drawn early attention by using the the Nazi Wolfsangel symbol as its emblem. "The Wolfsangel has far-right connotations, it is a pagan symbol that the SS also used," said Umland. "But it is not considered a fascist symbol by the population in Ukraine."

The Azov Regiment wants the symbol from the Nazi era to be understood as stylized versions of the letters N and I, standing for "national idea."

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Mark Ames@MarkAmesExiled

<u>20 h</u>

"Never before have I seen a city so completely devastated. Not just in one district area, but almost entirely. Think Dresden and you'd be close. Street after street of windowless, hollowed-out buildings. Miles of rubble. Piles of twisted metal. Utter ruin"

theguardian.com

Raqqa is in ruins like a modern Dresden. This is not 'precision bombing'

Thousands of Syrians are dead and their city devastated. How dare the US, UK and French militaries speak of 'surgical strikes'?, says Kate Allen, director of Amnesty International UK

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<u>12 h</u>

NEW PODCAST! What is BIDEN HIDEN in UKRAINE?

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Are you a "Russian Agent?" According the fascists in the mainstream media anyone who is skeptical over a war with [READ MORE]

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The Sirius Report@thesiriusreport

<u>Mar. 21</u>

So why is the glass still intact in the shop windows?



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Dead bodies lie on the ground at the site of a bombing at a shopping center as Russia's invasion of Ukraine continues, in Kyiv, Ukraine March 21, 2022. REUTERS/Marko Djurica

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<u>2 h</u>

A rare article that escapes the all-pervasive cliches.

newsweek.com

Putin's bombers could devastate Ukraine but he's holding back. Here's why The Russian leader has to keep destruction and pressure at a very careful, just-bad-enough level to not draw in NATO but push Ukraine to negotiate.

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(Ikus beheko artikuluak, Robert Paul Wolff-ek idatziak)

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As of the past weekend, in 24 days of conflict, Russia has flown some 1,400 strike sorties and delivered almost 1,000 missiles (by contrast, the United States flew more sorties and delivered more weapons in the first day of the 2003 Iraq war). The vast majority of the airstrikes are over the battlefield, with Russian aircraft providing "close air support" to ground forces. The remainder—less than 20 percent, according to U.S. experts—has been aimed at military airfields, barracks and supporting depots.

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Stephen McIntyre@ClimateAudit

<u>5 h</u>

a Mariupol eyewitness says that Mariupol theatre was blown up by Ukrainian Azov Battalion and was not bombed from air. IMO this appears to be honest information amidst tsunami of <u>#UkraineDisinformation</u>

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tim anderson@timand2037

5 h

Eyewitness from #Mariupol and of the theatre bombing. Warning: if your state propaganda convinced you to not listen to the #Russian language, stop now. From #Donbass Insider.

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Bideoa: https://twitter.com/i/status/1506441593678708740

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Robert Paul Wolff

MEANWHILE THE WORLD GOES ON

https://robertpaulwolff.blogspot.com/2022/03/meanwhile-world-goes-on.html

(...) I have along the way been watching the endless television coverage of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. I wrote a brief post several days ago designed to emphasize the danger that is posed by Vladimir Putin's implied threat of using nuclear weapons. Today I would like to expand on this because it is far more important than anything else happening at the present time. It was the danger of a nuclear war that got me involved in politics more than 60 years ago. I was one of many people around the world who worked unsuccessfully for nuclear disarmament. If it was obvious then it is equally obvious now that a war fought with nuclear weapons would simply end the world as we know it. I will not bother to take any time explaining why this is so unless there is someone reading this blog so dim as not to understand it.

From the very beginning, it was obvious that there were three ways in which we could stumble into nuclear war: through escalation of conventional warfare that got out of hand and led to the use of nuclear weapons; through accident or the mistaken interpretation of unclear evidence in a battlefield situation; and through the deliberate decision of someone who had lost the ability to make rationally self-interested decisions and self destructively initiated the use of nuclear weapons.

All three of these are threats in the present situation. It is obvious that direct military confrontation between NATO and Russian forces could easily lead to an escalation resulting in the use of "tactical" nuclear weapons which could then very quickly and uncontrollably lead to the use of strategic nuclear weapons. It is also clear that if Soviet and American fighter jets were to confront one another over Ukraine, it would be fatally easy for a jet pilot armed with nuclear weapons to misread a battlefield situation and make a split-second wrong decision that would result in nuclear weapons being used. It also appears to be the case, although I am an absolutely no position to judge the likelihood of this, that Vladimir Putin, confronted with a humiliating and even career ending military defeat in Ukraine, could issue orders for the use of nuclear weapons, even though it would certainly result in his death. Whether those orders would be obeyed or not is something that none of us can rationally judge.

If we do survive this, God willing, I think it is actually possible that this crisis will work to the benefit of the Democrats in the midterm elections. Wouldn't that be enjoyably ironic!

I have been reassured by the flat refusal of Pres. Biden and the American military to even consider establishing a "no-fly zone" over Ukraine through the use of American military jets. The calls for the establishment of such a no-fly zone by American politicians are irresponsible and literally insane, but at least thus far the American military establishment and its political rulers appear firmly committed to resisting all such demands.

This gives Russia a great tactical advantage, of course. That fact was well understood half a century ago by people thinking and writing about nuclear war and it was one of many reasons why those of us who sought nuclear disarmament argued that nuclear weapons were never a satisfactory form of defense. But we lost that argument and so here we are, in 2022, hoping that Vladimir Putin is rationally self-interested or, alternatively, that close to him are advisors and generals who will if necessary kill him.

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TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS, ONCE AGAIN

https://robertpaulwolff.blogspot.com/2022/

According to what seem to be reliable reports, the Russian invasion of Ukraine is stalled. The Russians are said to have suffered the deaths of 10,000 or more troops and two to three times that many

wounded. The Russian losses of tanks and other armored vehicles are apparently huge and continuing. In the past few days, there have been more and more discussions in the media about the possibility of Russia resorting to the use of what are referred to as "tactical nuclear weapons." I do not get the impression that the people talking about this on television have the slightest notion of what a "tactical nuclear weapon" would be or what conceivable use it would be in the Ukraine war.

I have talked about this on this blog quite recently and I am going to repeat now things I said then. If you find this tiresome, go somewhere else and amuse yourself on another blog. This is far and away the most important thing now happening in the world and I am going to talk about it again and again and again.

The distinction between strategy and tactics has for centuries been a part of military discourse. The term "tactics" refers to maneuvers or decisions or actions taken on a particular battlefield in the context of a particular battle. How to combine tanks with foot soldiers to greatest effect is a question of tactics. Whether to combine all of one's forces or spread them across the field of battle or perhaps divide them into several wings to surround the enemy forces is a matter of tactics. So are the decisions about how most effectively to combine airpower with ground maneuvers. The Russian decision to divide into several columns the forces advancing from the north on Kyiv is a matter of tactics.

The weapons referred to as "tactical nuclear weapons" are fission bombs each of which is rated as the equivalent of perhaps 3000 to 5000 tons of TNT or some similar explosive. This is referred to in shorthand as a 3 KT or 5 KT tactical nuke, a catchy form of speech that sounds hep and knowledgeable, what was called when I was young "inside dopester."

Let us think about this for a moment. If Russia were to send a flight of 50 heavy bombers to attack the capital city of Ukraine and if each of these bombers were to carry four so-called "blockbuster" bombs, each containing the equivalent of 1000 pounds of TNT, and if all 50 of these bombers were to drop their bombs on the capital city, causing enormous amounts of destruction and death, this would be an attack using a total of 100 tons of high explosive. If Russia were to send such a flight of bombers every day for a month, it would at the end of that month have delivered to Kyiv an explosive power equivalent to **one** so-called tactical nuclear weapon rated at 3 KT. In one month, Russia would have destroyed Kyiv with conventional weapons. Using a single tactical nuclear weapon, Russia would destroy Kyiv in roughly 3 seconds. To ensure the complete destruction of Kyiv, Russia might have to double down and use two or three tactical nuclear weapons. Not by any stretch of language can this be called a "tactical decision."

The phrase "tactical nuclear weapon" is a contradiction, a deception, a device employed by people who seek some way of justifying the use of weapons, which they possess, for which no justified use can be found.

Russia is said to have 4000 nuclear weapons. As I have said before and will say again and again, if a nation has nuclear weapons and the people who control those weapons cannot be deterred by rational self-interest, there is nothing anybody can do to stop them from using those weapons.

Vladimir Putin cannot use nuclear weapons. It is not he who sits in the bunker or flies the plane or enters the codes into the device that launches the weapon. He gives orders. If he were to order the use of nuclear weapons, "tactical" or otherwise, would the generals and the colonels and the majors and lieutenants obey his orders? I have no idea. If he were to order the use of nuclear weapons and if the officers who actually control those weapons were to obey his orders, would the weapons actually fly or would they splutter and fizzle? I have no idea and I do not know whether American military commanders know either.

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<u>mar. 18</u>

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Friedrich Engels's Eulogy to Karl Marx

Karl Marx died on this day in 1883. At his funeral, Marx's lifelong friend and comrade Friedrich Engels delivered a eulogy predicting Marx's work would endure through the ages. We reprint Engels's...

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by ALANA MASTRANGELO 16 Mar 2022 412,



Karl Marx was a German philosopher and economist. If you're looking for a dangerous Russian-born philosopher who inspired oligarchies around the world, that'd be Ayn Rand.

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<u>18 h</u>

Given that Scholz also explicitly ruled out NATO's getting involved, it might have been an idea to think this through before throwing in your lot with Zelensky. <u>https://dw.com/en/germany-cha</u>

He said Europe would end its energy dependence on Russia but that to do so overnight would risk hundreds of thousands of jobs and entire industrial sectors.

"Sanctions should not hurt European states harder than the Russian leadership," Scholz said.

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Russian American Daily@RussiaUSA

• Putin: Payments for gas supplies to Europe will be switched to rubles. By freezing Russia's Central Bank reserves, the West defaulted on its obligations to Russia and rendered its currencies unreliable.

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Richard Medhurst@richimedhurst

<u>18 h</u>

VISA and Mastercard pulled out of Russia. China saw the opportunity, came in and linked its UnionPay to Russia's Mir system. Now Caracas is in talks to link Mir to Venezuela. The West shooting itself in the foot again.

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Mark Ames@MarkAmesExiled

<u>14 h</u>

So now EU has a choice: either collapse their own economies and face political unrest, or break their own sanctions against RU Central Bank + prop up the ruble.

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The Hill@thehill

15 h

Putin says "unfriendly" countries must now pay for Russian natural gas in rubles http://hill.cm/wnEKZwW

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The Sirius Report@thesiriusreport

<u>21 h</u>

Putin stated clearly that importers would have to go to the MOEX and obtain rubles to pay for gas. So why are we seeing endless theories being expressed about how these transactions will actually take place? Putin spelt it out clearly with no ambiguity.

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The Mother of All Talkshows with George Galloway@MoatsTV

<u>13 h</u>

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George Szamuely@GeorgeSzamuely

<u>9 h</u>

I was on <u>#MOATS</u> with <u>@georgegalloway</u>

Great fun, great discussion and much appreciation for the invitation.

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Jackson Hinkle

Zelensky JUST CONFESSED that NATO told him they wouldn't admit Ukraine into the alliance, but that this decision shouldn't be made public.

Zelensky dragged his country into a suicidal conflict for absolutely no legitimate purpose other than to serve as a pawn of the deep state.

"I requested them personally to say directly that we are going to accept you into NATO in a year or two or five, just say it directly and clearly, or just say no," Zelensky said. "And the response was very clear, you're not going to be a NATO member, but publicly, the doors will remain open," he said.

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<u>Mar. 23</u>

Whether true or not when did Guterres become a military expert? Does he by implication approve western arms aid to Ukraine? Has he spoken against this fuelling of conflict even as he asks Russia to end aggression? Won't have courage. He has become irrelevant.

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UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres told Russia the war in Ukraine is unwinnable.

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Victor vicktop55@vicktop55

<u>22 h</u>

1/2 Zelensky in Israel: This war is like the Holocaust. Zelensky in the USA: This war is like September 11th. Zelensky in Germany: This war is like the bombing of Dresden and Hamburg... Oh, wait.

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Victor vicktop55@vicktop55

<u>22 h</u>

2/2 Zelensky in Japan: This war is similar to Hiroshima and Nagasaki... Oh, I said the wrong thing, sorry. Zelensky in Vietnam: Uh, okay. <u>https://t.me/vicktop55/2326</u> @vicktop55 #vicktop55

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<u>Mar. 23</u>

Chubais is "respected"? The man who was in charge of privatization in the 1990s is one of the most hated people in Russia.

bloomberg.com

Putin Adviser Chubais Quits Over Ukraine War and Leaves Russia

Russian climate envoy Anatoly Chubais has stepped down and left the country, citing his opposition to President Vladimir Putin's war in Ukraine, according to two people familiar with the situation,...

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Not the saddest day by any stretch of the imagination.

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Going Underground on RT @Underground_RT

Russia state-affiliated media

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Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, who said the deaths of 500,000 Iraqi children caused by US sanctions was a price worth paying, has died.
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<u>mar. 23</u>

Additional words are superfluous. Res ipsa loquitur.

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Madeleine Albright was an astute stateswoman, scholar, and a true champion for freedom and democracy. She was a trailblazer in her field. My colleagues and I at the @OpenSociety Foundations mourn her passing today. We will miss her.

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<u>10 h</u>

Quite so. Surprising that he still held an official position in Russia. Putin has never been the leader Western media made him out to be.

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Nina Byzantina@NinaByzantina

10 h

Chubais was one of the key figures who oversaw the nightmarish neoliberal reforms in 1990s Russia, including the mass-scale privatization (looting) that left the country on the verge of collapse. But I guess the esteemed professor wasn't the one eating out of trashcans back then. twitter.com/mcfaul/status/...

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<u>mar. 23</u>

Fine article on the handiwork of the late, unlamented Madeleine Albright.

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Remembering Madeleine Albright on the occasion of her passing. https://gregoryelich.org/2019/05/13/how

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Spewing poison until her last gasp of air. She died as she lived.

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Caitlin Johnstone 📕 @caitoz

mar. 23

Michael "There are no innocent Russians" McFaul is heartbroken about the passing of Madeleine "The price is worth it" Albright, with whom he was strategizing about the US proxy war in Ukraine until shortly before her death.

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Michael McFaul 🤣 @McFaul

My last conversation with Madeleine Albright a few weeks ago was strategizing about how the free world could do more to help democratic Ukraine. Honor her amazing legacy by doing just that.

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In May 1996 Madeleine Albright, who was then US ambassador to the UN, was asked by Lesley Stahl of 60 Minutes In reference to years of US-led economic sanctions against Iraq:

Lesley Stahl: We have heard that half a million children have died. I mean, that is more children than died in Hiroshima. And, you know, is the price worth it?

Madeleine Albright: I think that is a very hard choice, but the price, we think, the price is worth it.

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<u>9 h</u>

Albright and Chubais--and on the same day. A toast to the demise of the 1990s!

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Niccolo Luppino de Rivera Soldo@fbfsubstack

21 h

Chubais, along with Gaidar, was one of the two key architects of Russia's disastrous privatization during the 90s. He was given this pointless job just to keep an eye on him. twitter.com/zerohedge/stat...

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David North@DavidNorthWSWS

<u>13 h</u>

Ukraine is the battlefield chosen by US/NATO for its long-planned war with Russia. This This was made clear by NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg at a press conference earlier today. He stated: 1/

nytimes.com

How Russia and Right-Wing Americans Converged on War in Ukraine

Some conservatives have echoed the Kremlin's misleading claims about the war and vice versa, giving each other's assertions a sheen of credibility.

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<u>@nytimes</u> has been running this same article once every three days for the past I-don't-know-howmany-years. Endless repetition doesn't make the argument any more convincing.

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Some conservatives have echoed the Kremlin's misleading claims about the war and vice versa, giving each other's assertions a sheen of credibility.

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For more see <u>@unjoe</u>:

consortiumnews.com

Pentagon Drops Truth Bombs to Stave Off War With Russia

Two leaked stories from the Pentagon have exposed the lies of mainstream media about how Russia is conducting the Ukraine war in a bid to counter propaganda intended to get NATO into the conflict,...

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<u>22 h</u>

And how serendipitous that it should fall on the day after the demise of the architect of the bombing, former US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

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Balkan Conflicts Research Team@ResearchTeam

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Today is the 23rd anniversary of the start of Nato's illegal 78-day bombing of Serbia - when only 2% of its smart ordinance hit military targets. Last year we published daily compilations of the contemporary news coverage. Links to each day are at https://bit.ly/3vbVAIY

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<u>22 h</u>

What NATO SG Stoltenberg says here is flagrantly in violation of the North Atlantic Treaty. NATO was set up exclusively to provide for the defense of member-states. It was explicitly directed to avoid getting militarily involved in conflicts that don't involve member states.

Since 2014, Allies have trained Ukraine's armed forces, and significantly strengthened their capabilities. They are putting that training into practice now, on the front lines, with great bravery.

In the last months, Allies have stepped up military support. Providing anti-tank and air defence systems, drones, fuel and ammunition. As well as financial aid. And hosting millions of refugees.

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<u>22 h</u>

Odd. I thought Russia was getting its clock cleaned by the "heroic Ukrainians." We really need to get

the story straight at some point.

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UKRAINE'S PRESIDENT ZELENSKY TELLS NATO THAT RUSSIA PLANS TO GO FURTHER, AND TARGET EASTERN NATO STATES.

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<u>12 h</u>

Cue to lachrymose US/UK politicians making the somber announcement: "Tragically, Mariupol has fallen."

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@meatballsubzero

16 h

Azov suffered its biggest losses today to date and no longer exists as a cohesive unit. Announcement from Mariupol any minute. Head of the DPR Denis Pushilin and State Duma deputies Turchak and Sablin are already there. Happy tears. It's over. https://pic.twitter.com/dQIZEgKHvw

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Max Blumenthal@MaxBlumenthal

<u>12 h</u>

Last August, well before he banned 11 opposition parties, Zelensky told ethnic Russian Ukrainian citizens of the Donbas to self-deport to Russia, promising to "de-occupy" the region via military offensive. The US encouraged his most anti-democratic moves. <u>https://dw.com/ru/zelenskij-prizval-schitajushhih-sebja-russkimi-zhitelej-donbassa-uehat-v-rossiju/a-58766997</u>

Zelensky urged residents of Donbass who consider themselves Russian to leave for Russia

The President of Ukraine stressed that "no one will expel anyone," this should be an independent decision of a person. Zelensky urged people who consider themselves Ukrainians to hold on.

At the same time, the president stressed that "no one will expel anyone," this should be an independent decision of a person. and grandchildren, you already need to go and look for a place in Russia," Zelensky said.

Donbass will never be Russian territory

Those residents of Donbass who feel like Ukrainians, "respect the flag and the Ukrainian language," he urged to stay, to hold on, because "this land will be de- occupied in any case."

According to the head of state, Donbass will never be a territory of Russia. "It doesn't matter how long it will be occupied, you understand? It's like the wall that was in Germany. In any case, people, history will seize the moment - and the wall will collapse," Zelensky said.

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<u>11 h</u>

Strange then that the US has had no problem using chemical weapons in the past. Even Hitler....

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Worth noting even Hitler didn't permit his military to use chemical weapons, though he had them. twitter.com/wsj/status/150...

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But setting aside the swastikas, the pogroms against Russian-speakers, the decade of airstrikes against civilians in Donetsk and Lugansk, the corruption, the banning of political parties, and the kidnapping of children, the Ukrainians are definitely the good guys.

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<u>8 h</u>

And in the meantime, Russia had better keep supplying us with coal, oil, natural gas and wheat, and they had better not expect to get paid for it either. Because, you know, we're imposing the mother of

all sanctions.

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leaders here, Brussels is today the centre of the free world. Together, we will step up our support for Ukraine. Sharpen our sanctions. And break free from Russia's fossil fuels.

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Tomorrow with @POTUS we will open a new chapter in our

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This is true. Fashionable people are always against the last stupid war or the last mindless, cruel policy, but are fully on board with today's war and today's cruel and unjust policy.

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Many leftists think they're super edgy for ridiculing Madeleine Albright's infamous statement that the death of 500,000 Iraqi children by US sanctions was "worth it," but the current US sanctions against Russia have the same purpose, and leftists either support them or don't care

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why is FOX newz making MADELINE ALBRIGHT into some sort of saintly figure? SHE WAS CONDEMNED AS A WAR CRIMINAL by many nations for overseeing the ruthless BOMBING of SERBIA under Bill Clinton.

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"Russia is carrying out a barbaric atrocity; it is not committing systematic genocide aimed at killing every single Ukrainian." Zelensky bombed in his speech to ISRAEL

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The obsolete uti possidetis scam lacks the flexibility necessary for sustainable internal and external peace. Notably it fails to understand that implementing the right of self-determination is a conflict-prevention strategy.

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Conflict and war come from our messianism and crusader mindsets -- our wars in Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya and Syria brought untold misery to these countries, just because we wanted to show them the way to happiness.

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<u>17 h</u>

Washington has played a key role in sowing death and destruction in the world -- whether Vietnam, Afghanistan, Iraq -- and the mayhem continues in Ukraine through our proxy war.

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When EU countries censor RT and Sputnik, they violate article 19 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights any remaining credibility as open societies.

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NATO's militarism and proxy wars inflicted and continue to inflict huge costs not only on the target states -- but also in our own countries, where democracy and human rights are being eroded every day.

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The Sirius Report@thesiriusreport

<u>23 h</u>

Putin stated clearly that importers would have to go to the MOEX and obtain rubles to pay for gas. So why are we seeing endless theories being expressed about how these transactions will actually take place? Putin spelt it out clearly with no ambiguity.

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Mike Norman@mikenorman

<u>2 h</u>

Let's face it. It was maybe not ALL about this, but a big part of it was this. For this, a country is wrecked, thousands died and millions displaced. Disgraceful.

https://nypost.com/2022/03/25/us-to-sell-energy-to-europe-in-bid-to-cut-russian-gas/? utm_source=twitter_sitebuttons&utm_medium=site%20buttons&utm_campaign=site%20buttons via @nypost nypost.com

US to sell energy to Europe in bid to cut Russian gas

<u>The United States will sell natural gas to the European Union as part of an overall plan to cut the</u> <u>continent's dependence on Russian energy in the wake of Moscow's invasion of Ukraine, President...</u>

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COUNTERPUNCH: When the "Good Guys" Censor

March 25, 2022

(https://dezayasalfred.wordpress.com/2022/03/25/counterpunch-when-the-good-guys-censor/)

Article 19 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights stipulates that "Everyone shall have the right to freedom of expression; this right shall include freedom to seek, receive and impart information and ideas of all kinds, regardless of frontiers, either orally, in writing or in print, in the form of art, or through any other media of his choice. "

On 21 March I was called by <u>Sputnik</u> and interviewed concerning the war in Ukraine. On 22 March the article was published under this electronic link

When I tried to access the link, the server informed me that

"This site can't be reached. sputniknews.com took too long to respond"

I was surprised, since I reside in Switzerland, which is a party to the ICCPR and obliged to guarantee the two rights enunciated in article 19:

1) the right to seek information and ideas

2) and the right to impart and disseminate them

When I sent the link to friends in the United States, they too could not access the link, although the United States is also a party to ICCPR. "Currently unable to access the article on google's server in the US".

What is going on? Democracy can only function properly when citizens have access to all the

information, perspectives and points of view, so that they can arrive at their own opinions. Freedom of expression does not mean the right to echo whatever information and narratives we hear from our governments or from the "quality press", but encompasses the right to dissent from those views. In order to build one's own judgment about facts and events, we need pluralistic news services.

It appears that censorship is being practised both by governments that ostensibly declare themselves to be "democratic" and also by the private sector, including twitter, Facebook and YouTube. This kind of censorship is unworthy of democratic societies and should be condemned by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, by the UN Human Rights Council, by Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch and Reporters without Borders.

Censorship is exactly the wrong approach. Precisely now, in the midst of a military confrontation that may endanger the entire planet and the survival of humanity, it is necessary to have a maximum of information and views. In particular it is necessary to have access to sedate analysis based on the UN Charter and international law. We must endeavour to understand the options, the nuances and the dissenting views in order to grasp the complexities of the problems, which are certainly not black and white. We must beware not join "patriotic" bandwagons, not to go down the path of Orwell's Ministry of Truth.

How can the EU criticise censorship in Russia and China, when European countries also practice censorship?

Here is the text of the censored interview;

On 19 March 2003, Washington's Operation Shock and Awe started under a completely false pretext. You say that there has been no violation of the Nuremberg Principles as grave as the invasion, occupation and devastation of Iraq in 2003. What do you mean?

It was a veritable revolt against the Nuremberg Principles, international law and the international order, the cumulation of the crimes of aggression, war crimes and crimes against humanity– and all this in total impunity. The vastness of the operation, the viciousness of the bombardment, the destruction of world heritage sites and museums, the use of white phosphorus and cluster bombs, widespread torture at Abu Ghraib and other prisons including Guantanamo, the "extraordinary rendition" program – all this constituted "shock and awe" upon Iraqi victims, a demonstration of imperial power intended to convince the world of America's hegemony. It was not only the incompetent President George W. Bush and his hawkish neo-con advisors who were behind this atrocity. Bush pulled in the "coalition of the willing" – 43 countries ostensibly committed to international law and human rights, Bush made them into accomplices in the assault against a hapless country and its population. The purpose was "regime change", to topple the Iraqi government of Saddam Hussein, to steal Iraqi oil and strengthen NATO's geopolitical presence in the Middle East. It was indeed "shock and awe" in the collective devastation of a country that was not threatening anyone.

Let us not forget that the UN Security Council was already seized of the Iraqi situation since 1991, that there was no reason, no urgency to do anything against the government of Iraq that was already cooperating with the UN. Two United Nations inspectors were performing their job on the ground — systematically searching for weapons of mass destruction — and not finding any. Hans Blix and Mohamed ElBaradei were both threatened by the United States to induce them to make a false finding that Saddam Hussein was in "material breach" of the relevant Security Council resolutions. This would have provided an "excuse", a mantle of legality for the US to invade Iraq with the blessing of the Security Council. But Blix and ElBaradei did not deliver the magic words "material breach", and the UN had to withdraw its inspectors, because it became apparent that the US would attack with or without approval by the Security Council. The whole operation was criminal and deliberate. It is a disgrace that 90% of the Western media supported "shock and awe" and disseminated the fake news and intelligence coming from Washington and London. Clearly George W. Bush and Tony Blair should have been sent before an international criminal tribunal. But no. There was total impunity for them and for the other "leaders" of democratic countries who participated in the bombing and looting. Only a Peoples' Tribunal at Kuala Lumpur could be convened, and the judges did convict both Bush

and Blair.

According to the <u>Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft</u>, the Western media played a great role in whitewashing the illegal US campaign. What's your take on the role of the Western media in world affairs, given that it still remains mute about eight-year long genocide of Russian-speakers in Donbass, and peddling untruthful and distorted narrative of Russian special operation today?

The Western media is complicit in NATO's crimes not only in Iraq, but also in Afghanistan, Libya and Syria. Our corporate media (I am an American citizen) engages in flagrant war propaganda and incitement to hatred – in 2003 against Iraq and the Iraqi people who supported Saddam Hussein, and today against, Russia and Russians, who are depicted as aggressors and gross violators of human rights. This Russophobic propaganda did not start in 2022 – it has a long history going back to the 1950's and Joe McCarthy, going back to the demonization of Brezhnev and Andropov, and more recently of Vladimir Putin. The media systematically violates article 20(1) of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which prohibits war propaganda, and article 20(2) which prohibits incitement to racial hatred and violence. Of course, our corporate media are in the service of the hegemon and their job is to act as echo chambers for whatever the White House, the Pentagon, the CIA, M15 want to sell to the public. They participated in the demonization of Saddam Hussein and in the hysteria that accompanied the run-up to the invasion, which UN Secretary General Kofi Annan labelled an "illegal war" on repeated occasions. Our media does not only disseminate "fake news" and bogus arguments, it also suppresses inconvenient facts, including the massive violations of the 2014 and 2015 Minsk Agreements by Ukraine, the savage shelling of Lugansk and Donetsk, the destruction of hospitals and schools. Anyone who wants to be informed about what is happening in Ukraine must also consult RT, Sputnik, CGTN, Asia Times, Telesur, Prensa Latina and "alternative media" like Greyzone, the Intercept, Consortium News and Counterpunch.

NATO countries unleashed wars and committed atrocities in Yugoslavia, Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Somalia and Syria. However, no one has been held responsible for this so far. Furthermore, in the eyes of the US the ICC has no jurisdiction, no legitimacy, and no authority. What's your take on this situation?

I partly agree with the US that the ICC has little or no authority and credibility. I disagree with the US in that I would wish to see a vigorous, objective and proactive ICC that would exercise jurisdiction not only over African leaders and military, but that would demonstrate the courage and independence to indict individuals from Western countries. Surely George W. Bush, Tony Blair, Dick Cheney, Paul Wolfowitz, John Bolton, Barack Obama, Donald Trump, Joe Biden all deserve being indicted – for war crimes and crimes against humanity, for the "collateral damage" caused by the indiscriminate use of drones, for the use of prohibited weapons and depleted uranium weapons with long-lasting radioactive impacts. Indeed, the ICC will only have credibility when it decides to prosecute the big fish. Hitherto it seems that the ICC has largely served the interests of the Western countries, and continues to operate as a smoke screen for the crimes of the West, focusing only on crimes committed by the "little fish".

Could one qualify NATO as a "criminal organization" for purposes of Article 9 of the Statute of Rome of 8 August 1945 – the statute of the Nuremberg Tribunal? Is there ample evidence and necessary preconditions for it? How could this be done?

I would like to see Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch come out and call a spade a spade. I would like to see the UN Secretary General, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights engage in more than just "peace" rhetoric, but to formulate an implementable plan that guarantees a security architecture for all countries in Europe and the world. I would like to see the Secretary General vindicate the purposes and principles of the UN Charter, including the sovereign equality of states and the right of self-determination of all peoples, including the peoples of Crimea and Donbas.

It is time to demand an end to impunity for the crime of aggression, war crimes and crimes against humanity. It is time to demand that the International Court of Justice declare in an Advisory Opinion that the eastern expansion of NATO entailed a "threat to international peace and security" for purposes of article 39 of the UN Charter and constituted a violation of article 2(4) of the Charter,

which prohibits not only the use of force but also the threat of the use of force. How else can we describe the continuous expansion of NATO in violation of the assurances given to Gorbachev in 1989, 90 and 91? How else can we describe the massive rearmament of Ukraine with only one purpose – to intimidate Russia? NATO is certainly not a "defensive alliance" – at least not since the Warsaw Pact was dissolved in 1991. NATO has been trying to usurp the role of the UN Security Council, which has exclusive responsibility for keeping peace and security in the world. Of course, since the Security Council will never agree to impose a "Pax Americana" on the rest of the world, NATO unilaterally assumes the role of imperial policeman over the globe and establishes hundreds of military bases intended to encircle not only Russia, but China as well.

It should be the role of the International Criminal Court to investigate the war crimes and crimes against humanity committed by NATO countries in Yugoslavia, Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya and Syria

These crimes are documented not only in the publications of Wikileaks, but also in United Nations reports and countless eyewitness and victim testimonies. An Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice could look into the question whether the number and magnitude of these crimes qualify NATO as a "criminal organization" for purposes of article 9 of the London Agreement of 8 August 1945. Of course, there are serious problems with the concept of a "criminal organization", because we all believe in individual justice and not in guilt by association. It would be necessary to ensure the presumption of innocence of all members of a "criminal organization" and guarantee due process as provided for in article 14 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. But questions concerning the crimes committed by NATO and NATO countries must be raised. Bearing in mind that NATO has such a long track record of war crimes and crimes against humanity, it is important that history record this sad reality, and that civil society the world over reject the propaganda narratives and demand more transparency and accountability from the leaders of the US and all NATO countries. Here is a task for the International Criminal Court – to examine whether the violations of articles 5, 6, 7 and 8 of the Statute of Rome by NATO countries justify calling NATO a "criminal organization." Bottom line: International law is by definition universal, and it must be enforced not only against little countries, but against all members of the international community, objectively and without double-standards.

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The cat is out of the bag. It is clear that the US is interested in prolonging the Ukraine war and does not want a cease-fire. It hopes the quagmire will bring Putin down and usher "regime change".

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Everything indicates that Zelinsky is following a US "regime change" playbook, hoping for a kind of

"colour revolution" in Russia.

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The narratives in the NYTimes and WaPo indicate that the endgame is to topple Putin. But in 60 years the US did not succeed in toppling the Cuban government. Nor did 23 years of economic war bring the Venezuelan government down.

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The only rational solution to this tragedy is an immediate cease-fire and a new security architecture with Ukraine as a free, independent and neutral state

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The world demands peace in Ukraine, but it must also demand peace for the people of Yemen, the worst humanitarian crisis in the world today. Peace with Justice.

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Seven years ago on 25 March 2015 the Houthi movement took Lahij and Aden and expelled the Saudi proxy Hadi. What followed was a genocidal war by Saudi against Yemenis

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The war crimes and crimes against humanity committed by Saudi Arabia in Yemen continue being downplayed and whitewashed by the corporate press.

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Undoubtedly Saudi Arabia's crimes in Yemen's 7-year war deserve our attention. But the victims are only Houthis – not Europeans.

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Is it not ironic that the United States, UK and EU continue doing business with Saudi Arabia, buying their oil and selling them weapons?

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<u>9 h</u>

NATO sure made a good bargain when it brought Poland in as member. Reckless rantings from the Polish prime minister could get everyone in Europe into a world war that Poland itself is too militarily insignificant to fight.

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Poland's 10-point plan to save Ukraine

Together with Slovenia and the Czech Republic, we have prepared a list of actions the EU must enforce if it really wants to end the war.

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<u>3 h</u>

Ah, liberal, tolerant, multicultural Ukraine, promising to be as hospitable as possible to its huge Russian-speaking population. <u>https://nytimes.com/live/2022/03/2</u>

Mr. Kuleba rejected the Turkish president's interpretation of the state of the talks, <u>saying in a statement</u> that there was "no consensus with Russia on the four points mentioned by the president of Turkey." "In particular," he said, "the Ukrainian language is and will be the only one state language in Ukraine."

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Liberal <u>@nytimes</u>, so understanding toward the rights of minorities to speak and study in their own languages. Compare language rights in pro-Western Baltic States & Ukraine with language rights in Russia.

Mr. Zelensky is under strong domestic pressure not to give in to Russia, and the Ukrainian government is very sensitive to any hint that it might be making concessions, especially on the extremely sensitive point of language policy.

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Game is over!

AN AIR OF DESPERATION IN WASHINGTON – AS THE LIES OF THE WEST & THEIR MEDIA ON RUSSIA-UKRAINE WAR GET EXPOSED ONE BY ONE – 'THE UKRAINIAN ARMY HAS BEEN DEFEATED. WHAT'S LEFT IS MOP-UP'

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Larry C. Johnson: "The Ukrainian Army Has Been Defeated. What's Left Is Mop-Up"

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Excellent interview by Mike Whitney of CIA vet Larry C. Johnson

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Question 1- Can you explain to me why you think Russia is winning the war in Ukraine?

Larry C. Johnson– Within the first 24 hours of the Russian military operation in Ukraine, all Ukrainian Ground Radar Intercept capabilities were wiped out. Without those radars, the Ukrainian Air Force lost its ability to do air to air intercept. In the intervening three weeks, Russia has established a de facto No Fly Zone over Ukraine. While still vulnerable to shoulder fired Surface to Air Missiles supplied by the U.S. and NATO to the Ukrainians, there is no evidence that Russia has had to curtail Combat Air Operations.

Russia's arrival in Kiev within three days of the invasion also caught my attention. I recalled that the Nazi's in Operation Barbarossa took seven weeks to reach Kiev and the required 7 more weeks to subdue the city. The Nazis had the advantage of not pulling punches to avoid civilian casualties and were eager to destroy critical infrastructure. Yet many so-called American military experts claimed that Russia was bogged down. When a 24 mile (or 40 mile, depends on the news source) was positioned north of Kiev for more than a week, it was clear that Ukraine's ability to launch significant military operations had been eliminated. If their artillery was intact, then that column was easy pickings for massive destruction. That did not happen. Alternatively, if the Ukrainian's had a viable fixed wing or rotary wing capability they should have destroyed that column from the air. That did not happen. Or, if they had a viable cruise missile capability they should have rained down hell on the supposedly stalled Russian column. That did not happen. The Ukrainians did not even mount a significant infantry ambush of the column with their newly supplied U.S. Javelins.

The scale and scope of the Russian attack is remarkable. They captured territory in three weeks that is

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larger than the land mass of the United Kingdom. They then proceeded to carry out targeted attacks on key cities and military installations. We have not seen a single instance of a Ukrainian regiment or brigade size unit attacking and defeating a comparable Russian unit. Instead, the Russians have split the Ukrainian Army into fragments and cut their lines of communication. The Russians are consolidating their control of Mariupol and have secured all approaches on the Black Sea. Ukraine is now cut off in the South and the North.

I would note that the U.S. had a tougher time capturing this much territory in Iraq in 2003 while fighting against a far inferior, less capable military force. If anything, this Russian operation should scare the hell out of U.S. military and political leaders.

The really big news came this week with the Russian missile strikes on what are de facto NATO bases in Yavoriv and Zhytomyr. NATO conducted cyber security training at Zhytomyr in September 2018 and described Ukraine as a "NATO partner." Zhytomyr was destroyed with hypersonic missiles on Saturday. Yavoriv suffered a similar fate last Sunday. It was the primary training and logistics center that NATO and EUCOM used to supply fighters and weapons to Ukraine. A large number of the military and civilian personnel at that base became casualties.

Not only is Russia striking and destroying bases used by NATO regularly since 2015, but there was no air raid warning and there was no shutdown of the attacking missiles.

Question 2– Why is the media trying to convince the Ukrainian people that they can prevail in their war against Russia? If what you say is correct, then all the civilians that are being sent to fight the Russian army, are dying in a war they can't win. I don't understand why the media would want to mislead people on something so serious. What are your thoughts on the matter?

Larry C. Johnson– This is a combination of ignorance and laziness. Rather than do real reporting, the vast majority of the media (print and electronic) as well as Big Tech are supporting a massive propaganda campaign. I remember when George W. Bush was Hitler. I remember when Donald Trump was Hitler. And now we have a new Hitler, Vladimir Putin. This is a tired, failed playbook. Anyone who dares to raise legitimate questions about is immediately tarred as a Putin puppet or a Russia stooge. When you cannot argue facts the only recourse is name calling.

Question 3– Last week, Colonel Douglas MacGregor was a guest on the Tucker Carlson Show. His views on the war are strikingly similar to your own. Here's what he said in the <u>interview</u>:

"The war is really over for the Ukrainians. They have been ground into bits, there is no question about that despite what we hear from our mainstream media. So, the real question for us at this stage is, Tucker, are we going to live with the Russian people and their government or we going to continue to pursue this sort of regime change dressed up as a Ukrainian war? Are we going to stop using Ukraine as a battering ram against Moscow, which is effectively what we've done." (Tucker Carlson– MacGregor Interview)

Do you agree with MacGregor that the real purpose of goading Russia into a war in Ukraine was "regime change"?

Second, do you agree that Ukraine is being used as a staging ground for the US to carry out a proxywar on Russia?

Larry C. Johnson– Doug is great analyst but I disagree with him—I don't think there is anyone in the Biden Administration that is smart enough to think and plan in those strategic terms. In my view the last 7 years have been the inertia of the NATO status quo. What I mean by that is that NATO and Washington, believed they could continue to creep east on Russia's borders without provoking a reaction. NATO and EUCOM regularly carried out exercises—including providing "offensive" training and supplied equipment. I believe reports in the United States that the CIA was providing paramilitary training to Ukrainian units operating in the Donbass are credible. But I have trouble believing that after our debacles in Iraq and Afghanistan, we suddenly have Sun Tzu level strategists pulling the strings in Washington.

There is an air of desperation in Washington. Besides trying ban all things Russian, the Biden

Administration is trying to bully China, India and Saudi Arabia. I do not see any of those countries falling into line. I believe the Biden crew made a fatal mistake by trying to demonize all things and all people Russian. If anything, this is uniting the Russian people behind Putin and they are ready to dig in for a long struggle.

I am shocked at the miscalculation in thinking economic sanctions on Russia would bring them to their knees. The opposite is true. Russia is self-sufficient and is not dependent on imports. Its exports are critical to the economic well-being of the West. If they withhold wheat, potash, gas, oil, palladium, finished nickel and other key minerals from the West, the European and U.S. economies will be savaged. And this attempt to coerce Russia with sanctions has now made it very likely that the U.S. dollar's role as the international reserve currency will show up in the dustbin of history.

Question 4– Ever since he delivered his famous <u>speech in Munich</u> in 2007, Putin has been complaining about the "architecture of global security". In Ukraine we can see how these nagging security issues can evolve into a full-blown war. As you know, in December Putin made a number of demands related to Russian security, but the Biden administration shrugged them off and never responded. Putin wanted written assurances that NATO expansion would not include Ukraine (membership) and that nuclear missile systems would not be deployed to Romania or Poland. Do you think Putin's demands are unreasonable?

Larry C. Johnson– I think Putin's demands are quite reasonable. The problem is that 99% of Americans have no idea of the kind of military provocation that NATO and the U.S. have carried out over the last 7 years. The public was always told the military exercises were "defensive." That simply is not true. Now we have news that DTRA was funding biolabs in Ukraine. I guess Putin could agree to allow U.S. nuclear missile systems in Poland and Romania if Biden agrees to allow comparable Russian systems to be deployed in Cuba, Venezuela and Mexico. When we look at it in those terms we can begin to understand that Putin's demands are not crazy nor unreasonable.

Question 5– Russian media reports that Russian "high precision, air-launched" missiles struck a facility in west Ukraine "killing more than 100 local troops and foreign mercenaries." Apparently, the Special Operations training center was located near the town of Ovruch which is just 15 miles from the Polish border. What can you tell us about this incident? Was Russia trying to send a message to NATO?

Larry C. Johnson– Short answer–YES! Russian military strikes in Western Ukraine during the past week have shocked and alarmed NATO officials. The first blow came on Sunday, March 13 at Yavoriv, Ukraine. Russia hit the base with several missiles, some reportedly hypersonic. Over 200 personnel were killed, which included American and British military and intelligence personnel, and hundreds more wounded. Many suffered catastrophic wounds, such as amputations, and are in hospital. Yet, NATO and the western media have shown little interest in reporting on this disaster.

Yavoriv was an important forward base for NATO (see here). Until February (prior to Russia's invasion of Ukraine), the U.S. 7th Army Training Command was operating from Yavoriv as late as mid-February. Russia has not stopped there. ASB Military news reports Russia hit another site, Delyatyn, which is 60 miles southeast of Yavoriv (on Thursday I believe). Yesterday, Russia hit Zytomyr, another site where NATO previously had a presence. Putin has sent a very clear message—NATO forces in Ukraine will be viewed and treated as combatants. Period.

Question 6– Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky has been lionized in the western media as a "wartime leader" and a modern-day "Winston Churchill". What the media fails to tell its readers is that Zelensky has taken a number of steps to strengthen his grip on power while damaging fragile democratic institutions in Ukraine. For example, Zelensky has "banned eleven opposition-owned news organizations" and tried to bar the head of Ukraine's largest opposition party, Viktor Medvedchuk, from running for office on a bogus "terrorist financing" charge. This is not the behavior of a leader that is seriously committed to democracy.

What's your take on Zelensky? Is he really the "patriotic leader" the media makes him out to be?

Larry C. Johnson– Zelensky is a comedian and an actor. Not a very good one at that in my view. The West is cynically using the fact he is Jewish as a diversion from the size-able contingent of Neo-Nazis

(and I mean genuine Nazis who still celebrate the Ukrainian Waffen SS unit's accomplishments while fighting with the Nazis in WW II). The facts are clear—he is banning opposition political parties and shutting down opposition media. I guess that is the new definition of "democracy."

Question 7– How does this end? There's an excellent post at the Moon of Alabama site titled <u>"What</u> <u>Will Be The Geographic End State Of The War In Ukraine</u>". The author of the post, Bernard, seems to think that Ukraine will eventually be partitioned along the Dnieper River "and south along the coast that holds a majority ethnic Russian population." He also says this:

"This would eliminate Ukrainian access to the Black Sea and create a land bridge towards the Moldavian breakaway Transnistria which is under Russian protection. The rest of the Ukraine would be a land confined, mostly agricultural state, disarmed and too poor to be build up to a new threat to Russia anytime soon. Politically it would be dominated by fascists from Galicia which would then become a major problem for the European Union."

What do you think? Will Putin impose his own territorial settlement on Ukraine in order to reinforce Russian security and bring the hostilities to an end or is a different scenario more likely?

Larry C. Johnson– I agree with Moon. Putin's primary objective is to secure Russia from foreign threats and effect a divorce with the West. Russia has the physical resources to be an independent sovereign and is in the process of making that vision come true.

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Rusia ha ganado la guerra, lo que queda son labores de limpieza

(https://mpr21.info/rusia-ha-ganado-la-guerra-lo-que-queda-son-labores-de-limpieza/)

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Yes, game is over, this tragic game is really over, despite all the Western press!

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