

Calling the 2014 Overthrow of Ukraine's Yanukovych a "U.S. Coup" Is True, and Extremely Important.

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On February 25th, Elon Musk tweeted <u>"That election was arguably dodgy, but no question</u> that there was indeed a coup." By "That election," he was referring to Viktor Yanukovych's having won the Presidency of Ukraine in an election about which even the British Guardian newspaper had headlined on 8 February 2010, <u>"Yanukovych set to become president as</u> observers say Ukraine election was fair", and it made clear that even Western international observers there were testifying to the authenticity of that electoral win by Yanukovych, such as by its reporting that, "Observers from the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) said there were no indications of serious fraud and described the vote as an 'impressive display' of democracy." However, Elon Musk, without citing any evidence, was now saying otherwise: that Yanukovych's win had been "arguably dodgy" — and (despite that tweet) he provided no argument at all to back up that 'arguably' allegation.

Only fools cite tweets that have no links to any evidence, as being evidence for anything other than that the tweeter had made that given assertion. As a general rule, tweets are the least-reliable source of information. Certainly Musk's tweet was. However, he also said there that there was "no question that there was indeed a coup."

Anyone who has at all followed <u>the evidence on that matter</u> knows that it unquestionably WAS a coup that overthrew Yanukovych in February 2014; and even the head of the "private-CIA" firm Stratfor said on 19 December 2014 that the overthrow of Yanukovych that had occurred then was <u>"the most blatant coup in history."</u> It was that, because the *evidence* that it was is not only <u>this smoking gun</u> that it was a **U.S.** coup, but because there was plenty more of high quality evidence and all of it showed the same thing: it was a coup by (or "on behalf of") the Obama Administration. (Obama and his team, and all 'allied' countries, however, and all of the Western news-media, called it instead a '<u>democratic revolution</u>'. This is George Orwell's *1984* made real. It's not real history, but real deceit.)

The fools who follow Musk's opinions should know that he himself thinks that coups are just fine: when Elon Musk received on 24 July 2020 a tweet from an "Armani" saying, "You know what wasnt in the best interest of people? the U.S. government organizing a coup against Evo Morales in Bolivia so you could obtain the lithium there [for Tesla cars' batteries]." Later that day, Musk replied:

"We will coup whoever we want! Deal with it."

He <u>likes coups that profit himself personally</u>, but apparently there are some coups that he *disfavors* — and he doesn't ever explain (or at least not honestly) *why*. Maybe, for twitter-followers, "why" just isn't an interesting question? (Maybe that's why they use *social* media — instead of articles like this, that link to their primary sources — to 'know' what's 'going on' in 'the news'?)

Musk's stupid tweet about Ukraine was likewise in response to something that one of his followers had tweeted: He was responding to one of his twitter followers, "KanekoaTheGreat" having tweeted quoting Professor John Mearsheimer's having said in the September/October 2014 issue of America's most prestigious — and strongly pro-U.S.-empire or "neoconservative" or pro-Military-Industrial-Complex — Foreign Affairs magazine, "For Putin, the illegal overthrow of Ukraine's democratically elected and pro-Russian president—which he rightly labeled a "coup"—was the final straw." Ultimately, that's what Musk was responding to — not the evidence, but instead the opinion there, in that prestigious, overwhelmingly pro-U.S.-coups and empire, magazine, from (as it turns out) a professor who was arguing that the coup had been merely (and only) a mistake:

On February 17th, under the headline <u>"John Mearsheimer's Misrepresentations In Order To</u> <u>Be Allowed Space On U.S. Propaganda-Media (i.e., U.S. 'News'-Media)</u>", I had pointed out numerous distortions of the historical record regarding that coup — such as his alleging it to have been due to a "flawed view" (not a vicious, or even just a "false" view, but merely "flawed" — and he doesn't so much as *hint* at in what way "flawed") including "such liberal principles as the rule of law, economic interdependence, and democracy," which "went awry in Ukraine [and, again, he doesn't hint at in what way 'awry']," and on and on — as-if it weren't what it actuallhy WAS: which was the U.S. Government's bipartisan neoconservative obsession to trap Russia's Government, to checkmate it, into its being forced to yield, finally and inexorably, to the control by the U.S. Government. That's imperialism — and there wasn't a word about it — except one passing reference, which was 180 degrees in the false direction: against actually the *victim*-country, NOT against the aggressor:

In September 2013, Gershman wrote in The Washington Post, "Ukraine's choice to join Europe will accelerate the demise of the ideology of Russian imperialism that Putin represents." He added: "Russians, too, face a choice, and Putin may find himself on the losing end not just in the near abroad but within Russia itself."

And that distractionary and deceptive reference is to *Russia's* 'imperialism', NOT to America's own authentic *hyper*-imperialism that Russia is now *responding to* (and which imperialism entails a military budget that <u>now (including what's hidden in non-'Defense'-Department agencies but is still for military purposes) is half of the entire world's military spending</u>, and it pays for <u>900 foreign military bases</u> and much more that is counterproductive if it has any real impact at all on protecting U.S. national security. (It's not "the Defense Department"; it is "the *Aggression* Department.")

This is the hidden reality: and neither Musk nor Mearsheimer, nor any other mouthpiece of the U.S. Establishment or the "Deep State" lets its audience in on it — and on the EVIDENCE that this *IS* the reality.

The <u>U.S. coup against and that grabbed Ukraine</u> was a very intentional, and very evil — not at all unintentional or 'by mistake' — U.S. coup, and Putin is being villainized in U.S.-and-allied media for finally *responding* to it in Russia's case. Not ONLY *was* it "a coup" but it was a *U.S. coup*, and it was by careful and evil design, no *mere* (nor Mearsheimer) 'error'.

This is — on steroids — the 1962 Cuban-Missile-Crisis in reverse: Ukraine is only a 300-mile or five-minute missile-flying-time distance away from The Kremlin and decapitation of Russia's ability to fire-off its retaliatory weapons (within less than five minutes) against a U.S. blitz-attack. Russia *needs* to prevent that.

"The West" — including all of NATO — are 100% the aggressors in this matter. And that *fact* is unmentionable in U.S.-and-allied media.

To top it all off: on February 25th, another budding U.S. politician, entrepreneur Vivek Ramaswamy, is apparently <u>entering the U.S. Presidential primaries campaiging for the</u> <u>Republican (traditional fascist) nomination</u>, by <u>tweeting</u>:

The main thing should be the main thing: focus on China. China wants the Ukraine war to last as long as possible to deplete Western military capacity before invading Taiwan. It's working: we think we *look* stronger by helping Ukraine, but we actually *become* weaker vs. China.

Perhaps in foreign affairs, while the Democrats (liberal fascists) will be campaigning for war against Russia to precede war against China, the Republicans (conservative fascists) will be campaigning for war against China to precede war against Russia. It'll be a contest about which 'enemy' to hate first. Either way, the owners of mega-corporations such as Lockheed Martin and ExxonMobil will be beaming. They're the *real*constituency in this 'democracy'.

It's like: Will the flavor be chocolate, or will it be vanilla? Either way, it'll be loaded with sugar, artificial flavoring, and artificial coloring, and will fatten you, and rot your teeth, just the same, no matter how different the taste is. And those are the only two 'choices'. That's all the billionaires are offering, in the political market. Truth isn't anywhere on the menu, from *either* Party.

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