

Dueling Ideologies in New York: Putin v. Obama

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Obama addresses make painful listening. He represents ruthless US ambitions to rule the world – even at the risk of destroying it.

His remarks at all times reflect willful deception. His policies speak for themselves. His agenda threatens humanity's survival. His neocon infested administration deplores peace and stability. His claims otherwise ring hollow. His Monday General Assembly address was true to form.

His praise for UN achievements over seven decades belies its dismal record. Its mandate "to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war" failed to prevent them throughout its entire history – US-led NATO and Israel bearing most responsibility.

Obama ludicrously claimed

"unparalleled advances in human liberty and prosperity...lift(ing) more than a billion people from poverty...constraining bigger countries from imposing our will on smaller ones...advancing the emergence of democracy and development and individual liberty on every continent."

Fact: Only a fool or liar believes this rubbish. Human liberty and prosperity were never more imperiled.

Fact: Billions of people are mired in poverty worldwide. Half the US population is either impoverished or bordering on it. Poverty in other Western countries and Israel are increasing. So-called "real progress" Obama touts is nonexistent.

Fact: No nation imposes its will more on other nations of all sizes than America, none more aggressively, recklessly, and ruthlessly.

Fact: None wages more direct and proxy wars. None more greatly threatens world peace and stability – none more intolerant of democracy anywhere at home and abroad, none more disdainful of rule of law principles, none more hated for its villainy.

Obama revealed his rage for war, saying he'll "never hesitate to protect my country or our allies, unilaterally and by force where necessary."

Fact: America's only enemies are ones it invents. Endless wars on humanity reflect longstanding bipartisan US policy.

The so-called "threat of terrorism" he hypes often is entirely fabricated. It's manufactured to serve US imperial interests. State terrorism alone matters – the greatest threat to world

peace.

Obama lied accusing Russia of "aggression" in Ukraine and annexing Crimea. He bears full responsibility for ousting a democratically elected government, installing Nazi-infested putschists to replace it, using them to wage war on their own people, ignoring the will of Crimeans and Donbass to embrace democracy, reject fascist rule.

Obama: "(W)e want a strong Russia that's invested in working with us to strengthen the international system as a whole."

Fact: Longstanding US policy calls for regime change, replacing Russia's democratic governance with a US-controlled puppet regime, balkanizing the country for easier control, stealing its vast resources, exploiting its people.

Obama: "(W)e joined an international coalition under a UN mandate to prevent a slaughter" in Libya...(W)e helped the Libyan people bring an end to the reign of a tyrant."

Fact: Obama waged naked aggression against a nation threatening no one, destroying Africa's most developed country, massacring its people, creating an out-of-control cauldron of violence and chaos. No UN mandate authorized his war.

He turned truth on its head calling Bashar al-Assad "a dictator, slaughter(ing) tens of thousands of his own people."

Fact: In June 2014, Syrians overwhelmingly reelected him in a process international monitors called open, free and fair. Obama bears full responsibility for endless war and mass slaughter – one of many high crimes on his rap sheet. Assad courageously defends his nation and people. He deserves universal support.

Obama's claim about wanting ISIS degraded and destroyed is polar opposite his agenda. Its recruits are US proxy foot soldiers, serving Washington's imperial agenda, supported, not attacked, by Pentagon airstrikes.

Obama: "(T)he United States is increasing the number of refugees who we welcome within our borders."

Fact: False! Pathetically few are permitted entry. None are "welcome." Obama and Bush/Cheney bear full responsibility for the greatest refugee crisis since WW II - the direct result of US imperial wars.

Obama's address was beginning-to-end demagogic rubbish, total misinformation, one Big Lie after another – praising US democracy and the rights and needs of people everyone.

America is a fascist police state, ruled by money controlled duopoly power. Democracy is pure fantasy. Endless wars and exploitation destroy the hopes, dreams and lives of people wherever America shows up – a scourge on humanity, a cancer threatening life on earth.

Putin is polar opposite Obama. World peace and stability are his top geopolitical priorities. No world leader more deserves Nobel Peace Prize recognition. War criminals like Obama nearly always win.

Putin's address was polar opposite Obama's – forthright and honest remarks, highlighting the importance of world nations working together cooperatively for peace and stability.

"Russia stands ready to work together with its partners on the basis of full consensus," he stressed, denouncing rule by force – "a world dominated by selfishness rather than collective work, a world increasingly characterized by dictate rather than equality."

A world without "democracy and freedom...where true independent states would be replaced by an ever-growing number of de facto protectorates and externally controlled territories" – America's worldview, accepting no alternatives.

"(S)overeignty (is) the right to choose freely one's own future for every person, nation or state," said Putin. Instead of learning from past mistakes, they're repeated, he explained – with tragic consequences.

Instead of solving major problems, new ones are created, old ones exacerbated. "Instead of the triumph of democracy and progress, we got violence, poverty and social disaster. Nobody cares a bit about human rights, including the right to life."

"(P)olicies based on self-conceit and belief in one's exceptionality and impunity have never been abandoned." Endless wars rage.

"(T)he Islamic State...did not just come from nowhere." Imperial powers use it "as a tool against 'undesirable' secular" governments they want replaced.

Islamic State terrorists seek "dominance in the Islamic world. (Its) plans go further than that. The situation is more than dangerous," Putin stressed.

He denounced "hypocritical and irresponsible...loud declarations about the threat of international terrorism" while financing and supporting it at the same time.

"We cannot allow these criminals who already tasted blood to return back home and continue their evil doings," he stressed. World leaders must unite to eliminate their scourge, working cooperatively with Syria's government, he urged.

Claims about Russian territorial or other nefarious geopolitical ambitions are baseless, a diversion from the current disturbing state of world affairs, he explained.

He proposed nations work together cooperatively – "guided by common values and common interests, rather than ambitions," according to international law, including UN Charter principles.

(W)e must join efforts to address the problems that all of us are facing and create a genuinely broad international coalition against terrorism.

The alternative is endless wars, devastating consequences, including unprecedented human refugee floods seeking refuge, millions perhaps heading to Europe, already overwhelmed with numbers they're poorly handling.

Putin stressed the importance of restoring legitimate governance in Libya, supporting Iraq's government in its fight against terrorism, and "comprehensive" assistance to Assad - "the

legitimate government of Syria."

He urged the "full and faithful implementation of" Minsk ceasefire terms in Ukraine, ending the bloodshed once and for all – respecting "the interests and rights of (Donbass residents) and respect for their (democratic) choice."

He denounced "unilateral sanctions" illegally imposed, "circumventing the UN Charter," permitting only Security Council members to impose them.

Putin addressed other vital issues, presenting ideas and vital solutions to pressing problems – polar opposite America's destructive agenda.

Russia will work cooperatively "with other countries (to) make the world stable and safe, as well as provide conditions for the development of all states and nations," he concluded.

Following their addresses, both leaders met privately for 90 minutes. Obama left with no comments. Putin told reporters "(t)oday's meeting was very constructive, practical and surprisingly frank."

We found a lot of common ground, but there are differences as well. In fact, they are known, so there is no need to repeat them.

He touched on the dismal state of US/Russian relations, reflecting Washington's agenda, not Moscow's.

He urges peace and stability, respect for the sovereignty of all nations, a united front to defeat the scourge of international terrorism.

Obama wants endless imperial wars for unchallenged global dominance – an agenda for unprecedented human slaughter and misery.

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