

NATO Wants a Ground-War in Ukraine?

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"While the US succeeded in goading the Russian government to take the first shot, it is clear that the war in Ukraine is the first stage of a much broader conflict. Having provoked the Russian government into a desperate and disastrous invasion of Ukraine, the United States is using the war to reassert its global hegemony, building a war coalition for what the United States has termed "great power conflict" targeting not only Russia, but China as well."

Andre Damon, World Socialist Web Site

"What is important to our managerial and foreign policy elites, is, above all, the major effort and push for a globalist "Great Reset" using the Ukrainian conflict to finally accomplish their objective of bringing the entire world in accord with their plans for a New World Order. And to do that, Russia, which now stands athwart their designs, must be diminished and brought into line." Boyd D. Cathey, The Unz Review

Why is NATO sending more lethal weaponry to Ukraine?

Didn't Putin say that pouring arms into Ukraine would increase the likelihood of war?

Yes, he did, but the US and NATO continue sending more shipments anyway. Why?

And why does Ukraine need more weapons?

Could it be that Ukraine's 600,000-strong military is collapsing like a trailer park in a hurricane? Is that it? Is that why NATO had an emergency confab in Brussels on Thursday to restate their support for a NATO-trained army that has not successfully launched even one major counteroffensive against the Russian military?

The media insists that the Russian offensive "has stalled". Is that what you call it when your

opponent captures an area the size of the UK in less than 3 weeks or when all your air and naval assets have been obliterated or when your Command-and-Control centers have gone up in smoke or when most of your combat troops are either encircled by Russian forces or fleeing to locations west of the Dnieper River? Is that what "stalled" looks like?

Do you get the impression that the media is not being entirely straightforward in their coverage of the war in Ukraine? Do you think that maybe their WEF-linked owners might have a dog in this fight? Here's how Archbishop Vigano summed it up recently in an article linking "Covid tyranny" to the war in Ukraine:

"The ideological continuity between the pandemic farce and the Russian-Ukrainian crisis continues to emerge, beyond the evidence of the events and statements of the subjects involved, in the fact that the ultimate perpetrators of both are the same, all attributable to the globalist cabal of the World Economic Forum." ("Exclusive: Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò", Gateway Pundit)

Truer words were never spoken. It's all manipulation by globalist "stakeholders" pursuing their own narrow interests. As for the war, check out this analysis from a post at Larry Johnson's new blog <u>A Son of the New American Revolution</u>. I can't vouch for the author, but he sounds a lot more credible than CNN:

"Official claims of a major Ukrainian counteroffensive near Kiev are completely fake; it's totally made-up, it never happened—they simply don't have a coherent military force in the Kiev area that's capable of conducting an organized counteroffensive. All they have in and around Kiev is various bits and pieces including police and army special forces, civilian militia, regular police, some air defense, and a few artillery batteries. It's not an offensive force—it's a crazy quilt. ...

What's left of the Ukrainian army east of the Dniepr river is running out of diesel, and should be out of tube and rocket artillery munitions (and in fact, artillery) by the first week of April. Outside of the Donbass, it's a war of attrition, with Russia wearing away the Ukraine's ability to fight, using stand-off weapons (air and missiles) first and foremost. On Sunday, Russia hit a cache of munitions that was being hidden—Hamasstyle—at a "vacant" retail and sports complex in downtown Kiev. Russia is finding tons and tons of Ukrainian army materiel, and methodically destroying them....

Russian and Donetsk/Lugansk forces have picked up so many U.S. and British antitank weapons, it's visually documented they're now using them on the battlefield. ..

And, the Stinger missile project has failed totally—Uncle Sam & Co. have moved and continue to move hundreds of Stingers into the Ukraine, but it's only been documented to have brought down about seven manned aircraft since the invasion, and none in the last ten days or so. Some of those hundreds will get out and be sold and... perhaps you shouldn't fly internationally anymore...

I'm not looking to sugarcoat it for Russia—those Ukrainian military units that did not simply melt away and disappear in the first days, are putting up a fight. But at some point, very likely in the first half of April, they will simply run out of everything, and they will crumble and then the Russian and Donetsk/Lugansk forces will take all or most of "Left Bank" (east of the Dnieper) Ukraine. ("Dreizin Report-Poland prepares to intervene, Ukraine slides into dictatorship", Jacob Dreizin, The Son of a New American

Revolution)

Yes, but can the author be trusted?

I don't know but– let's face it– when the media lies relentlessly for 4 years about "Russian collusion" followed by another 2 years of "Everyone's going to die from the flu"; any critical thinking person is going to look for other sources of information, right? It's a credibility issue, and, regrettably, "credibility" is a term that is never applied to the mainstream media.

So, where do we go from here?

Good question; and you can see from NATO's statement that leaders in Washington and across Europe are determined to throw more gas on the fire. That's the message they're sending to the world; 'We are united in our determination to defeat Russia whether we blow up the planet or not.' Got it? Here's a clip from their declaration on Thursday:

"Since 2014, we have provided extensive support to Ukraine's ability to exercise that right. We have trained Ukraine's armed forces, strengthening their military capabilities and capacities and enhancing their resilience. NATO Allies have stepped up their support and will continue to provide further political and practical support to Ukraine as it continues to defend itself.We remain determined to maintain coordinated international pressure on Russia. We will continue to coordinate closely with relevant stakeholders and other international organizations, including the European Union.

Russia's unprovoked war against Ukraine represents a fundamental challenge to the values and norms that have brought security and prosperity to all on the European continent" ("Statement by NATO Heads of State and Government", NATO)

Are you surprised that NATO would openly boast about arming and training thousands of Ukrainian combatants since 2014? What if an enemy of the United States did the same thing in Mexico or Canada. How would the US react? Here's how Noam Chomsky put it:

"... for Ukraine to join NATO would be rather like Mexico joining a China-run military alliance, hosting joint maneuvers with the Chinese army and maintaining weapons aimed at Washington. To insist on Mexico's sovereign right to do so would surpass idiocy. Washington's insistence on Ukraine's sovereign right to join NATO is even worse, since it sets up an insurmountable barrier to a peaceful resolution of a crisis that is already a shocking crime and will soon become much worse unless resolved — by the negotiations that Washington refuses to join." (Truthout)

It looks to me like Chomsky thinks arming Ukraine was a deliberate provocation. Which it was. NATO stuffed the country full of weapons, trained its combat troops and paramilitaries, conducted military operations with NATO, ordered their army to the east so they could terrorize the ethnic Russian population, and then– to top it off– threatened to develop nuclear weapons. In short, they put a gun to Putin's head and threatened to blow his brains out. If that's not a provocation, then what is? Here's more from an article at the WSWS:

(NATO chief) Stoltenberg's historical reference point was not the Russian invasion of Ukraine last month but the 2014 fascist-led coup that turned Ukraine into a proxy for NATO. "Since 2014, [NATO] 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."

Stoltenberg made no effort to conceal NATO's massive military buildup of Ukrainian forces over the past eight years. NATO, he said, has been "providing anti-tank and air defense systems, drones, fuel and ammunition. As well as financial aid."

He went on, "I would like to commend the courage and the professionalism of the Ukrainian Armed Forces. I have met them in Ukraine, and we are all aware that compared to where they were back in 2014, this is a totally different force than eight years ago. The Ukrainian Armed Forces today is much bigger, much better equipped, much better trained, much better commanded. They have much better logistics than they had back in 2014." ("NATO meets to plot next stage in Ukraine proxy war", World Socialist Web Site)

Stoltenberg can hardly conceal his elation over the 'courage and the professionalism" of his NWO army that is acting as cannon fodder in a US proxy-war with Russia. But do the brave Ukrainians that are fighting in this fiasco, know what they're fighting for?

No, they don't. They think they're risking their lives for their country, but, actually, they're fighting to preserve US global hegemony by annihilating Russia, encircling China and establishing America's dominance over the world's most populous and prosperous region of the next century. That's what they're fighting for, Washington's "pivot to Asia". As the author of the WSWS article admits:

"It is clear that what is involved is not only a war in Ukraine, but a campaign by the US and NATO imperialist powers for war against Russia and a redivision of the world."

Yes, that's right, and Biden doesn't even try to hide it. Here's what he said just two days ago:

"Now is a time when things are shifting. ... There's going to be a new world order out there, and we've got to lead it." (Biden Talks NWO, You Tube)

"New World Order"? You mean, this isn't about "Ukraine's borders", after all?

Nope. That's all patriotic claptrap dolled-up for the serfs. Here's how Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov summed it up on Tuesday:

"This is not about Ukraine, this is about a world order in which the United States wants to be the sole sovereign and dominate... This all is about removing the obstacle in the form of Russia on the way to building a unipolar world."

Indeed, that is the objective, and the US is not going to be timid in pursuing its interests. China and Russia are under the illusion that the emergence of various "power centers" will inevitably bring about change in the global order. But the world doesn't work that way. The world leader will not willingly concede defeat or graciously abdicate the throne. He must be knocked from his pedestal much like the schoolyard bully must be subdued through force. Regrettably, Ukraine is shaping up to be the battleground where these matters are going to be resolved through force of arms.

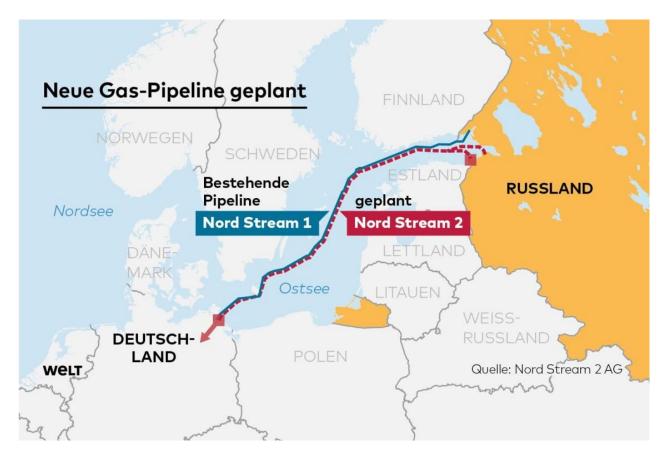
In any event, we should try to go beyond the media's propaganda and see if we can identify the real causes of the current conflict. Why, for example, is the US targeting Russia? In what way is Russia an "obstacle" that is blocking Washington's strategic ambitions?

The former Undersecretary of Defense, Paul Wolfowitz, answers that question in one short paragraph written more than two decades ago. It is as relevant today as it was then:

"Our first objective is to prevent the re-emergence of a new rival, either on the territory of the former Soviet Union or elsewhere, that poses a threat on the order of that posed formerly by the Soviet Union. This is a dominant consideration underlying the new regional defense strategy and requires that we endeavor to prevent any hostile power from dominating a region whose resources would, under consolidated control, be sufficient to generate global power."

In short, Washington sees Russia as a "hostile power" because it sits atop an ocean of oil and gas reserves and because it "defiantly" conducts its own independent foreign policy. For these reasons, Russia is Uncle Sam's mortal enemy.

Second, Russia's has been gradually strengthening ties with Europe posing a serious challenge to US economic dominance. The building of the Nord Stream 2 pipeline- which would have greatly increased Europe's dependency on Russian gas- meant that Washington's influence would steadily erode while Europe and Asia would move closer to a common economic area in which neither the US Dollar nor NATO security would be necessary. This is why Washington went to such great lengths to provoke Russia to invade Ukraine. They needed to force the severing of economic ties to prevent further integration with EU markets.



The third reason why Russia has become Washington's Enemy Number 1, is because the US is currently "rebalancing" assets and resources to the Asia-Pacific to take advantage of the anticipated growth-surge in the region. Hillary Clinton famously referred to this as "the pivot to Asia", a term that was coined in a speech she delivered in 2011. Here's what she said:

"Harnessing Asia's growth and dynamism is central to American economic and strategic interests and a key priority for President Obama. Open markets in Asia provide the United States with unprecedented opportunities for investment, trade, and access to cutting-edge technology.....American firms (need) to tap into the vast and growing consumer base of Asia...The future of politics will be decided in Asia, not Afghanistan or Iraq, and the United States will be right at the center of the action..." ("America's Pacific Century", Secretary of State Hillary Clinton", Foreign Policy Magazine, 2011)

Those are the geopolitical imperatives driving the conflict:

- 1. "To prevent the re-emergence of a new rival on the territory of the former Soviet Union that can dominate their own resources and, thus, challenge US power.
- 2. The threat of further economic integration that would unavoidably lead to a massive free trade zone spanning Europe and Asia.
- 3. The "pivot" plan to dominate the world's most populous and prosperous region of the next century.

These are the three strategic policies that are fueling the war. They only relate to Ukraine inasmuch as Ukraine is the unfortunate staging-ground for the "Great Power Conflict" which is steadily gaining momentum. Tuesday's recommendation, by Polish political leader, Jaroslaw Kaczynsk, that he would recommend that peacekeepers be sent to Ukraine shows that NATO is planning a major escalation of the conflict in the very near future. According to Reuters, Kaczynsk, will propose that:

"An international peacekeeping mission should be sent to Ukraine and be given the means to defend itself....

"I think that it is necessary to have a peace mission – NATO, possibly some wider international structure – but a mission that will be able to defend itself, which will operate on Ukrainian territory," Kaczynski told a news conference."

"It will be a mission that will strive for peace, to give humanitarian aid, but at the same time it will also be protected by appropriate forces, armed forces," said Kaczynski, who is seen as the main decision-maker in Poland." ("Top Polish politician calls for peacekeeping mission in Ukraine", Reuters)

Think about that for a minute. Think about what it would mean. The peacekeeping mission:

- 1. "will operate on Ukrainian territory (where Russia is carrying out its military operation)
- 2. will be able to defend itself. (which means they will be armed.)
- 3. will be (protected by) "some wider international structure" (NATO)

Does anyone think this sounds like a good idea? Won't this force Russia to treat the NATO personnel as enemy belligerents that are interfering with their military operation?

Of course, it will. So, what are they trying to achieve; WW3? Is that the point? And what does this tell us about Washington's strategy for Ukraine?

It also tells us that NATO is preparing to engage Russia militarily within Ukraine. That's what it tells us. Until today, most people had assumed that NATO would not engage Russia

militarily because they believed that would greatly increase the prospects of a nuclear exchange. But that is not how the foreign policy establishment sees things. After dealing with Putin for over 20 years, they see Putin as a rational actor who will not escalate unless Russia faces an imminent existence-threat. (A nuclear attack) In other words, the foreign policy mandarins have made the calculation that they can engage Putin in a bloody and protracted ground-war- that will drain Russia's resources and destroy its economy- without Putin using his nuclear arsenal. It is a risky strategy but not entirely unreasonable given Putin's behavior in the past. Putin has always been extremely cautious and never impulsive. The foreign policy wonks think they can use that against him. Like we said, it is a high-risk strategy.

Naturally, Russia is appalled by the 'peacekeeper idea' as it makes a clash between the two nuclear-armed superpowers almost unavoidable. Here's what Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said in response to the news:

"Our Polish colleagues have already stated that there will be a NATO summit now, and peacekeepers should be deployed. I hope they understand what is at stake. This will be a direct clash between the Russian and NATO armed forces, which everyone not only wanted to avoid but said that it should never take place in principle."

Is Lavrov being overly courteous?

Yes, he is. If the United States had issued the warning, they would have said something much more ominous, like this:

"Any armed formations will be treated as legitimate enemy targets and destroyed. Full stop."

That's how you deliver a warning. You don't try to ingratiate yourself with the person who wants to kill your soldiers and erase your country from the map. That doesn't make any sense at all. If there was ever a time for straight talk, this is it. Lives are at stake.

The "peacekeeper" incident suggests something I've suspected for quite a while; that Washington is itching for a land-war in Ukraine, and to some extent, it makes sense. It further polarizes and weakens Russia, it unites the allies around a common cause, and it reinforces NATO's role as guarantor of regional security. The downside, of course, is that the conflict could quickly escalate leading to a full-blown nuclear war. I believe the neocons at the State Department do not see that as a plausible scenario, so they are pushing as hard as they can to intensify the fighting. Here's a short clip from the piece by veteran Jacob Dreizin who appears to see things the same way:

"I am confident that, out of impotent rage if nothing else, NATO forces will move into western Ukraine from Poland by mid-April at the latest, if the war is still on by then. The heavy equipment is already there near the border; bringing in the personnel to link up with it is the easy part. With the recent Russian bombing of the U.S./UK "Ho Chi Minh trail" hub at the Yavorov base near the Polish border, they will get in on the ground ... to make a statement like, "Not again, because we're here openly now."

No, Brandon doesn't want to do it, but the hawks in Congress and the MSM are running the show now. There will be escalation. It is baked into the cake. In fact, I predicted before the invasion that Poland would take advantage of the war to create a protectorate in western Ukraine, and I stand by my prediction..." (<u>"Dreizin Report-Poland prepares to intervene, Ukraine slides into dictatorship"</u>, Jacob Dreizin, *The Son of a New American Revolution*)

I think Dreizin is onto something here. Brandon is not on board with the planned escalation, but it might not matter, because the State Department is a hotbed of neocons that are doing whatever they can to grease the skids for a scorched earth, no-holds-barred cagematch with their most-reviled rival, Vladimir Putin.

It's the State Department, the Intel agencies, the Congress and the media that are steering the ship of state now, not Biden. Perhaps, you wondered why the NY Times suddenly decided to 'come clean' on the Hunter Biden laptop story? You probably know that it's not because the Times editors had a change-of-heart and wanted to inform the public or "speak truth to power". Of course, not. The Times trotted out the laptop dossier to let Biden know that they "got him by the shorthairs" and if he doesn't play ball, he's toast.

Blackmail? Would the neocons really blackmail the President of the United States in order to escalate in Ukraine?

You bet, they would.

The neocons have their heart-set on a land-war war in Europe, and from the looks of things, they might just get one.

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