

Obama's Ukrainian Coup Triggered the Influx of 2.5 Million Ukrainian Refugees into Russia

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On Tuesday, March 7th, Russia's top parliamentarian dealing with the Ukrainian refugee influx into Russia — dealing, that is, with the people who have fled Ukraine as a result of U.S. President Barack Obama's 2014 [coup](#) overthrowing Ukraine's democratically elected President Viktor Yanukovich — presented the first-ever comprehensive number of asylum-applicants from Ukraine who have received asylum there after that [February 2014 coup](#). The Russian government had never before publicly provided a number, but does have an established system of processing refugees, including assignment of official refugee status, which «[allows the recipient various social benefits, including unemployment compensation](#)» and so each Ukrainian refugee has a file with the government.

As [reported by Tass](#):

Russia has received more than 2,500,000 refugees since the outbreak of the conflict in eastern Ukraine, Yuri Vorobyov, Deputy Speaker of Russia's Federation Council (upper house of parliament) and Chairman of the Committee for Public Support to Residents of Southeastern Ukraine, said on Tuesday.

«Europe has received 900,000 [refugees] and shuddered, while we have received over 2,500,000 refugees on our territory and continue to provide assistance», he said opening the round table discussion «Russia-Donbass: New Cooperation Mechanisms».



That coup, which generated these millions of refugees, had [been planned by the U.S. White House since 2011](#), and culminated on 20 February 2014. Also on that day, hundreds of Crimeans who had been standing in Kiev with signs opposing the overthrow of the President for whom 75% of Crimeans had voted, were attacked by supporters of the coup (which was fronted by, and was propagandized as being, the «Maidan revolution» demanding 'democracy' in Ukraine, though it actually [ended democracy there](#)).

These Crimeans immediately scrambled back into the eight buses that had taken them to Kiev and headed back homeward, but the U.S.-government-backed Right Sector paramilitaries went in hot pursuit of the buses, and burnt some of them and massacred many of the demonstrators, outside of Kiev, in the town of Korsun. This became called [«the Korsun Massacre»](#), and Crimeans in Crimea immediately started demonstrating in Crimea, for Crimea to become, once again, as it had been until 1954, part of Russia.

Crimeans [overwhelmingly favored Russia over the United States](#), and were terrified by the

racist anti-Russian government that now ruled in Kiev. This fear wasn't only because of the massacre, nor only because 75% of Crimeans had voted for the man whom Obama had overthrown, but also because Crimeans generally (and most Ukrainians who had voted for Yanukovych) knew well [the intense racist hatred against pro-Russian Ukrainians by the Right Sector people, who had actually carried out the coup](#).

A plebiscite was held in Crimea on 16 March 2014, and the vote to rejoin Russia was over 90%. U.S. President Obama then imposed economic sanctions against Russia for accepting Crimea back into Russia. These sanctions, and U.S. military aid to the new junta-government in Kiev, publicly renewed The West's Cold War against Russia (which had actually [continued secretly against Russia ever since the end of the Soviet Union in 1991](#); the Cold War had ended only on the Russian side).

U.S. President Obama recognized, of course, that the residents in the far-eastern region of Ukraine, Donbass, where the vote had been 90% for Yanukovych, could make impossible, in any subsequent nationwide Ukrainian Presidential election, a continuation of the U.S.-imposed Ukrainian government's rule over Ukraine; and, so, his Ukrainian government instituted [an ethnic-cleansing campaign in Donbass to kill as many of them as possible and force as many as possible of those Donbass residents to flee into Russia](#).

Getting rid of those voters was essential to the success of Obama's Ukrainian operation. That ethnic cleansing is the reason why 2.5 million former Ukrainians are now living in Russia: their presence in the Ukrainian electorate would jeopardize continued U.S. control over the Ukrainian government and was thus impermissible. These 2.5 million have thus been entirely removed from Ukraine now, and perhaps enough of those voters are gone from Ukraine so that once again Donbass will be able to become part of Ukraine, even while the U.S. continues to control Ukraine.

In the U.S. and the other nations that are controlled by the U.S. aristocracy, newsmedia typically criticize Russia regarding the Ukrainian refugees, such as by saying that [«the Russian government's policies puts them in an even more disadvantaged position»](#) than Russia's native population endure, so that these refugees suffer not because of the U.S. government, but because of the Russian government.

America's new President, Donald Trump, has made clear that the economic sanctions against Russia will not end until [both Crimea and Donbass](#) become again parts of Ukraine. So, he supports his predecessor's Russia-policy. America's wars to strangle Russia (such as by eliminating leaders friendly toward Russia, including Saddam Hussein, Muammar Gaddafi, and Viktor Yanukovych — and attempting to do it also to Bashar al-Assad) will, in other words, continue.

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