

US Senate Bill 2277: “Green Light” to Wage War on Russia? Isn’t Just about “Russian Aggression”. It’s Also about Oil, Gas and Propaganda

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The full name of Senate Bill 2277, introduced on May 1st, 2014, is “To prevent further Russian aggression toward Ukraine and other sovereign states in Europe and Eurasia, and for other purposes.” It starts out claiming to be about the Department of Defense creating “a strategic framework for U.S. security assistance and cooperation in Europe and Eurasia”.

Currently, the bill is listed on Congress.gov as having been read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. The bill’s full text can be found [here](#).

As [Paul Craig Roberts](#) has pointed out, “Washington’s incessant lies alleging ‘Russian aggression’ have created Russian aggression out of thin air.”

So, for the purposes of this article, let’s go ahead and focus on the “for other purposes” part mentioned in the bill’s title.

This is the part that involves exploiting natural gas resources and inundating the former countries of the Soviet Union with American propaganda regarding the coming conflict *on behalf of not just our government, but you, the American public*.

It’s written right there in the bill.

Sections 305 and 306 — “Expediting natural gas exports” and “European and Eurasian energy independence” — discuss the exploitation and exploration of natural gas and oil resources by America’s private sector.

(b) PROMOTION OF UNITED STATES PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION IN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT IN UKRAINE, GEORGIA, AND MOLDOVA.—The Director of the Trade and Development Agency should promote United States private sector efforts to help exploit existing natural gas reserves, to conduct additional exploration for oil and gas, and to develop alternative sources of energy, including oil and gas, for Ukraine, Georgia, and Moldova,

So the U.S. government is going to “help” by allowing American corporations to exploit existing natural gas reserves and conduct additional exploration for oil and gas...you know, while we’re busy combating that pesky Russian aggression.

Well, it seems Vice President Joe Biden’s son Hunter [made the right move](#) at just the right time when he decided to join the board of Burisma Holdings, Ukraine’s largest private gas producer, not even two weeks after this bill was introduced.

The bill also involves lots of propaganda, and if you are American, the opinion expressed in that propaganda will be presented to these people *as if you agree with it*.

Section 309 “Expanded broadcasting in countries of the former Soviet Union” discusses how, while the United States government is doing all this, there will simultaneously be a propaganda campaign aimed at these countries to “convey” the American government *and public’s* “perspective”.

The section begins, “Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Chairman of the Broadcasting Board of Governors and the Director of Voice of America shall provide Congress with a plan, including a cost estimate, for immediately and substantially increasing and maintaining through fiscal year 2017 the quantity of United States-funded Russian-language broadcasting into countries of the former Soviet Union.”

(b) PRIORITIZATION AND FOCUS OF PROGRAMMING.—The plan required by subsection (a) shall prioritize broadcasting into Ukraine, Georgia, and Moldova and shall ensure that the increased broadcasting

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content required by subsection (a) is focused on conveying the perspective of the United States Government and public regarding ongoing events in those states to Russian language audiences.

The focus of the “programming” will be “conveying the perspective of the United States Government and public regarding ongoing events in those states to Russian language audiences.”

So not only will our government be “preventing further Russian aggression” by [allowing our corporations](#) to exploit natural gas reserves in Ukraine, Georgia and Moldova, but they will launch a massive propaganda campaign at the same time in the name of the government *and* American citizens telling these people America is awesome for doing so.

I for one think this is little more than [crony capitalism](#) masquerading as war — war for empire without a single legitimate reason (unless exploiting natural gas is a good enough reason to potentially provoke World War III).

Well, I’m an American citizen, and that [propaganda](#) does not speak for me. No wonder so many people around the rest of the world think all Americans are a bunch of greedy warmongers.

In other news, at a recent Aspen Institute conference, US Joint Chiefs of Staff General Martin Dempsey — who has been busy dusting off 20-plus-year-old war plans — actually found it within himself to utter, “You’ve got a Russian government that has made a conscious decision to use its military force inside another sovereign nation to achieve its objectives. It’s the first time since 1939 or so that that’s been the case.”

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