

The Russians Aren't Coming

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It's back to the future. It's reminiscent of Cold War fearmongering. It claimed the Russians are coming.

Norman Jewison's 1966 film titled "The Russians Are Coming, The Russians Are Coming" portrayed a Soviet threat, albeit satirically.

Today, outrageous headlines irresponsibly suggest Russian hordes threaten Ukraine. Truth is polar opposite. It doesn't matter.

On March 28, Ukraine's propaganda news service [Ukrinform](#) headlined "Russia continues to redeploy troops to Ukrainian border."

It quoted Kiev's Military and Political Studies Center head Dmytro Tymchuk saying:

"According to live data of the Information Resistance group, redeployment of Russian troops to the border of Russia with Ukraine has continued over the past day."

In Rostov region, he claimed columns of technology were "fixed." They're "heading to the state border."

Included are 150 armored personnel carriers and 400 units of motor vehicles near the town of Millerovo, Tarasovsky settlement and the town of Kamensk-Shakhtinsky, he said.

Overnight at Rostov-Tovarny's railway station, he claimed "eight MLRS (multiple rocket launchers) Uragan arrived (on) 12 freight cars."

So did "four BTR-80, about a dozen units of automotive vehicles (including fuel trucks)," he added.

"In Belgorod region...the column of vehicles was fixed, moving in the direction of the state border (30-40 km from the border): about 30 units of automotive vehicles, about 10 units of tracked engineering equipment."

BBC aired fake footage alleging Russian tanks heading for Ukraine's border.

CNN hyped the bogus threat [headlining](#) " 'The hordes are coming:' Ukrainians fear Russian invasion in northeast."

CBS News [headlined](#) "Putin reaches out to Obama as Russian troops continue to mass on Ukraine border."

USA Today [headlined](#) "Ukrainians fear Russian invasion near."

Foreign Policy (FP) magazine is a neocon Washington Post publication.

It [headlined](#) “The Russians Are Coming – 10 very good reasons not to believe Vladimir Putin when he says he’s totally not going to invade eastern Ukraine.”

Ten lies followed straightaway claiming:

- (1) Up to 50,000 Russian troops massed on Ukraine’s border; other putschist reports claimed 100,000;
- (2) “Putin enjoys embarrassing the United States...;”
- (3) “The IMF bailout;” FP portrayed grand theft loan-sharking as responsible lending;
- (4) Legitimate Crimean reunification is illegal;
- (5) What will Western nations do about threatened Russian invasion;
- (6) Russian comments are anti-Western;
- (7) “Russia’s military and arms trade relies on Ukraine;”
- (8) “The Kremlin lies shamefully and farcically;”

Daily malicious media Big Lies are ignored.

- (9) Russian “Kombinatiya” (disinformation) “is very much in evidence now;” and
- (10) “Modernizatsiya (modernization)” plans “the largest and most ambitious re-armament and modernization program” of Russia’s military since the Soviet Union’s dissolution.

Doing so wrongfully suggests a threat. Russian military spending is minuscule compared to America’s bloated defense budget.

Washington Post neocons [headlined](#) “Donetsk fearful of Russian military might on Ukraine’s border.” They ludicrously claimed residents keep their cars “gassed up in case their families need to flee advancing tanks.”

Murdoch’s The Sunday Times [headlined](#) “The Russians are coming. We’re ready. As Moscow’s forces mass on the eastern border, volunteers are flocking to bolster Ukraine’s poorly equipped national guard.”

FP’s article hyped a nonexistent planned Russian Ukrainian invasion. Other Western mainstream media echo the same Big Lie.

It repeats with disturbing regularity. It does so despite no evidence whatever suggesting it.

Russian expert Dmitry Vostok said “(b)efore casting aspersions upon Russia, (Western leaders) should (consider) their own interventions.”

Their collective memories are short. They ignore or mischaracterize numerous imperial interventions. They blame victims for their crimes.

They claim holier than thou reasons for lawless aggression. They threaten more. They justify the unjustifiable.

They defend the indefensible. They claim ravaging and destroying one nation after another to save them is OK.

They lack moral authority. Their agenda is world domination. They threaten world peace. They risk humanity's survival.

They turn truth on its head. Big Lies repeat. Mainstream media echo them. They call self-defense terrorism. They call Putin's all-out conflict resolution initiatives aggression.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov is a consummate diplomat. He does his nation proud.

He endures plenty dealing with Western leaders. He outshines them all. He deserves Nobel Peace Prize recognition. Recipients include a rogue's gallery of war criminals. Obama is Exhibit A.

Lavrov was clear and unequivocal. He said Moscow has no intention of invading Ukraine. Claims otherwise are spurious.

"We have absolutely no intention of and interest in crossing Ukraine's borders," he stressed.

"The only thing we really want is that the work should be collective and the lawlessness that some Western countries are trying to sweep under the rug and paint the situation in bright colors should be stopped, so that they realize their responsibility."

Russia "had no other choice than to accept Crimea," he added. "We didn't bother reflecting about what the reaction would be."

"We had no other choice. The choice we eventually made came from our history, international law, Russian statehood and our responsibility for the lives of those ethnic Russians who found themselves stranded abroad in a single day."

Reunification is entirely legal. International law principles affirm everyone's right to self-determination. Crimeans overwhelmingly chose to join Russia.

Moscow was obligated to oblige. Western nations plotted for years to split Ukraine from Russia, said Lavrov.

"It feels as though our Western colleagues...have long been working to 'tear' Ukraine away from Russia."

"Once they realized they had been wrong and it had been a mistake to act in violation of all post-Soviet agreements, they couldn't own up to it."

"A false idea of pride stood in their way. And all the sanctions we are seeing now are a knee-jerk reflex that makes them want to find a reasonable way to remedy their hurt feelings."

The same "you are either with us or against us" notion exists. "We have long since given that up but unfortunately this kind of mentality is still there in the minds of politicians who

today define the West's stance," Lavrov added.

He criticized Western nations for bullying 50 countries to vote against Crimean reunification legitimacy.

Threats were made. Nations were told they'd "face consequences." Moscow's UN envoy Vitaly Churkin said:

"Many (nations) complained that they were experiencing enormous pressure from Western powers to make them vote" against reunification legitimacy.

"(T)he pressure produced a certain effect. Some countries voted (the wrong way) grudgingly, shall I say, and complained to us about the strong pressure they had experienced."

Washington and rogue Western partners ousted legitimate Ukrainian governance. They elevated a rogue's gallery of societal misfits to power.

They're miscreants. They're dangerous. They're fascist extremists. They're illegitimate. They represent mob rule.

On March 30, RT International [headlined](#) "Ukrainian nationalists attack anti-coup motor rally with hammers and bats," saying:

Southeastern Ukrainians "are facing increasingly violent intimidation." Western media suppress what's happening. Putschists are portrayed as democrats.

Euromaidan thugs attacked cars displaying Russian, regional and Ukrainian flags. They came from Melitopol. They headed for a Zaporozhye anti-government rally last week.

Eye witness Artyom Tymchenko told RT:

"When the motor rally was about to enter Zaporozhye, it became clear that an ambush was being organized by the Maidan criminals."

"Near the railway station the column was stopped by the Maidan bandits, who started beating people, taking their property, smashing cars."

Motorists said Right Sector thugs attacked them.

"The police, who are supposed to sort out the situation, are not going about their job with any enthusiasm, and although the attackers didn't hide their faces, no one has been arrested so far."

"Which simply leads to the conclusion that they acted under the protection of the criminals currently in power."

Vladimir Balagura heads an anti-putschist initiative called "Our Town."

"It is very scary to witness when people are running at you with weapons, shovels, and batons, with chains, metal rods," he said.

RT said Dnepropetrovsk residents are threatened. "Ukrainian vigilantes" are targeting

people they call “pro-Russian thugs.”

Right Sector neo-Nazis established their own political party. Their January 2014 manifesto states:

“(A)ll those those who at this point would try to tame the revolutionary energy of the masses should be proclaimed traitors and punished in the most severe way.”

“Death to the regime of internal occupation! Freedom or death! Glory to Ukraine!”

On May 25, sham presidential elections are scheduled. A previous article said aspirants look more like a police lineup.

Democracy is strictly verboten. Various candidates registered to participate. Others submitted bids. It’s unclear how many will stay in the race.

Former heavyweight boxing champion turned politician Vitaly Klitschko dropped out. He’ll participate in Kiev’s mayoral race instead.

A mid-March poll showed billionaire chocolate magnate Pyotr Poroshenko had 36.2% support. He hasn’t officially registered to participate. He’s expected to do so.

Klitschko had 12.9% support. He endorsed Poroshenko’s candidacy. Convicted/imprisoned/now illegally freed mega-crook Yulia Tymoshenko’s approval was 12%.

Ousted Party of Regions’ Sergey Tigipko scored 10%. Other candidates have single-digit support or practically none at all.

In early March, Right Sector neo-Nazi leader Dmytro Yarosh announced his candidacy. Russia’s Investigative Committee (IC) said he’s wanted for involvement in killing Russian soldiers in Chechnya.

If apprehended, he’ll be prosecuted. IC representative Vladimir Markin said there’s enough evidence against him to put him on a “wanted list.”

He openly boasts about “...fighting Jews and Russians till I die.”

He calls Russia Ukraine’s “eternal enemy.” He said war between both countries is inevitable.

He openly supports Chechen militants. He backed Georgia’s 2008 aggression against South Ossetia.

Yarosh and likeminded Right Sector extremists are the worst of a bad lot of rogues running Ukraine.

They’re gun-toting, radicalized terrorists. Imagine them and likeminded extremists holding influential portfolios in Ukraine’s government.

They’re cold-blooded killers. They believe in barrel-of-a-gun rule. State terrorism defines their agenda. Anyone opposing them is targeted for elimination.

Yarosh has delusions of grandeur. He enjoys too little support to become president. Unless

he intends seizing it by force. His extremism suggests anything is possible.

He and other Right Sector leaders have thousands of supporters. They're militants. They're capable of anything. They threaten everyone opposing their agenda.

Their extremism risks civil war. So do Svoboda neo-Nazis. Their leader Oleh Tyahnybok is a presidential aspirant. It remains to be seen what follows May elections.

On Sunday, John Kerry and Sergei Lavrov met in Paris. Crisis conditions in Ukraine was discussed. Nothing was resolved. Washington remains hardline. Ahead of talks Lavrov said:

"We have no common plan yet. We view the situation differently. Right now we are exchanging views, but we cannot say that we have found a single approach to the problem."

"To find a solution that would suit both of us we need regular consultations."

On March 30, [Itar Tass](#) headlined "An Action in support of bank Rossiya to take place in Moscow."

Russia's national currency will replace dollar transactions. Putin wants an independent payment system. Itar Tass quoted action organizers saying:

"Russia, at its present stage of development, should not be dependent on foreign currencies; its internal resources will make its own economy invulnerable to political wheeler dealers."

"In order to protect the bank's customers from dishonest actions by foreign financial institutions AB Rossiya has decided to operate only in the domestic market and exclusively with the national currency of the Russian Federation – the rouble."

"The bank has already notified some U.S. banks that it is closing its correspondence accounts. Similar notifications have been sent to other foreign financial institutions."

VTB bank president Andrei Kostin said Rossiya's decision to delink from foreign currencies is a step forward to work exclusively with the ruble.

"We have been moving towards wider use of the Russian rouble as the currency of settlement for a long time. The rouble became fully convertible quite a long time ago," he added.

Kostin urges Russian products sold abroad and foreign good bought transacted solely in rubles.

"Only then are we going to use (its) advantages of...being a foreign currency in full measure," he added.

Sanctions cut both ways. Moscow signaled earlier about responding to Western measures.

It remains to be seen what follows. East/West tensions remain heightened. Washington bears full responsibility.

Targeting Russia is longstanding US policy. Doing so risks belligerence replacing diplomacy.

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