

Ukraine Fact Checking: Kerry Bullying, Bluster and Big Lies

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A previous article called Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov a world class diplomat. John Kerry is polar opposite. He represents the worst of America's dark side.

He's vying for Washington's worst ever Secretary of State top dishonor. He's what Paul Craig Roberts calls a "two-bit punk."

He's a war criminal multiple times over. Demagoguery punctuates his comments. It exceeds the worst of Cold War rhetoric. He's been caught red-handed numerous times in bald-faced lies.

He disdains rule of law principles. He supports war. He deplores peace. He's indifferent to human suffering. He's a monument to wrong over right.

He disgraces his country, position and humanity. He belongs in prison, not high office. On April 24, he <u>bashed Russia</u> irresponsibly.

He did so recklessly. He did maliciously. Big Lies infested his rhetoric. He turned truth on its head.

Four parties in Geneva "agreed that all sides would refrain from violence, intimidation, and taking provocative actions," he said.

"We agreed that illegal groups would lay down their arms...We agreed to implement" objectives discussed.

"From day one," he added, "the government of Ukraine started making good on its commitments – from day one."

"From day one, Prime Minister Yatsenyuk has kept his word. He immediately agreed to help vacate buildings."

"He suspended Ukraine's counterterrorism initiative over Easter, choosing deescalation, despite Ukraine's legitimate, fundamental right to defend its own territory and its own people."

Fact: Kiev putschists have no legitimacy whatever. They have no legal authority. They represent mob rule.

Fact: "From day one," they violated agreed on Geneva terms. They did so straightaway. They deployed military forces and Right Sector thugs to Eastern Ukraine.

They attacked nonviolent civilians. They committed cold-blooded murder.

Fact: Yatsenyuk lied. He escalated conflict. Kiev buildings remain occupied illegally.

Kerry: "...On day one, Yatsenyuk...committed his government to undertake constitutional reform that will strengthen the powers of regions."

"He directly addressed the concerns expressed by the Russians, and he did so on day one."

Fact: No constitutional reform exists. No steps were taken so far. No legitimate ones are planned. Putschists want unchallenged nationwide control.

They reject local autonomy. They declared war on freedom. They're waging it against fundamental rights. They're murdering their own people.

Russian nationals are threatened. They live in fear for good reason. Claiming otherwise is false.

Kerry:

"...Yatsenuk has publicly announced amnesty legislation -once more, in his words – for all those who surrender arms, come out of the premises and will begin with the Ukrainian people to build a sovereign and independent Ukraine."

"That is a promise made by the interim government to the people of Ukraine."

Fact: Coup-appointed fascists run Ukraine. Neo-Nazi extremists hold high government positions.

Trust isn't their long suit. Pledges aren't worth the paper they're written.

Major ones so far were broken straightaway. Business as usual continues. Expect nothing different going forward.

Kerry:

"That is leadership that upholds both the spirit and the letter of a Geneva agreement."

Fact: Actions speak louder than words. Putschist policies reveal their true agenda. Kerry lied claiming otherwise.

Kerry:

"The world has rightly judged that Prime Minister Yatsenyuk and the Government of Ukraine are working in good faith."

"And the world, sadly, has rightly judged that Russia has put its faith in distraction, deception, and destabilization."

"For seven days, Russia has refused to take a single concrete step in the right direction."

"Not a single Russian official, not one, has publicly gone on television in Ukraine and called on the separatists to support the Geneva agreement, to support the stand-down, to give up their weapons, and get out of the Ukrainian buildings."

Fact: Yatsenyuk is an illegitimate "two-bit punk." He's a convenient US stooge.

Russia has gone all-out tirelessly to resolve Ukrainian crisis conditions responsibly. Washington-directed putschists escalated them.

On Friday, Lavrov addressed Ukraine. He did so forthrightly. He "insists on the fulfillment of the Geneva agreements..." He opposes "attempts to distort them."

Kiev putschists acted against their own people, he added. "The so-called Easter ceasefire was disrupted."

"What Kiev authorities are doing today is just a punitive operation which already resulted in many victims."

"These are bloody crimes for which they will be held responsible." Washington and rogue EU partners want unchallenged Ukrainian control.

"It is high time (they) admit(ted) the truth that they do not have a monopoly (on) truth. (T)his is unacceptable to make a certain picture of current events as the West want it to be."

"The West wants to take control of Ukraine guided only by their geo-political ambitions."

"Today it is impossible to conceal the truth. And attempts to do so lead to nothing good."

Lavrov wants Kiev-directed violence stopped. He wants Right Sector neo-Nazis disarmed.

He wants Geneva agreed on terms fully implemented. He called doing so fundamental to resolving Ukraine's crisis.

Russia is doing everything possible to help, he explained. Kiev putschists initiated violence.

They're escalating it. They're following US diktats. Lavrov pointed fingers the right way.

RT International (formerly Russia Today) represents the best of responsible news, commentary and analysis.

Not according to Kerry. He lied saying "the propaganda bullhorn that is the state-sponsored Russia Today program, has been deployed to promote – actually, Russia Today network – has deployed to promote President Putin's fantasy about what is playing out on the ground."

"They almost spend full time devoted to this effort to propagandize and to distort what is happening or not happening in Ukraine."

"Instead, in plain sight, Russia continues to fund, coordinate, and fuel a heavily armed separatist movement in Donetsk."

"Meanwhile, Russian leaders are making increasingly outrageous claims to justify their action – that the CIA invented the internet in order to control the world or that the forces occupying buildings, armed to the teeth, wearing brand new matching uniforms and moving in disciplined military formation, are merely local activists seeking to exercise their legitimate rights."

"That is absurd, and there is no other word to describe it."

Fact: It bears repeating. RT International shames Western media. Managed news misinformation garbage substitutes for responsible journalism.

RT delivers the real thing. Claims otherwise are false. Kerry's comments turned truth on its head. Big Lies infested them.

Kerry:

"The world knows that peaceful protesters don't come armed with grenade launchers and automatic weapons, the latest issue from the Russian arsenal, hiding the insignias on their brand new matching military uniforms, and speaking in dialects that every local knows comes from thousands of miles away."

"The world knows that the Russian intelligence operatives arrested in Ukraine didn't just take a wrong turn on the highway."

"In fact, we have seen soldiers wearing uniforms identical to the ones Russian soldiers wore in Crimea last month."

Fact: "The world knows" that Eastern Ukrainian self-defense forces are nonviolent.

"The world knows" their fundamental rights are threatened.

"The world knows" they have every right to defend themselves.

"The world knows" fascist military forces and Right Sector neo-Nazi thugs attacked them.

"The world knows" self-defense activists act on their own volition. No "Russian intelligence operatives" are involved.

Nor in Crimea weeks earlier. Kerry lied claiming otherwise.

Kerry:

"As international observers on the ground have borne witness, prior to Russia's escalation, there was no violence. There was no broad-scale assault on the rights of people in the east."

Fact: "The world knows" Kiev putschists govern illegitimately.

"The world knows" all Ukrainians are threatened.

"The world knows" how fascists rule. Fundamental freedoms are being crushed. Rule of law principles are being violated.

"The world knows" Kerry lied about so-called "Russia(n) escalation."

"The world knows" Eastern Ukrainians want stability. US-directed putschists prevent it.

"The world knows" they instigated violence. They escalated it. They intend more. They're waging war on their own people.

Kerry:

"The Government of Ukraine has reported the arrest of Russian intelligence agents, including one yesterday who it says was responsible for establishing secure communications allowing Russia to coordinate destabilizing activities in Ukraine."

Fact: Kiev putschists lied. So-called Russian intelligence agent arrests never happened. No Russian efforts to destabilize Ukraine exist.

Kerry lied claiming otherwise. He outrageously called coup-appointed putschists "legitimate."

Kerry: Russia chose "an illegitimate course of armed violence to try and achieve with the barrel of a gun and the force of a mob what couldn't be achieved any other way."

"They've tried to create enough chaos in the east to delay or delegitimize the elections, or to force Ukraine to accept a federalism that gives Russia control over its domestic and foreign policies, or even force Ukraine to overreact and create an excuse for military intervention."

"This is a full-throated effort to actively sabotage the democratic process through gross external intimidation that has brought inside Ukraine, and it is worse even."

Fact: Russia goes all-out for responsible conflict resolution. US-directed putschists prevent it.

No Russian intimidation exists. Kiev deplores democracy. So does Washington. So-called May elections when held will be farcical. They'll have no legitimacy whatever.

Kerry:

"We have seen this movie before. We saw it most recently in Crimea, where similar subterfuge and sabotage by Russia was followed by a full invasion – an invasion, by the way, for which President Putin recently decorated Russian special forces at the Kremlin."

Fact: Crimeans acted on their own volition. They overwhelmingly chose reunification with Russia. They voted 96.77% to do so. Turnout was a record 83%.

Independent monitors called referendum voting scrupulously open, free and fair. Not a single irregularity was found.

No Russian invasion happened. Kerry invented one out of whole cloth. Irresponsible Russia bashing infested his rhetoric. Big Lies substituted for truth.

Kerry: "Nobody should doubt Russia's hand in" what's ongoing.

"Our intelligence community tells me that Russia's intelligence and military intelligence services and special operators are playing an active role in destabilizing eastern Ukraine with personnel, weapons, money, operational planning, and coordination."

Fact: US intelligence has no information about Russian involvement in Eastern Ukraine. None exists. No "personnel, weapons, money, operational planning, and coordination." Kerry lied claiming otherwise.

Kerry:

"The world will remain united for Ukraine. So I will say it again. The window to change course is closing. President Putin and Russia face a choice."

"If Russia chooses the path of de-escalation, the international community – all of us – will welcome it."

"If Russia does not, the world will make sure that the cost for Russia will only grow. And as President Obama reiterated earlier today, we are ready to act."

Fact: The world supports fundamental rights of all Ukrainians. Kiev putschists want them denied.

Washington supports their worst policies. Fascists are hardline. They rule one way. They crush resistance. They do so violently. They do it lawlessly.

Russia remains committed for equity, justice and peace. It's strong and resolute. It has responsible leadership. Rolling over for Washington won't happen.

Kerry represents US hegemonic ambitions. He reflects the worst of dark side politics. He deplores democracy.

He disdains fundamental human and civil rights. He trashes rule of law principles. He supports war on humanity. He wants it for unchallenged global dominance.

It bears repeating. He's a "two-bit thug." He belongs in prison, not high office.

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