

## The Ukraine War Is a Sales-promotion Campaign for Lockheed and Other U.S. 'Defense' Contractors

By Eric Zuesse

Global Research, November 25, 2022

Region: Europe, USA

Theme: Intelligence, Militarization and

WMD

In-depth Report: <u>UKRAINE REPORT</u>

All Global Research articles can be read in 51 languages by activating the Translate Website button below the author's name.

To receive Global Research's Daily Newsletter (selected articles), click here.

Follow us on <u>Instagram</u> and <u>Twitter</u> and subscribe to our <u>Telegram Channel</u>. Feel free to repost and share widely Global Research articles.

\*\*\*

On 3 December 2021, a year ago, Lockheed Martin shares <u>cost \$333.81</u>. On 23 November 2022, they cost <u>cost \$481.07</u>. That's a 44% gain during this year-long period.

\$4,027.26 is the S&P on 23 November 2022, and it was \$4,701.46 on 24 November 2021. That's a 14% *decline* during this year-long period.

A dollar invested in the S&P became \$0.86, but in Lockheed became \$1.44, and that is 68% more than the S&P market-average performance.

That's the benefit of owning a controlling interest in a mega-corporation whose market is the Government in which you have purchased a controlling interest (by political donations and lobbyists), as compared to not.

And you will see there that though the stock-price of Lockheed soared after Russia's 24 February 2022 invasion of Ukraine, the rise in its stock-price actually started on 3 December 2021. Perhaps that was when U.S.-Government insiders got their first clear indications that the U.S. Government was going to force Russia to invade Ukraine in order to prevent Ukraine from ever being able to join NATO so as for the U.S. to place its missiles only 317 miles away from The Kremlin.

Here are all of the headlined news-stories at the New York Times site on 3 December 2021, all 45 of them, and here are all 3 of the ones there featuring national defense or international relations:

- "Shell pulls out of a U.K. oil field targeted by climate activists"
- "With No Resources, Authority or Country, Afghan Ambassador Presses On"
- "Why Peng Shuai Has China's Leaders Spooked"

NONE has to do with national defense or international relations at all, but 100% of the news-stories are instead domestic-affairs articles, even the ones on global warming and on the former Afghan Ambassador, and on the Chinese tennis star. This fact (0 out of 45 being 'defense' or international-relations) goes to exemplify that if anyone is interested in warfare or other international-relations *topics*, it's NOT the general public. Who might it be, then? Perhaps it's the types of people who control firms *such as* Lockheed and other 'Defense'-contractors — firms that sell *only*to the U.S. Government and to its allied (or vassal) Governments such as in NATO, and so these firms need to control their own Government in order to control their sales-volumes and their profits — which they manifestly *do* (the U.S. Government is *bipartisanly* neoconservative — pro-increasing the U.S. empire)

Here are all of the headlined news-stories at the New York Times site on 23 November 2022, and these are the 8 international-relations stories there:

- "Will Mexico Be the Next Venezuela?"
- "Ukraine Fights for Peninsula That Could Prove Critical to War's Next Phase"
- "Missiles for Poland Raise Questions on NATO Stance in Ukraine War"
- "Ukraine raided a holy site amid suspicion of an Orthodox Church tied to Moscow"
- "Buffeted by Economic Woes, U.K. Starts to look at Brexit With 'Bregret'"
- "Even the Saudi Team Is Stunned After Its Victory Over Argentina"
- "England Had a Game, but First Its Fans Had a Quest. For Beer."
- "France decisively beat Australia, capping a wild day at the World Cup"

Five of those 8 concern international relations and national defense. All of a sudden, after Russia invaded Ukraine on 24 February 2022 because America rejected on 7 January 2022 Russia's demand on 17 December 2021 "Article 6: All member States of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization commit themselves to refrain from any further enlargement of NATO, including the accession of Ukraine as well as other States", America's public care at least a little about international relations and national defense.

**But:** Is Ukraine *actually* about defending America, at all? Of course, it *isn't*, but it very much *is* about Russia's national defense, because it has the closest border to Moscow of any nation, being only around 300 miles away from The Kremlin.

Though keeping Ukraine out of NATO is a national-defense *imperative* for Russia, it's no national-defense issue, at all, for America. It is purely a neoconservative issue for America. It is a U.S.-and-allied billionaires' issue, NOT authentically about "defending" the United States.

It is, instead, actually, the most effective marketing campaign for the billionaires who control Lockheed Martin and its Government, the U.S. Government. And THAT is the reason why NO billionaire — not a single one of them in either the U.S. or the UK — advocates for and donates to, writers and organizations that are *anti*-neoconservative: anti-imperialist. Not a single one of them is and does. They are invested in warfare, against their 'competitors' (the countries that they DON'T yet control, and which they therefore are obsessed to "regime-change").

\*

Note to readers: Please click the share buttons above. Follow us on Instagram and Twitter

and subscribe to our Telegram Channel. Feel free to repost and share widely Global Research articles.

This article was originally published on **The Duran**.

Investigative historian Eric Zuesse's new book, <u>AMERICA'S EMPIRE OF EVIL: Hitler's Posthumous Victory</u>, and Why the Social Sciences Need to Change, is about how America took over the world after World War II in order to enslave it to U.S.-and-allied billionaires. Their cartels extract the world's wealth by control of not only their 'news' media but the social 'sciences' — duping the public.

He is a regular contributor to Global Research.

Featured image: Lockheed Martin F-35B Lightning II fighter jet takes off from HMS Queen Elizabeth (Source: Stop the War Coalition)

The original source of this article is Global Research Copyright © Eric Zuesse, Global Research, 2022

## **Comment on Global Research Articles on our Facebook page**

## **Become a Member of Global Research**

Articles by: Eric Zuesse

## About the author:

Investigative historian Eric Zuesse is the author, most recently, of They're Not Even Close: The Democratic vs. Republican Economic Records, 1910-2010, and of CHRIST'S VENTRILOQUISTS: The Event that Created Christianity.

**Disclaimer:** The contents of this article are of sole responsibility of the author(s). The Centre for Research on Globalization will not be responsible for any inaccurate or incorrect statement in this article. The Centre of Research on Globalization grants permission to cross-post Global Research articles on community internet sites as long the source and copyright are acknowledged together with a hyperlink to the original Global Research article. For publication of Global Research articles in print or other forms including commercial internet sites, contact: <a href="mailto:publications@globalresearch.ca">publications@globalresearch.ca</a>

www.globalresearch.ca contains copyrighted material the use of which has not always been specifically authorized by the copyright owner. We are making such material available to our readers under the provisions of "fair use" in an effort to advance a better understanding of political, economic and social issues. The material on this site is distributed without profit to those who have expressed a prior interest in receiving it for research and educational purposes. If you wish to use copyrighted material for purposes other than "fair use" you must request permission from the copyright owner.

For media inquiries: <a href="mailto:publications@globalresearch.ca">publications@globalresearch.ca</a>