

US-NATO vs. Russia: The Weaponization of Western “Freedom and Democracy”

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In all history, there is no instance of a country having benefited from prolonged warfare. – Sun Tzu, 'The Art of War'

The Four New Regions of the Russian Federation

During the signing ceremony on the accession to the Russian Federation of the four new regions on September 30th president Vladimir Putin declared that a 'revolutionary transformation of the world' is underway and stated that there will be 'no return to the old order'. As expected, his oration was largely ignored or distorted by Western mainstream media:

"Our compatriots, our brothers and sisters in Ukraine who are part of our united people have seen with their own eyes what the ruling class of the so-called West have prepared for humanity as a whole. They have dropped their masks and shown what they are really made of.

When the Soviet Union collapsed, the West decided that the world and all of us would permanently accede to its dictates. In 1991, the West thought that Russia would never rise after such shocks and would fall to pieces on its own. This had almost happened. We remember the horrible 1990s, hungry, cold and hopeless. But Russia remained standing, revived, grew stronger and occupied its rightful place in the world."



Signing ceremony for the accession of the Donetsk and Lugansk People's Republics and the Zaporozhye and Kherson Regions at the Grand Kremlin Palace's St George Hall

"Meanwhile, the West continued to look for another chance to strike a blow at us, to weaken and break up Russia... to set our peoples against each other and to condemn them to poverty and extinction. They cannot rest easy knowing that there is such a great country with this huge territory and its natural wealth, resources and people who cannot and will not do someone else's bidding.

Western countries have been saying for centuries that they bring freedom and democracy to other nations. Nothing could be further from the truth. Instead of bringing democracy they suppressed and exploited, and instead of giving freedom they enslaved and oppressed. The unipolar world is inherently anti-democratic and unfree; it is false and hypocritical through and through.

Do we want to have in Russia, 'Parent number one, parent number two and Parent number three' instead of Mother and Father? Do we want our schools to impose on our children perversions that lead to degradation and extinction? Do we want to drum into their heads the idea that other genders exist besides Female and Male, and to offer them gender reassignment surgery? This is all unacceptable to us. We have a different future of our own.

Let me repeat that the dictatorship of the Western elites targets all societies, including the citizens of Western countries themselves. This is a challenge for us all. This complete renunciation of what it means to be human, the overthrow of faith and traditional values, and the suppression of freedom are coming to resemble the reverse of religion - pure Satanism. Exposing false messiahs, Jesus Christ preached in the Sermon on the Mount: "By their fruit ye shall know them." These poisonous fruits are already obvious to people, and not only in our country but in all countries, including

many people in the West itself.

The world has entered a period of a fundamental, revolutionary transformation. New centers of power are emerging. They represent the majority of the international community. They are ready not only to declare their interests but also to protect them. They see in multipolarity an opportunity to strengthen their sovereignty, which means gaining genuine freedom, historical prospects, and the right to their own independent, creative and distinctive forms of development, to a harmonious process.

There are many like-minded people in Europe and the United States, and we feel and see their support. An essentially emancipatory, anti-colonial movement against unipolar hegemony is taking shape in the most diverse countries and societies. Its power will only grow with time. It is this force that will determine our future geopolitical reality."

"The destruction of the Western hegemony is irreversible," Putin concluded.

JFK's Forgotten 'Peace For All Time Speech'

President John F. Kennedy, under the influence of the Cuban Missile Crisis when the world was brought to the brink of annihilation, made an equally momentous speech at the American University on June 10, 1963:

"I have chosen this time and place to discuss a topic on which ignorance too often abounds and the truth is too rarely perceived – yet it is the most important topic on earth: world peace.

What kind of peace do I mean? What kind of peace do we seek? Not a Pax Americana enforced on the world by American weapons of war. Not the peace of the grave or the security of the slave.

I am talking about genuine peace, the kind of peace that makes life on earth worth living, the kind that enables men and nations to grow and to hope and to build a better life for their children – not merely peace for Americans but peace for all men and women – not merely peace in our time but peace for all time."

"I speak of peace because of the new face of war. Total war makes no sense in an age when great powers can maintain large and relatively invulnerable nuclear forces and refuse to surrender without resort to those forces. It makes no sense in an age when a single nuclear weapon contains almost ten times the explosive force delivered by all the allied air forces in the Second World War. It makes no sense in an age when the deadly poisons produced by a nuclear exchange would be carried by wind and water and soil and seed to the far corners of the globe and to generations yet unborn.

Today the expenditure of billions of dollars every year on weapons acquired for the purpose of making sure we never need to use them is essential to keeping the peace. But surely the acquisition of such idle stockpiles – which can only destroy and never create – is not the only, much less the most efficient, means of assuring peace.

...wherever we are, we must all, in our daily lives, live up to the age-old faith that peace and freedom walk together. In too many of our cities today, the peace is not secure because the freedom is incomplete. It is the responsibility of the executive branch at all levels of government – local, State, and National – to provide and protect that freedom

for all of our citizens by all means within their authority...

All this is not unrelated to world peace. 'When a man's ways please the Lord,' the Scriptures tell us, 'he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.' And is not peace... basically a matter of human rights – the right to live out our lives without fear of devastation...?

The United States, as the world knows, will never start a war. We do not want a war. We do not now expect a war. This generation of Americans has already had enough – more than enough – of war and hate and oppression. We shall be prepared if others wish it. We shall be alert to try to stop it. But we shall also do our part to build a world of peace where the weak are safe and the strong are just. We are not helpless before that task or hopeless of its success. Confident and unafraid, we labor on – not toward a strategy of annihilation but toward a strategy of peace."



"Man holds in his mortal hands the power to abolish all forms of human poverty and all forms of human life." – JFK in his 1961 Inaugural Address

Rise and Fall of a Hegemon

Kennedy's speech was quickly relegated to the memory hole after his assassination only five months later with his successor Lyndon B. Johnson quickly ramping up the war in Vietnam, choosing to ignore painful [French colonial lessons there a decade earlier](#) as well as president Charles de Gaulle's warning that "[...you will sink step by step](#) into a bottomless military and political quagmire". LBJ forged full steam ahead, using a false flag attack in the Gulf of Tonkin in August 1964 to commit a [half a million](#) U.S. troops to the jungles of Indochina.



An alleged North Vietnamese attack on the USS Madoxx was used as an excuse to ramp up the Vietnam war which ended up costing 58,220 American and [over two million Vietnamese](#), Laotian and Cambodian lives

Even though it was done under the banner of 'defending democracy and freedom', it nevertheless gave the lie to JFK's assertion that the United States would never start a war.



[Shock and Awe](#) on full display in Baghdad, March 2003 at the start of the war to rid the world of Saddam's non-existent WMD's; when the kinetic phase of a war is completed it is replaced by an economic shock and awe, when the target country's economy is plundered

Former Austrian foreign minister Karin Kneissl [concurs](#) with Putin's portrayal of the West's exploitative colonial mindset:

"The era of the 'Seven Sisters,' a cartel of oil companies that divided up the oil market, came to an end (in the 1970's). However, for US policymakers – at least, psychologically – this era still persists. 'It's our oil,' is an expression I often hear uttered in Washington. Those voices were particularly loud during the illegal US-led 2003 invasion of Iraq. To really understand the core of the conflict in Ukraine – where a proxy war rages – one must break down the confrontation thus: The US and its European allies, who represent and back the global financial sector, are essentially engaged in a battle against the world's energy sector. " Kneissl wrote for the *The Cradle* on October 13th.

Political Studies professor Radhika Desai [lectures in the same vein](#):

"The conflict that the West calls Russia's invasion of Ukraine... is not a conflict between Ukraine and Russia; it is a phase in the hybrid war that the West has been waging for decades against any country that chooses an economic path other than subordination to the United States. In its current phase, this war takes the form of a US-led NATO war over Ukraine. In this war, Ukraine is the terrain, and a pawn – one that can be sacrificed. This fact is hidden by wall-to-wall Western propaganda portraying Russian President Vladimir Putin as either mad or a devil hell-bent on recreating the Soviet Union. This pre-empts any questions about why Putin might be doing this, about the rationale for Russian actions.

The United States, having sought without success to dominate the world, wages this war to stall its historic decline, the loss of what remains of its power. This decline has accelerated in recent decades as neoliberalism turned its capitalist economic system unproductive, financialised, predatory, speculative, and ecologically destructive, massively diminishing Washington's already dubious attractions to its allies around the world."

With an annual budget [approaching a trillion dollars](#), the U.S. military is far removed from its Hollywood image of a '[mean, lean fighting machine](#)', and has turned into a bloated dinosaur mired in monumental corruption. This was confirmed by no less an authority than the former Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld who, on September 10, 2001, revealed that Pentagon auditors found that [25% of the military budget](#) could not be accounted for, and that \$2.3 trillion were missing.

The very next day, however, the war on waste was overtaken by the 'war on terror' and everything was forgiven and forgotten. Business continued as usual.

The current decrepit state of the U.S. military is aptly reflected in its dismal recruitment figures, with the army announcing on October 1st that – despite offering sign-up bonuses of [up to \\$50,000](#) – it had still managed to miss its [enlistment target by 25%](#).

The most likely causes: [one in three](#) Americans are overweight or otherwise unfit, the Covid 'vaccine' mandates, and lastly, Pentagon's advocacy of LGBTQ/transgender ideology which has become the [centerpiece of Biden regime's](#) 'numerous accomplishments' but which a priori eliminates potential conservative and religious-minded candidates who usually form the backbone of the military.



After obligatory inoculations recruits must undergo doctrinal inculcation emphasizing ‘equity and minority rights’ prior to being unleashed to sow death and destruction in defense of human rights around the globe



The New Normal: ‘Drag Queens’ are now in charge of teaching biology to kids, including that [72 genders](#) exist – according to polls, a third of [Generation Z](#) consider themselves ‘gender fluid’ – which is what Putin was referring to in his speech

Winner Takes All

“[Ukraine’s Blitzkrieg](#) Means That Russia Cannot Win The War,” runs a typical headline used by the mainstream media as it *downplays Russia’s strategic success and amplifies the tactical setbacks in order to make it look like the war is turning into a quagmire for Putin.*

This is something which geopolitical analyst Pepe Escobar [takes issue with](#):

“ ... in only 7 months, Russia annexed 120,000 km² – or 22% of Ukrainian territory – that produces nearly 90% of GDP and has over 5 million citizens. Along the way, the allied forces basically destroyed the Ukrainian army, which they continue to do 24/7; billions of dollars of NATO equipment; accelerated the demise of most Western economies; and evaporated the notion of American hegemony...”

The U.S. military has shown itself incapable of beating a ragtag Taliban force in Afghanistan and does not stand a chance against Russia, as the military expert Scott Ritter confirmed in 2017:

“NATO would be [totally outmatched](#) in a conventional war with Russia... Today, NATO and American anti-armor weapons continue to play catch up to new innovations being fielded by the Russians. The Americans like to quantify the Russian Army as being ‘near peer’ in terms of its capabilities; the fact of the matter is that it is the U.S. and NATO armored forces that are ‘near peer’ to their Russian counterparts, and there are many more Russian tanks in Europe today than there are NATO and American.”

Instead of Russia [running out of missiles and ammunition](#) as is often claimed, it is the U.S. and NATO which have emptied out their warehouses and run out of weapons, as reported by CNBC:

“In the U.S. weapons industry, the normal production level for artillery rounds for the 155mm howitzer – a long-range heavy artillery weapon currently used on the battlefields of Ukraine – is about 30,000 rounds per year in peacetime. The Ukrainian soldiers... go through that amount in roughly two weeks.”

Pentagon is now looking for U.S. companies [to build more shells](#), while new HIMARS systems promised to Ukraine won’t arrive for years.

The painful truth for NATO is that the decades-long offshoring of manufacturing to low-wage countries has left it with insufficient industrial capacity required to wage a protracted war against a ‘near-peer’ adversary.

All this is ignored by the Western media which, through sensationalistic headlines like “In Washington, Putin’s Nuclear Threats Stir [Growing Alarm](#)” and “[Putin Prepared to Use Nuclear Weapons](#)”, is creating the illusion that Russia is losing badly and will resort to anything to turn things around.

Former CIA director and retired general David Petraeus was thus interviewed by ABC News on October 2nd and stated how Russia is “desperate after a string of setbacks” and then promised that if it used nuclear weapons, the US [would destroy the Russian military in Ukraine](#) and sink its naval fleet.

What Petraeus – better known for having lost both ‘surges’ in [Iraq](#) and [Afghanistan](#) – fails to mention is that the U.S. is the one nuclear superpower with a [first strike](#) policy which is defined as an “...attack on an enemy’s nuclear arsenal that effectively prevents retaliation against the attacker. A successful first strike would cripple enemy missiles that are ready to launch and prevent the opponent from readying others for a counterstrike by targeting the enemy’s nuclear stockpiles and launch facilities.”

Under this policy,

“The [U.S. president has the authority](#), without consulting anyone, to order a pre-emptive nuclear strike – not merely in retaliation... Our warheads could be launched in defense of allies, after the onset of a conventional war involving our troops... or in response to a bellicose threat posed by a nuclear state.”

On the other hand, Russia’s [Basic Principles doctrine](#) does not allow for unprovoked use of nuclear weapons – tactical or strategic. In any case, Russia has absolutely no need to resort to tactical nukes as it possesses the most powerful [conventional weapon](#) in existence, nicknamed FOAB – [Father of All Bombs](#) – a thermobaric bomb with a blast yield of 44 tons TNT; more importantly, these weapons do not emit any radiation, as nuclear fallout would pose both an immediate and lingering threat to their troops as well as to local civilians – most of whom are expected to one day become loyal Russian citizens.



FOAB dropped from a Tu-160 bomber at the Opuk training range, Black Sea in 2016; this ordnance is designed to vaporize targets and collapse structures by igniting a fuel-air mixture in midair

II. NATO'S NUCLEAR POSTURE

4. NATO's nuclear pillar is strongly reliant on the strategic forces of the United States, as well as the strategic forces of both France and the United Kingdom. Both the United States and the United Kingdom make nuclear weapons available to the Alliance as part of their national nuclear policies¹. The United States remains committed to an extended deterrence posture, which provides allies protection under its nuclear 'umbrella'. To achieve this extended posture, the United States maintains its nuclear triad² of delivery systems, forward-deployed non-strategic weapons, and readily deployable US-based nuclear weapons (US DoD, 2018). The United Kingdom's sea-based nuclear deterrent is committed to UK and NATO security³.

5. Within the NATO context, the United States forward-deploys approximately 150 nuclear weapons⁴, specifically B61 gravity bombs, to Europe for use on both US and Allied dual-capable aircraft. These bombs are stored at six US and European bases – Kleine Brogel in Belgium, Büchel in Germany, Aviano and Ghedi-Torre in Italy, Volkel in The Netherlands, and Inçirlik in Turkey. In the hypothetical scenario they are needed, the B61 bombs can be delivered by US or European dual-capable aircraft⁵. The decision to maintain the non-strategic gravity nuclear bombs in Europe is principally due to Russia's maintenance of a large number of tactical nuclear weapons in its arsenal⁶ (IISS, 2019; Andreassen et al., 2018). The Alliance also maintains weapons across bases in Europe and Anatolia to ensure broad Allied involvement in NATO's nuclear mission and as a concrete reminder of US nuclear commitment to the security of NATO's European Allies (Lunn, 2019).

Some [150 U.S. B61 nuclear bombs](#) are located in six air bases throughout Europe

Warning from an American in Novorussia

American Russel 'Tex' Bentley, who has been living in the Donbass for the past eight years, posted this warning on his Telegram channel – October 2, 2022:

Look – here is the most important thing about Liman – coming on the heels of the Bucha and Kharkov retreats and the disgraceful prisoner swap, it makes it look like Russia is losing. And that is a strategic fuckup. Because if Russia only looks like it's losing, the US Nazis can and will detonate a tactical nuke on Ukrop soil and blame it on Russia, saying "The Russians had to use nukes because they were losing." And all the idiots in the world will believe it.

Then, US/NATO say "And now we have to respond in kind (with nukes) and they vaporize all 500,000 new Russian troops before they even get deployed. And of course, the "Russian decision making HQ in Ukraine" also gets nuked – my hometown, Donetsk.

The tactical nukes are already in Ukraine. The USA using a nuke false flag is absolutely not just possible but probable to the point of inevitability. They have the means, motive and opportunity, and a long history of false flags. In fact, it would be stupid to think they wouldn't. And if Russia looks like it's losing the conventional war, it makes the USA false flag more credible and more inevitable.

And then Russia nukes USA Navy ships in the Black Sea and Med, then USA bases in Germany and Poland, the US/NATO hits Sevastopol, Kaliningrad and Rostov. Then Russia hits Washington and USA hits Moscow, and it's all over but the screaming and the crying for all of us.

And this is what is going to happen if Russia does not regain the military initiative and start winning the conventional war (if it still can) in the next couple of weeks.

As goes Donbass, so goes the world. And only an idiot cannot understand this. You have been warned. Again.



Artist Marina Abramovich and Jacob Rothschild posing in front of a painting titled 'Satan Summoning His Legions' by Thomas Lawrence at the Royal Academy of Arts; [Lord Rothschild & Co.](#) control most of the planet's assets

High Noon for NATO, Midnight for Humanity?

NATO has on October 17th launched 'Steadfast Noon', its annual nuclear drills set to last until October 30th which is taking place 600 miles from the Russian border with "[14 countries and air forces from across NATO to exercise nuclear deterrence capabilities involving dozens of aircraft,](#) including fourth and fifth generation fighter jets as well as surveillance and tanker aircraft," as per the NATO press release.

As luck would have it, 'Steadfast Noon' will likely coincide with Moscow's own annual [nuclear drills dubbed 'Grom'](#), when Russia tests its nuclear-capable bombers, submarines and missiles.


This is a Do-or-Die moment for the western hegemon which is not willing – or rather, cannot – back down under any circumstances. Conscious of its inability to win a conventional war against Russia, it will resort to any measure in order to win, even if it means setting the world ablaze.

The U.S. has managed to convince itself that it can emerge victorious from a [pre-emptive nuclear war](#), but cannot afford to be seen as the aggressor in the eyes of the global community; a 'False Flag' event is therefore set to be staged in Ukraine using a low-yield device for which Russia would quickly be blamed, triggering an immediate NATO response. As inadvertently confirmed by Ukrainian president Zelensky while [addressing](#) the Australian Lowy Institute on October 6th, the scheme involves a '[decapitation strike](#)' on Moscow against Putin and his Cabinet, after which the rest of the regime would collapse like a house of cards.

Assuredly, if this suicidal policy is ever applied outside a computer simulation, the world would have to concur with Mr. Putin's assertion that the collective west is being run by satanists.

Sadly, that realization will have come too late to save humanity.

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2017		Rank	%	World Figures
Currency:	US Dollar USD (\$)	-	-	-
Year:	2017	-	-	2017
Population:	327 million	3	4.4	7.4 billion
Surface:	9.6 million sq. km.	3	7.2	133 million sq. km.
Density:	34 inhabitants / sq. km.	157	62	55 inhabitants / sq. km.
Gross Domestic Product:	\$19 trillion	1	24	\$79 trillion
GDP per capita:	\$59,274	14	553	\$10,710
Purchase Power Parity:	\$59,500	15	350	\$16,976
Budget:	\$6.3 trillion	1	24	\$26 trillion
Military Budget:	\$637 billion	1	36	\$1.7 trillion
Imports:	\$2.4 trillion	1	14.5	\$16 trillion
Exports:	\$1.6 trillion	2	9.5	\$17 trillion
Forecast 2025				
Population:	▼ 100 million	14	1.4	▼ 6.9 billion
Density:	▼ 10 inhabitants / sq. km.	168	19.6	▼ 51 inhabitants / sq. km.
Gross Domestic Product:	▼ \$2.4 trillion	6	3.8	▼ \$65 trillion
GDP per capita:	▼ \$24,561	24	261	▼ \$9,421
Purchase Power Parity:	▼ \$16,374	57	141	▼ \$11,634
Military Budget:	▼ \$32 billion	6	2.8	▼ \$1.2 trillion

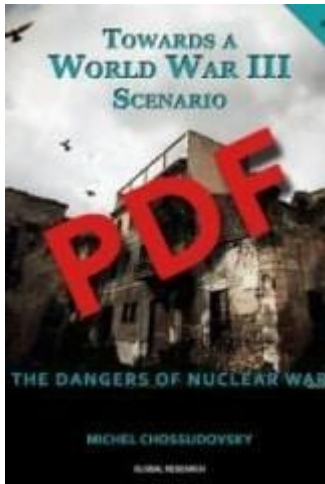
2017 Deagel.com forecast in which the U.S. is projected to lose two-thirds of its population by 2025; Deagel is a branch of the US military intelligence, preparing briefs for agencies such as the NSA, NATO, UN, and the World Bank. This forecast has been purged after the founder Edwin Deagel passed away in 2021

"There are decades where nothing happens; and then there are weeks where decades happen." – Vladimir Ilyich Lenin

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–Ellen Brown, author of ‘Web of Debt’ and president of the Public Banking Institute

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