

# **Washington Risks Global War**

By Stephen Lendman

Global Research, May 22, 2014

Region: Russia and FSU
Theme: US NATO War Agenda
In-depth Report: UKRAINE REPORT

This writer's edited and contributed to new book discusses what's ongoing in depth. It explains why it matters. It sheds light on what's likely coming.

It's titled "Flashpoint in Ukraine: Why the US Drive for Hegemony Risks WW III." Twenty-two distinguished analysts contributed content. They include:

Robert Abele Michel Chossudovsky **Edward Herman** Nolan Higdon Michael Hudson Mickey Huff Andrew Kolin John Kozy Cynthia McKinney John McMurty Mahdi Darius Nazemroaya Michael Parenti **David Peterson** James Petras **Peter Phillips** Jack Rasmus

Paul Craig Roberts

Rick Rozoff

Rodney Shakespeare

Jeffrey Sommers

Matthew Witt - and this writer.

Chapter topics include:

Introduction: Stephen Lendman

Washington's Recklessness Endangers the World: Paul Craig Roberts

Washington Has Set the World on a Path to War: Paul Craig Roberts

The New Cold War's Ukraine Gambit: Michael Hudson

Obama's Ukrainian Power Grab, Sanctions and the

Boomerang Effect: James Petras

Ukraine and Regime Change: Michael Parenti

Ukraine: Another Step in Capitalism's Global Dominance

Strategies and Power Inside the Transnational Global Corporate

Class and US-NATO Global Empire: Peter Phillips, Mickey Huff and Nolan Higdon

Orange Revolution 2.0: Stephen Lendman

Libya, Syria, Venezuela, Ukraine: Another War Based on Lies, Pretexts, and Profiteering?:

Cynthia McKinney

The Geo-Politics Behind EuroMaidan: Mahdi Darius Nazemroaya

Crisis in Ukraine: Russia Extends its Control over the

Black Sea and Strategic Waterways: Michel Chossudovsky

The Geostrategic Significance of Ukraine in NATO's Drive to the East: Rick Rozoff

Who Benefits from the Ukraine Economic Crisis?: Jack Rasmus

Mother Russia: An Elusive Prize: John Kozy

Hangover in Ukraine: Treaty of Versailles Spirits Packaged in Bretton Woods Bottles. The

Morning After: Jeffrey Sommers

The Labyrinth of Geography in a Time of Terror: Matthew T. Witt

Containing Russia: Stephen Lendman

The Ukraine Crisis and the Propaganda System in Overdrive:

Edward S. Herman and David Peterson

The Norms of Justice, International Law, and the 'Duty to Protect: Robert Abele

The Odessa Massacre: Stephen Lendman

Ukraine: From Coup to Police State: Andrew Kolin

The Kiev Putsch: Rebel Workers Take Power in the East: James Petras

Is Ukraine a Turning Point in History?: Rodney Shakespeare

Washington Intends Russia's Demise: Paul Craig Roberts

The Ukraine Crisis: Decoding its Deep Structural Meaning: John McMurtry

Ukraine is by far the most significant post-WW II geopolitical crisis. Escalating it risks global conflict.

Obama bears full responsibility. Complicit EU partners share it. Putin deserves no blame for their lawlessness.

Washington stops at nothing to advance its imperium. Millions of corpses attest to its barbarity.

Replacing independent governments with subservient pro-Western ones is longstanding US policy.

Washington-supported Kiev putschists staged the most brazen coup d'etat since Mussolini's 1922 march on Rome. Claiming otherwise doesn't wash. It denies reality.

On February 22, 2014, Ukrainian freedom died. Fascist extremism replaced it. Coup plotters seized power. They did so extrajudicially. They began consolidating rule straightaway.

Obama's new friends are thugs. He elevated a rogue's gallery of ultranationalist, xenophobic, anti-Semitic societal misfits to power.

They're fascists. They're ruthless. They include extremist neo-Nazi thugs. They openly display swastikas, Iron Crosses, SS insignia, other Nazi symbols and Sieg Heil salutes.

They represent mob rule. They're convenient US stooges. They have no legitimacy whatever.

They're exploiting Ukrainians nationwide. They're attacking ordinary citizens. They doing it in Eastern cities. They're waging war on their own people.

They're murdering them in cold blood. Right Sector neo-Nazis are involved. So are foreign mercenaries. They're hired guns.

They're trained killers. They operate extrajudiciously. They do so with impunity. On direct orders from Washington. Transmitted to Kiev.

Coup-appointed putschists massed troops on Russia's borders. They did so provocatively. The battle for Ukraine didn't end with them usurping power.

Potential civil war looms. Regional conflict could follow. At risk is a major East/West confrontation. Its spreading it globally. Preventing it matters most.

Hegemons operate this way. Washington is the most reckless one in world history. Major conflicts start this way.

Today is the most perilous time in world history. Potential nuclear war is possible. Preventing the unthinkable matters most.

Hopefully "Flashpoint in Ukraine" will help. Readers will fully understand what's ongoing. They'll know why it matters.

They'll know who's to blame. They understand the risk. They'll realize we're all in this together. Humanity's fate hangs in the balance.

On May 3, Ron Paul <u>headlined</u> "What Does The US Government Want in Ukraine?"

Kiev's "military opened fire on its own citizens," he said. "Dozens have been killed in violence."

Washington blamed victims for Kiev's crimes. State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki turned truth on its head.

She "condemn(ed) the outbreak of violence caused by pro-Russian separatists." They're courageous freedom fighters.

They're Ukraine's best and bravest. They reject Kiev putschists. They want fundamental freedoms everyone deserves. They deserve universal support.

"Why are people protesting in eastern Ukraine," asked Paul? "Because they do not believe the government that came to power after the US-backed uprising in February is legitimate."

"They do not recognize the authority of an unelected president and prime minister."

"Would (Americans) accept an unelected government in Washington put in place with the backing of the Chinese and Iranians?"

Washington "gave full support" to violent Maidan putschists. Now they back cracking down hard on Eastern Ukrainian freedom fighters.

They falsely accused Putin of supporting them. "The real question is why (Washington) is involved in Ukraine in the first place," Paul stressed.

We're "broke. We cannot even fix our own economy. Yet we want to run Ukraine. Does it really matter who Ukrainians elect to represent them?"

"Is it really a national security matter worth risking a nuclear war with Russia whether Ukraine votes for more regional autonomy and a weaker central government? Isn't that how the United States was originally conceived?"

"Has the arrogance of the US administration, thinking they should run the world, driven us to the brink of another major war in Europe?"

"Let us hope they will stop this dangerous game and come to their senses. I say let's have no war on Ukraine!"

Lunatics infest Obama's administration. Francis Boyle addressed a possible East/West nuclear war. Washington's Ukraine policy risks it, he said.

US-led NATO "promot(es) the destabilization and the breakup of Ukraine" for control. It wants its sovereignty co-opted.

It wants it part of NATO. It wants US bases on Russia's borders. It wants its heartland targeted. It wants it weakened.

It wants it increasingly isolated. It wants it made another pro-Western vassal state. It risks global war to achieve its objectives.

US-instigated Cold War 2.0 ruthlessness is out-of-control. It's madness. It risks open conflict.

"The Obama administration and NATO are maneuvering humanity into a reverse Cuban Missile Crisis," said Boyle.

It's right on Russia's borders. "Can World War III be far behind," asked Boyle? Can cool heads prevail over neocon lunatics influencing US policy?

Can humanity be saved in time? It bear repeating what previous articles stressed. It's fate hangs in the balance.

Read "Flashpoint in Ukraine." World-class independent contributors made it the definitive work on this topic.

It's must reading. It explains what everyone needs to know.

It's more important now than ever. It bears repeating. We're all in this together.

We either survive or perish. There's no in between. There's no more dangerous time than now. There's no more important time to act.

Ordinary people can make a difference. It's our choice. Survival depends on us.

Stephen Lendman lives in Chicago. He can be reached at lendmanstephen@sbcglobal.net.

His new book as editor and contributor is titled "Flashpoint in Ukraine: US Drive for Hegemony Risks WW III."

### http://www.claritypress.com/LendmanIII.html

Visit his blog site at silendman.blogspot.com.

Listen to cutting-edge discussions with distinguished guests on the Progressive Radio News Hour on the Progressive Radio Network.

It airs three times weekly: live on Sundays at 1PM Central time plus two prerecorded archived programs.

http://www.progressiveradionetwork.com/the-progressive-news-hour

The original source of this article is Global Research Copyright © <u>Stephen Lendman</u>, Global Research, 2014

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

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

# Articles by: Stephen Lendman

# About the author:

Stephen Lendman lives in Chicago. He can be reached at lendmanstephen@sbcglobal.net. His new book as editor and contributor is titled "Flashpoint in Ukraine: US Drive for Hegemony Risks WW III." http://www.claritypress.com/LendmanIII.html Visit his blog site at sjlendman.blogspot.com. Listen to cuttingedge discussions with distinguished guests on the Progressive Radio News Hour on the Progressive Radio Network. It airs three times weekly: live on Sundays at 1PM Central time plus two prerecorded archived programs.

**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>