

## What "Victory" and "Defeat" Would Mean in Ukraine's War. "Regime Change in Russia"

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In order to be able accurately to define "victory" in the war in Ukraine, the pre-requisite is to define whom the two sides are that wage this war.

For example: when America fought in WW II, it was waging war in foreign battlefields and with its own troops and weapons, and even if America were to win in any of those battlefields, it still could have been defeated in WW II simply by Hitler's winning WW II.

Any given battlefield was only a part of the war itself; and that war, WW II, was not defined by any one of its many battlefields. There is a difference between a battlefield in which a war is being waged, versus the war that is being waged.

However: when America fought and still fights in Syria, it wages war on that battlefield against Syria, for regime-change in *that* nation; and ONLY by replacing Syria's Government with one that the U.S. Government supports would America (and its allies in that war) "win" that war, in that battlefield (Syria), which is that war's ONLY battlefield.

In that instance, then, winning that battlefield is the same as winning the war there, by America and its allies, against that nation.

America (unlike in WW II) does not wage this war against Syria by using its own troops and weapons but instead by hiring proxy armies — mainly separatist Kurds and Al Qaeda-led jihadists — in order to achieve there a regime-change that the U.S. Government approves of.

Unless and until that is done, America will have lost the war that it is fighting in Syria. (Perhaps this is a reason why U.S. troops are not fully withdrawn from there though Syria's Government has repeatedly ordered them to leave: America doesn't want to lose in Syria, as it did lose in Afghanistan and in Vietnam.) However: the war in Syria is not between Syria's Government and America's proxy-armies there; it is instead a war between America and

Syria, which is being waged by America in *that* battlefield, using foreign troops, to defeat Syria.

Similarly, the war in Ukraine is not a war between Ukraine versus Russia, but, in Ukraine's case, Ukraine is only a *proxy battlefield* and *proxy army on America's side*.

The war in Ukraine is a war that America initiated against Ukraine in February 2014 by America's coup there that overthrew Ukraine's democratically elected and neutralist Government and replaced it by a rabidly anti-Russian and pro-American one on Russia's border in order ultimately to become able to place just 317 miles away from the Kremlin U.S. missiles which would be only a five-minute flight-time away from nuking Russia's central command — far too little time in order for Russia's central command to be able to verify that launch and then to launch its own retaliatory missiles.

For America to win that war, by Ukrainians, in the battlefield of Ukraine (i.e., by that proxy army, in that proxy battlefield against Russia) would be to checkmate Russia and so to transform Russia into another U.S. vassal-nation, regardless of what Russians might want — and this is what the U.S. regime demands: "regime-change in Russia." That is America's (and its 'allies' or vassal-nations') goal there.

For Russia to win that war in the battlefields of Ukraine would be for Russia to defeat the U.S.-imposed government there and to establish in Ukraine not the neutralist Government that had been there before America's take-over of Ukraine in 2014 but instead a Russian-imposed Government that will order all U.S.-and-allied troops and advisors — including from all of America's vassal-nations and especially from NATO — out of the country, and close the door, seal Ukraine's borders against all U.S. vassal-nations.

That would mean telling all Ukrainians who want to leave for "The West" to go and never come back into Ukraine. At that time, Russia would invite the U.S. and its vassal-nations (or 'allies') to provide to any such Ukrainian any assistance, financial or otherwise, that the person might need in order to relocate into the U.S. empire. However, even if the U.S.-and-allied side refuse to provide any such assistance, the person must relocate and never come back — even if the person would then be stateless. Anyone who wishes to remain in Ukraine would be required to sign an oath of loyalty to the new, pro-Russian, Ukrainian Government. That would automatically entail the right to vote in the new Ukraine's future elections.

The only alternative to there being a clear win of this war by either side would be for America to agree to Russia's demand that America recognize the legitimacy of the then-existing line of separation between the two sides, and for Russia to relocate its own capital away from Moscow, to Novosibirsk (1,900 miles away from Ukraine) or some other city that would be far enough away from NATO so that America would not within the forseeable future any longer be able, at all realistically, to aspire to checkmate against, and grab control over, Russia. That would entail concessions by both sides, no win for either side. (Moving the capital to Novosibirsk would also place the capital near the center of Russia and within its Asian part — better suited for the future, nearer to China, Beijing being 1,865 miles away.) America would continue to be the world's biggest threat to peace; the only way to stop that would be for Russia to win in Ukraine against America.

America is attempting to carry out the plan that Cecil Rhodes came up with in 1877, and that Harry Truman committed America to on 25 July 1945, and that GHW Bush, starting on 24

<u>February 1990</u>, committed America and its allies to continue at least until Russia becomes conquered. <u>Barack Obama merely started the present phase</u> of this "Rhodesist plan", a phase that could produce a nuclear WW III and end everything, if Russia fails to achieve a clear win against the U.S. empire.

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