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Former CIA Specialist: Joe Biden's Secret War - U.S. Plays More Active Role in Ukraine Than Biden Administration Has Yet Admitted Publicly

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The White House repeatedly stresses that it will not directly involve American soldiers in the war in Ukraine, but keeps taking steps that will inevitably lead to a large-scale open U.S. combat role against Russia. Among the most recent moves to increase pressure on the Kremlin was Biden's announcement at the NATO summit in Madrid on June 29 that the United States will establish a permanent headquarters for the Fifth Army Corps in Poland, maintain an additional rotational brigade of thousands of troops in Romania, and increase other deployments in the Baltic states. Also, the number of U.S. troops in Europe, which will be

currently at about 100,000, will be increased. Biden also expressed satisfaction that Turkey was persuaded to drop its objections to Finland and Sweden joining NATO. En route to the NATO summit aboard Air Force One, Biden's National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan shared, "At the end of the summit, you'll see a more robust, effective, credible, capable, and decisive force structure that can meet an acute and intensified Russian threat." Presumably Sullivan was reading from a prepared script, but the goal certainly seemed to be to escalate tensions with Moscow rather than to try to reduce them and find some sort of diplomatic solution.

NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg also did his part. In an astonishing display of ass-kissing, he responded that the new U.S. commitments on the force position were evidence of Biden's strong leadership. What Stoltenberg did not mention was that Biden has been lying about the presence of U.S. military personnel in Ukraine for some time. Back in March, he let the cat out of the bag when he told troops from the 82nd Airborne Division in Poland that they would soon be going to Ukraine, stating, "You'll see when you get there, and some of you have been there, you'll see ..." This was an admission that U.S. troops are already stationed in Ukraine, although the White House was quick to do damage control, assuring that the president remains opposed to direct involvement of American soldiers in the fighting. Biden also asserted that the United States is working to "prevent a continuation of the massacre (of Ukrainians)." Again, this language was hardly intended to create space for a possible accommodation with Russia to negotiate an end to the fighting.

And now there is a New York Times report titled 'Commando Network Coordinates Flow of Weapons in Ukraine, Officials Say: A Secretive Operation Involving US Special Operations Forces Hints at the Scale of the Effort to Assist Ukraine's Still Outgunned Military.' (A secretive operation involving U.S. Special Operations forces hints at the scale of the effort to assist Ukraine's still outgunned military).

The article describes a more active U.S. role in Ukraine than the Biden administration has been willing to publicly admit. As early as February, prior to the intervention in Ukraine, the United States reportedly withdrew its own 150 military trainers, many of whom trained Ukrainian soldiers on newly acquired American-made weapons. However, some U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) paramilitary and special forces personnel continued to serve in the country clandestinely, directing much of the information flow that the United States exchanges with Ukrainian forces. In addition, Special Ops soldiers from Washington's NATO allies directed the transport of weapons and equipment to Ukraine and conducted some special training. It has also been reported that British SAS commandos are currently guarding President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. The NYT, citing U.S. and other Western officials, states that soldiers and CIA officers are not currently on the front lines with Ukrainian troops. Although the U.S. and NATO member states have not admitted the presence of their paramilitary soldiers in Ukraine, Russia and other intelligence agencies around the world are aware of it, according to the Times. The New York Times report appears to be broadly accurate, although it omits some details, some of which I have heard from former colleagues in the intelligence community. Extensive open training has been conducted at the German Army base at Grafenwoehr, as well as at the U.S. Ramstein Air Base, to familiarize Ukrainians with the new weapons arriving there. Other NATO countries are also participating in the training. Meanwhile, the cadre of special operations soldiers and intelligence operatives operating primarily in western Ukraine do not wear uniforms, and many of them operate under various invented cover names, including sometimes loose ties to foreign embassies and NGOs. There is also a conventional CIA station, a National Security Agency group, and a military attaché's office in the recently reopened U.S. Embassy in Kiev.

All this means that Biden and other Western politicians have concealed their active involvement in the conflict between Russia and Ukraine. His possible gaffe aside, Biden will not admit that the Americans are already on the ground, but they are there, playing an important role in both logistics and intelligence sharing. The potential downside for the President could occur if some of these soldiers in the mufti are killed or, worse, captured and start talking about their role.

Karen Kwiatkowski, a retired U.S. Air Force lieutenant colonel and former U.S. Defense Department analyst, notes that the use of credibly denying, non-uniformed personnel "is quite typical of the early stages of a U.S.-supported long war and of the long-term political manipulation of the target country. This is the future envisioned for Ukraine by the neoconservative 'strategies' in Washington and their British and European allies. Instead of a negotiated outcome with a new Ukrainian role as a neutral and productive country independent of both Russian and U.S. political influences, the

U.S. government and the CIA Ukraine as an expendable but useful satrap in their competition with the Russian Federation."

Former CIA analyst Larry Johnson views the activities in drastic terms, also noting that the CIA has not won a semi-secret war against insurgents in forty years. He notes:

"Ukraine is a proxy; the West is trying to destroy Russia, it's as simple as that. It would be one thing if Russia were the most evil, oppressive, authoritarian regime in the world. But it is not even close to that. Even though the West keeps trying to portray Russia as such. The fact is that the West wants Russia's resources and wants to control Russia." (But Russia is not willing to be controlled.)

In other words: Washington could seek a never-ending war that would entangle Russia and limit its options on a global scale. The Biden administration has staked its reputation and possible political future on Ukraine's ability to survive without bowing to Russian ge- bidding claims. This is a risky and even dangerous policy, both practically and politically. The Ukrainians' persistence in their defense is largely a product of U.S. and Western European guarantees that they will do whatever is necessary to support Selensky and his re gime, which is already asking for \$750 billion in aid for 'reconstruction.' If the first military casualties occur in the West, political support for the war in Ukraine will wane in Washington and elsewhere, with consequences in the upcoming midterm elections in Novem- ber.

One final comment on the Times article is an answer to the question of why it appeared at all at this time. The mainstream media have been proponents of aggressive U.S. support for Ukraine and Selensky, but now they are beginning to back away from that position, as is the Washington Post and other media. Perhaps they have come to believe that the plan promoted by Washington and its European allies will only succeed at great cost to their respective economies. As Larry Johnson puts it, "I think the purpose of this article appearing now is to lay the groundwork for why we can't or shouldn't send any more U.S. military personnel, or even CIA personnel, to Ukraine, because the continued sending of U.S. personnel...to Ukraine for training purposes becomes too risky because of Russian success on the battlefield." One might also add that this is extraordinarily dangerous. A misstep or even a deliberate false flag by either side could easily turn the war into a nuclear one.

SOURCE: JOE BIDEN'S SECRET WAR IN UKRAINE

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Sri Lanka is once again far ahead of Germany

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Banana republic: In Sri Lanka, it is extremely uncomfortable at the moment, despite the consistently pleasant temperatures. This is because the people in the country no longer feel comfortable. Preferably because they no longer see their concerns represented by the government. It is important to know that the government in Sri Lanka is more or less a family business. For decades, the Rajapaksa family has been almost universally in charge of the country, and the solid felt is correspondingly pronounced.

This causes a lot of resentment, especially since the family in question initially has its own interests at heart and has turned the country into a veritable self-service store. It can quickly happen that the rest of the population falls through the cracks. Only those who can and are allowed to play along in the corrupt system occasionally receive additional crumbs from the government table. In the meantime, the country has run out of foreign currency to import energy, food and medicine, for example. Combined with rampant inflation, this makes survival extremely difficult.

A heart for politicians

According to this report: After storming presidential palace - Sri Lanka's prime minister offers to resign ... [T-Online], the people have now paid the president a visit at his palace. This, in turn, became too uncomfortable for the president and he quickly took off. Apparently, he was not convinced of the friendliness of his countrymen. He can still rely on the military, which has always saved his butt so far. Similar actions quickly result in deaths in Sri Lanka, but not in the president's family.

According to the above report, the incumbent prime minister has now offered his resignation. It may be seen as the usual pawn sacrifice so that the highest authority in power, Gotabaya Rajapaksa, does not have to part with the same. Here, too, it is good to know that the previous minister-president was a brother of the current president. He was allowed to take his hat just a few months ago, after the last bloody protests to appease the mob. The coming days and weeks will show whether this act will succeed again in the same form.

The marginal difference between Sri Lanka and Germany

In Sri Lanka, the lack of economic performance, combined with widespread corruption, means that there is relatively little room for maneuver in obtaining foreign currency. This does not diminish the justified discontent of the population, but it makes realistic solutions to the problems almost impossible. Other aggravating factors come from abroad, so to speak. One could cite the 'war festivals in Ukraine' in particular. The West has just opened a huge barrel for this with the sanctions against Russia. The emerging countries in particular, including Sri Lanka, are paying the price.

So when, as is now the case in Sri Lanka, the population goes to visit the president in his palace, this can certainly be understood as a hard act of desperation. The possible solutions, on the other hand, remain completely underground.



In Germany, the situation regarding energy and food could soon be similar. There are ways and means to avert a supply catastrophe that cannot be completely ruled out at present. In other words, to protect the economy and the people from it. But the government here shows similar little ambition to care for the needs of the people, as in Sri Lanka. The topic: 'To sanction Russia in the ground', gives at present the suicidal course of the government with us. There is nothing more important at the moment.

Supply situation of our 'dieters

This is not the order that was given, but since it consisted only of 'two crosses', the government can always retreat to the fact that it has the sole authority to interpret this. This, in turn, is no less narrow-minded than the goings-on of the Rajapaksas at present in Sri Lanka. One can therefore still

indulge in the 'transatlantic ideals'. And as in Sri Lanka, our representatives are doing very well at all times, thanks to the taxpayers.

They do not run a family business, but they also have a völkisch self-service store called 'Bundestag'. This circumstance protects the traitors to the people from having to deal excessively with the 'interests of the mean'. They are therefore 'independent', as it is written in the Basic Law. Unfortunately, this is often misinterpreted, since they are anything but independent in view of the parties and the parliamentary group constraints. But then again, they get the rich silence money for that.

Good tips from the top

After all, there are still such important tips coming from the government at the moment, such as 'take shorter showers', 'save energy', 'tighten your belt', 'stock up' and general warnings to please prepare for rising prices without wage compensation. If that's not caring and forward-thinking, what is? Now the question would be, what could a visit of the people to the Federal President, the Federal Chancellery and the Bundestag bring? Nothing! Because with a smoothly functioning democracy the machine guns stand then long before these buildings, in order to protect the servants of the people before their employer. Also a special termination right for this baggage is not conceded to the sovereign by exactly this.

In case of doubt, the desperate are told where their place is by force of arms. There, too, we differ not a little from Sri Lanka. This is not right and does not serve the sovereign, but it is called 'living democracy', whereas Angela Merkel summed it up even more elegantly with 'market-conforming democracy'. Or to put it another way, in Germany hardship would not be necessary, but it would be politically calculated. After all, there are 'higher ideals' than the 'welfare of one's own people'. And these are strategic interests, which should help the actual rulers of the world to remain in their positions of power and to eliminate system competition.



Well, very bad prospects to be able to present themselves en masse in Bellevue Palace, the Chancellor's Office or the Bundestag. The Sinhalese have already achieved much more by marching through the presidential palace, even if it is of no use to them in the end. And because the German Michel knows exactly that all this is useless, he'd better stay in front of the TV and cheer on Scholz, Habeck and Lindner to tighten the Russia sanctions so much that we finally run out of air.

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A song of praise for our political Amazons

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Today I have taken it upon myself to honor the strong political women who literally stand their ground or should be celebrated as the 'New Men'. These are women who are on the front lines - frontline women, as it were - who are not ashamed to take responsibility and, as a women's initiative, to deliver an offensive for the emancipation of women as a better substitute for men in terms of lust for power and war. Chapeau - that succeeded optimally. In my lo- bes aria I will present the most award-worthy specimens of this hip generation of women in the following and give them the due respect.

Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock.

The selection is large, so that it is not easy for me to honor my two German favorites by way of introduction. Place No. 1 belongs to those to whom a place of honor is reserved in pacifist heaven:

our foreign minister Anna Baerbock



This woman is no longer in her right mind and has already left the real world. Her evaluation of the events in the earthly world move above the clouds. She expedites her task as foreign minister, which she took over under oath, into the real-political beyond. Hers said that she is obliged to talk precisely with the decisive interlocutors of the opposite side for the solution of existential crisis situations and to achieve a cooperative collaboration.

But Baerbock practices exactly the opposite. She behaves quite Baerbockishly as a troublemaker and intransigent ideologue. Again and again, she emphasizes her dogmatic transatlantic attitude, which runs counter to Germany's interests. Its most essential characteristic is a destructive loyalty to the feudal lord to the point of downfall. Current highlights of her at the foreign ministers meeting in Bali, where among other things it was a matter of who should be graciously invited and met at the G20 summit in November, I gladly post for your edification. In her arrogance, Baerbock ruled out that Putin had the right to sit at this round table of the self-righteous. The Russian Foreign Minister Lavrov is also at the bottom of the list in the mimosa's favor. She said:

"We all have an interest in international law being respected and honored. That is the common denominator."

My opinion: Of course, the common denominator of all Western model democracies that have never disregarded human rights and their other feudalistic, autocratic and dictatorial allies - including Ukraine. An honorable society is meeting there.

"And it's also why we're not going to just let Russia take the stage of the meeting."

The inimitable other view ...

My opinion: The Western gang of crooks is far ahead in the propaganda war and acts everywhere as apostles of the ultimate truth. They are everywhere on top of the podium and declare themselves to be the ultimate victors. They act as if the outlaw and permanent leper Russia had a say on the stage of the arrogant.

"Russia kills not only with bombs, but also by targeting dependencies and using hunger as a weapon."

My opinion: Wow! Only Russia kills in a war. This is quite a new realization. Actually, Ukraine instigated the war back in 2014 and started a major offensive on the Donbass before Russian intervention in 2022. The only excuse that counts is that Ukraine and its regime are a law enforcement agency of the USA and as an extra they voluntarily let slaughter at least 500 young men every day. For what and for what purpose?

What dependencies does the lady mean?

The reliable and almost paradisiacal supply of cheap energy for decades without any attempts of blackmail by Russia compared to today's practice on the part of the USA, Poland or Ukraine and other dubious suppliers? And what does she mean by hunger as a weapon? Who mined the ports in the Black Sea to prevent wheat from being shipped from Ukraine? Ukraine or Russia?

Ms. Baerbock has already posed for publicity in Ukraine with a steel helmet and full battle gear. However, I would expect her to prove herself as a real role model and to distinguish herself in practical combat operations under shellfire. Or how about a confession of how honorable it is to be a nationalist-minded mother sacrificing her sons as cannon fodder? Well, unfortunately, she only has two daughters, but they can somehow be used as nurses!

But too much honor for Annalena Baerbock. It's about time that I lift my undisputed No. 2 in the feminist politician 'contest' into the sky. Maybe some of you already guessed it - it's the ever-popular

Marie-Agnes Strack-Zimmermann of the FDP



The sprightly granny with hair on her teeth and a concrete hairstyle has become a promoter of the arms industry and warmongers. She provides them with verbal fire protection as the devil's grandmother. In addition she sprays her poison in all media, which roll out her also still servile the red carpet. If you're looking for a flawless lobbyist, she's it. The personified howitzer has it all figured out. She is a propagandist for the following honorable peace organizations:

- Chair of the Defense Committee of the Bundestag.
- He is a member of the Executive Committee of the German Society for Defense Technology and, in this position, exerts influence on the relevant legislative projects.
- Member of the Presidium of the Förderkreis des deutschen Heeres (lobbying association of the German arms industry).
- Board member of the German Atlantic Society.
- Member of the Advisory Board of the Federal Academy for Security Policy.

If these are not extremely honorable positions for which the committed power woman sacrifices herself. Of course, this collaboration has no influence whatsoever on her political work or the resulting decisions. Externally, Baerbock and the FDP woman with the concrete hairstyle are actually an unequal pair, but they harmonize perfectly in terms of their attitudes. The two can join hands and sing the praises of their solidarity with the common people, which they both regularly trample underfoot.

Even more trophy wives - hard to believe ...

But I'm not done yet with women and the olive-green or other-party warriors of the supposedly weaker sex. I don't get off that lightly with other female apologists who want to break through the paternalistic male domain: Even more trophy wives - hard to believe ...

Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission, who was actually my secret favorite and whom I must apologize to for demoting her to third place on the podium. But absolutely qualified by ideologically consolidated transatlantic passion with the USA. A long-term love affair that cannot be broken by arguments.



Christine Lagarde, President of the European Central Bank. Not a military warrior, but outstanding in the sector of financial and economic warfare against the underdogs. She deserves a medal for preparing a crash and blackout.

Elizabeth Truss, member of the UK Conservatives and Foreign Secretary. Despite Brexit, soul mate with Baerbock and von der Leyen. Absolute hardliner and phobic-pathological Russophobe to the death. Hopeless case.

Another Christine, the **Federal Minister of Defense Lambrecht**. So far unbeaten in incompetence and cluelessness. The terror of all military enemies. Political figure of fun and, unfortunately, no ornament in the community of Amazons.

Ricarda Lang, Chairwoman of the German Olive Green Party. Administrator of Green principles and weighty peacemaker with weapons. Perverse political ideas that are homicidally dangerous. **Kathrin Göring-Eckardt**, the religious justifier of Green depravity, who has sacrificed her ethics on the altar of the religion of war. Morally insane ethics.

Marieluise Beck - Eastern Europe expert of the Greens and so-called human rights activist who has lost her way in a parallel world of friend and foe ideas. High priestess of the new sect of Russia-phobes. She has no qualms about betraying humanity.

Emilia Fester, the hopeful newcomer to the Green Party, who sacrifices herself for her morally-ethical and solidly-established party. Quote: "In the end, I also sacrifice my own youth for this job." Keep it up Emilia, you have the potential to be a future chancellor.

There I must make myself reproaches that I have not come on it already earlier that only women promise the salvation of mankind! We men are as well known condemned by the evolution to vegetate there as machos with the club and rapists. The real crown of the creation are quite obviously the women!

Flashing as the savior of male honor

I already feel rather pathetic because I have not yet launched a single attempt to save the honor of the guild of men to which, after all, I myself belong. The U.S. Secretary of State Blinken belongs to those responsible and respectable world politicians who have recognized the seriousness of the disastrous global situation. Therefore, thanks are owed to him for his tireless commitment to do everything in the interest (whose else?) of the USA in order to

- "working with international partners to address global challenges."
- "and to resolve the threat to the international order posed by Russia's ongoing war against Ukraine."

This is the most noble task of the USA at the upcoming G20 summit, because the global food and energy crisis cannot be attributed to America but exclusively to the satanic activities of Russia and Putin.

Well then - cheers to you. The solution follows on the foot, which is why I have rewritten the Lord's Prayer in the sense of the Christian missionary message of the USA:

Our Father/Mother's Prayer of Transatlantic Values.

Finally, I found one more topic that cannot be gendered. The Lord's Prayer or gender correct Father/Mother's Prayer: Let us pray as the Lord taught us or we should teach ourselves:

Our Father/Mother in the heaven of paradisiacal democracy and freedom, which you have established on the other side of the Atlantic and have resided there ever since, where you have created a haven of paradise.

Hallowed and not questioned be thy name. Subverted only under penalty of condemnation or the God-issued persilschein of an intervention by the official representatives of God from Washington.

Your Kingdom come upon us as a unilateral geostrategic legacy and inheritance according to the restrictions of our almighty and God-appointed rulers of the God-installed United States.

Thy will be done without opposition and critical questioning, as in God's Own Country so also in the European sacrificial land chosen as subject and battlefield.

Give us today our daily bread, McDonald's burgers and Amifrass. That we may choke on it or become fat.

And forgive us our guilt of presumption in not accepting the American way of life as the only God-given religion and standard of behavior.

Like us, we forgive our debtors, but only if they submit unconditionally to the God-state without alternatives.

And lead us not into temptation, unless we give ourselves unrestrainedly to the God-pleasing market-liberal consumption, which alone guarantees the entrance into paradise.

But deliver us from evil. The absolute evil that escapes from the hellish maw of Russia as a satanic message and refuses to obey God's ruling system on earth, the Land of the Braves. The doddering archangel Biden will judge it.

For yours is the realm of shining democracy, freedom, human rights and the power of self-incense with myhrre, incense, gold, - and in modern times with advertising, superficial chatter and 'American Sports' as a way of life.

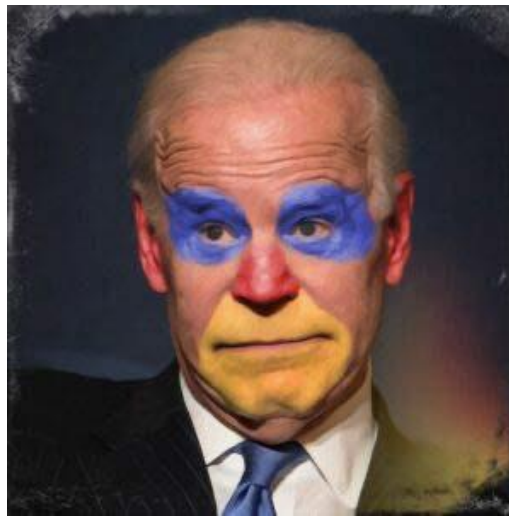
Or as a prerequisite, the hegemonistic and imperialistic worship of the complacency and hy-bris of the U.S. potentates for all eternity of self-aggrandizement. We bow before you, Messiah and bringer of salvation. Amen

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Sleepy Joe, strongest U.S. president without backing

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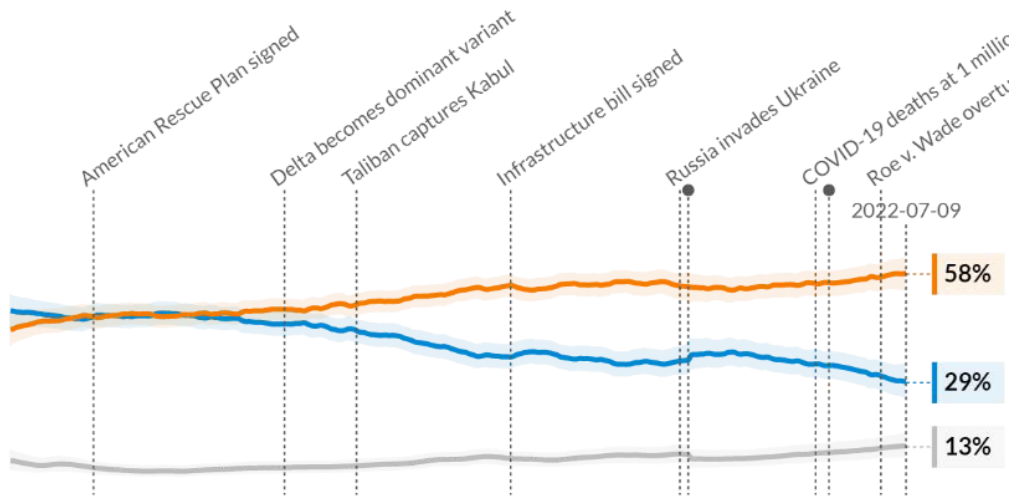


*Sleepy Joe, strongest US president without backing
Wash & Makeup:*

Joe Biden received more votes in his election in 2020 than any US president before him. The dispute over how many of these votes came from dubious sources has not yet been conclusively resolved, and the same topic is often avoided by our media. Be that as it may, the somewhat demented super president currently lacks support among the population. Only a good 29 percent of Americans still halfway agree with his course. Given the phenomenal election results in 2020, that is extremely poor.

As we know from our own painful experience, once power is secured for the next four years, the people generally don't matter. This is no different in the USA than it is here. There, there are the two major parties, which from time to time shake hands on the White House. Fundamental changes in politics are rare. The latter is mainly due to the fact that politics is controlled from behind the scenes by completely different entities. The four-year 'democracy spell' is usually nothing more than a placebo for the dumb people.

Big shrug of the shoulders among the population



For this very reason, there is no need to pay much attention to the polls on satisfaction with the president's work in the United States. The spectacle also belongs in the category 'Democracy Magic'. The only thing worth noting is that the scores for Sleepy Joe are currently as disastrous as they have ever been for any U.S. president before. The chart above gives a good idea of all the misery across his presidency so far.

Basically, Joe Biden's approval ratings were moderate to poor from the start, despite his stunning victory. He has never managed to generate an approval rating of over 50 percent. The last time approval of his actions prevailed was at the end of April 2021, with a value of 48 percent. After that, he was never able to regain the upper hand in terms of opinion. Currently, the disapproval rating for him is 58 percent, plus 13 percent of those surveyed who simply can't do anything with him and are therefore undecided in their assessment. That's a whopping 71 percent of the population who now shrug their shoulders in the face of his policies.

Fun event election



So there is every indication that the mid-term elections in the USA in the fall of 2022 will once again see a change of direction. While we in Germany have the choice between plague, cholera and presumably milder political diseases, the situation in the USA is much worse. There, the only choice is between plague and cholera. As mentioned above, elections in the U.S. are always inconsequential on the actual level of action.

With a bit of luck, Americans could once again have a better-performing talking doll as a presidential actor starting in 2024. At least this should increase the entertainment value of the theater again. With even more luck, this would lead to a greater identification of the people with the political performances of the White House. With Biden, this will hardly be possible, although there is talk in his environment of pushing him back in front of the hole. Perhaps precisely because he himself hardly knows that he is currently president of the United States. Dementia and conscience are dreamlike prerequisites for a presidential figure, if you know how to control them properly.

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Die Fehlentscheidungen und Falschaussagen der USA bei den Kriegen gegen Irak und Libyen als Warnsignal für Europa in Zeiten der Ukraine-Krise

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Against the backdrop of the Russian war in Ukraine and the US-directed reactions of NATO and the EU, it is advisable to think about possible consequences for Europe, especially in the event that Washington's position changes out of national interest. In the following, a number of examples will demonstrate and remind us of the matter-of-factness with which the U.S. administration and also leading politicians simply go about business as usual after admitting serious missteps, without drawing political consequences and without thinking about the consequences for their own allies.

Examples of Political Missteps The War in Afghanistan 2001-2021

In retaliation for the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the U.S., with the support of NATO and other allies, conducted a military operation against the Taliban ruling Afghanistan on the grounds that they were harboring the terrorists responsible for the attack. The U.S. ended the actual combat mission in December 2014 and switched to a support operation. There was no prior consultation with NATO. When it became increasingly apparent that the Taliban were once again on their way to taking power and peace talks appeared to have little success, the U.S. ended the entire Afghanistan operation in August 2021 and withdrew all U.S. troops - without prior consultation with its allies and the Afghan government - leaving the completely destabilized country to fend for itself.

U.S. sanctions against Iraq after Operation 'Desert Storm' in 1991 and former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's assessment.

In August 1990, Iraqi troops invaded neighboring Kuwait in violation of international law and occupied the emirate. After the U.S. received a mandate in the UN Security Council, based on two fake videos, to also take military action against Iraq to liberate Kuwait, the U.S.-led 'Operation Desert Storm' began in January 1991. After the withdrawal of Iraqi troops from the emirate and the successful end of the military operation, the U.S., with the support of the 'Coalition of the Willing,' imposed massive sanctions against Iraq. The consequences were devastating for the population. The United Nations tried to alleviate the suffering of the population through the program

'Oil for Food', in which humanitarian measures were to be financed by oil sales from Iraq. The program did not work, however, because too many products were on the U.S. sanctions list and therefore could not be imported. Cancer patients were no longer receiving medication, kidney patients were no longer receiving dialysis, and thousands of children were dying from hunger and disease. The UN's special envoy for the Oil for Food program, the German diplomat Hans-Christof Graf von Sponeck, resigned from his post in protest at the sanctions imposed by the U.S. so as not to become complicit.

Partly responsible for the U.S. sanctions was U.S. politician Madeleine Albright, U.S. Ambassador to the UN from 1993-1997 and U.S. Secretary of State from 1997-2001. On March 23 of this year, Madeleine Albright passed away. According to the principle 'De mortuis nihil, nisi bene' expressed

Western politicians were effusive about Madeleine Albright's life's work and praised her as a shining light for future generations of politicians. Normally, I also act according to the principle mentioned, but I do not see myself in a position to do so in this specific case.

On May 12, 1996, American journalist Leslie Stahl conducted a 60-minute interview with Madeleine Albright on the U.S. channel CBS, asking her, among other things, about the consequences of the sanctions imposed by the United States on Iraq:

Leslie Stahl: "We have heard that half a million children have died (as a result of sanctions against Iraq). I mean, that is more children than died in Hiroshima. And, you know, is the price worth it?"

Madeleine Albright: "I think this is a very hard choice, but the price, we think the price is worth it."

In a November 13, 2013 Focus interview, Albright corrected this statement when asked, among other things, about her biggest mistakes:

FOCUS: You once said you could live with children dying because of the sanctions against Iraq. That was worth it. How do you judge your statement today?

Albright: "That was the stupidest comment I ever made. I should never have said it. But I'm convinced that people need to understand that the suffering of the Iraqi people was not the fault of the United States or the international community, it was the fault of Saddam Hussein. But it was still a stupid statement."

This obviously settled the issue for Madeleine Albright.

The Iraq War 2003

Although the Iraqi people suffered unimaginably from the sanctions that were still in place, there was no sign of the Iraqi ruler weakening politically. On the contrary, his political position seemed to be steadily improving, and the international community was no longer willing to continue to support the sanctions because of the suffering of the people of Iraq. From Washington's point of view, it was to be feared that Saddam Hussein would continue to rule Iraq for an indefinite period of time. To prevent this, the U.S. planned a renewed military operation against Iraq to topple Saddam Hussein.

Therefore, on February 5, 2003, then-U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell delivered a speech to the World Security Council justifying and justifying the U.S. war against Iraq, which was scheduled to begin in March 2003. He claimed that Iraq possessed weapons of mass destruction, including mobile biological laboratories, had an extensive banned missile program, and supported international terrorism.*

As early as September 2005, Powell regretted his appearance at the UN Security Council in a television interview. On the U.S. television station ABC, Powell said, among other things, that he felt 'terrible' about his statements, which later turned out to be untenable. This was a 'stain' on his career, he said. After all, it was he who presented this argument to the world on behalf of the United States. It will always be part of his resume, he said. "It was painful. It's painful now." He had seen no evidence to suggest a possible link between Iraq under then-ruler Saddam Hussein and the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in the United States, the former secretary of state said. Powell expressed skepticism about developments after the fall of Saddam Hussein.

He said the United States failed to send enough soldiers immediately after the fall and quickly rebuilt Iraqi forces. "It might not have been such a mess if we had done some things differently." ...

This 'mess' he refers to is de facto an Iraq that is still politically unstable today and has fallen back to the level of a developing country as a result of the sanctions and military operations. The infrastructure is largely destroyed, there is still only electricity by the hour and no clean water in many cities. Likewise, medical care is inadequate and, in addition to thousands of dead and traumatized people, including many children in particular, millions of Iraqis have lost their homes, have either fled abroad or are living as 'displaced people' in their own country. The emergence of the terrorist organization "Islamic State" would not have been possible without the U.S. war, which violated international law.

The War in Libya in Violation of International Law and the Overthrow of President Mohammed Gaddafi

On March 17, 2011, the UN Security Council adopted Resolution 1973, authorizing the international community to take military action to protect the population in the civil war that began in February 2011. Specifically, the Security Council approved an arms embargo against Libya and the establishment of a no-fly zone. Ten Security Council members voted in favor of the resolution, with Brazil, China, Germany, India and Russia abstaining. On March 19, France, the United Kingdom and the United States began their military campaign. They operated well beyond the military measures approved by the Security Council, which ultimately led to the overthrow of Libya's master-

The lawlessness that followed led to Libya becoming a "failed state" dominated by armed militias. The ensuing lawlessness has made Libya a failed state, dominated by armed militias, where two governments are still fighting for power. The war in Libya is a major cause of the current situation in Mali, where heavily armed Tuaregs fled after the fall of the Libyan ruler.

The U.S. president in charge at the time, Barack Obama, described this war as his worst political mistake in an interview with 'Fox News Sunday'.

A greater U.S. commitment to rebuilding Libya and restoring political order and stability has not been evident to date.

The Iran nuclear deal and sanctions against the country

In 2015, the nuclear deal with Iran was concluded, which was unilaterally terminated in 2018 by then U.S. President Donald Trump without consultation with allies. Iran continues to suffer from economic sanctions initiated by the U.S. and additionally imposed bilaterally. These, in addition to worsening the supply situation of the population, have led to an electoral victory of so-called hard-liners. Since the change of president in the U.S., negotiations have been underway for a 'reactivation' of the nuclear treaty. Iran is making its signature conditional on the lifting of all sanctions. Russia will only agree if the bilateral agreements on nuclear cooperation between the two states continue to apply.

The Western Community and its Relationship with Venezuela

In 2019, the U.S. severed diplomatic relations and all cooperation with Venezuela. It called for the overthrow of President Nicolas Maduro and recognized opposition leader Juan Guaidó as the new president. Under U.S. pressure, most Western allies joined the U.S. advance. Venezuela became a de facto 'pariah state' from a Western perspective. Now, without any consultation with its allies, the U.S. has made a 180-degree turn in its Venezuela policy. After Washington stopped importing oil from Russia because of the Ukraine war, relations with Venezuela have been 'revived', so to speak, in order to secure U.S. oil supplies with the help of the South American country. The main aim is to stop the further increase in fuel prices. An initial U.S. delegation has met with representatives of the Venezuelan government in Caracas. Both sides gave a positive assessment of the initial talks.

Washington continues to demand that its Western allies stop importing oil and gas from Russia so that they do not continue to finance the war in Ukraine. As compensation, the U.S. has offered its own gas supplies. The EU now appears to be accepting this import option, even though much of the American gas is obtained through environmentally harmful fracking and is significantly more expensive than the gas previously supplied by Russia.

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With its policy, the USA always primarily or exclusively pursues its own national interests, irrespective of which party currently provides the president. That is legal and, above all, quite usual for a great power. In this respect, China and Russia, as well as other states, are no different from Washington.

In this context, it is important for Europe and not least for our own country to recognize this policy as such and not to follow it indiscriminately.

The attached examples are intended to illustrate how absolutist American policy is. If political decisions turn out not to be expedient or even wrong, they are reversed and, as a rule, implemented without the allies who had supported these decisions. The positions of the responsible U.S. politicians are almost banal and, despite the often catastrophic consequences, do not contain any personal consequences. These have to be endured not only by the allies, but above all by the respective affected population.

That is why Europe must finally adopt its own positions in the current situation. Every sanction imposed against Russia must be put to the test in terms of its objective, including the question of whether the objectives of the United States and Europe are identical.

Europe must propose a diplomatic solution to end the war and this must, even if it not only seems unjust but ultimately is, give President Putin the opportunity to save face. Wars and their consequences are unfortunately never just. History has shown that.

Without a diplomatic solution, simply put, President Putin will continue to bomb, the West will impose more and more sanctions, and civilians and soldiers on both sides will pay the price.

Finally, the fundamental question must be answered as to what the future relationship with Russia should look like once this war, which is contrary to international law, has ended. Should Russia become a pariah state or an ally of China? Or should we not rather think about a European security structure in which Russia is also integrated?

It is conceivable (perhaps certain?) that the U.S. administration will assess the current situation differently than the EU, namely:

- The leadership role of the USA has been strengthened.
- The allies in NATO are brought in line and back in step with big brother on the other side of the Atlantic.
- The governments of NATO countries are willing to spend significantly more money on their defense.
- Washington has a say in the EU, even though the U.S. is not a member.
- Russia is completely isolated - at least in the Western world - and presumably eliminated as a rival on the world stage.
- Europe will do without Russian oil and gas supplies in the future.
- Nord-Stream 2' was 'buried'
- Europe will rely heavily on gas supplies from the USA in the future

Looking at the examples given and also at the current situation, it must be clear to every responsible politician that Russia (up to the Urals) is a European country and a direct neighbor for many states, and that it cannot be ruled out that the U.S. administration will change its own political position - and without any consultation with 'allies' - if it appears to be in the national interest to do so.

** 11.07.2022 22:15: In a first version of the article our guest author had written by mistake that the USA had received a UN mandate for your attack on Iraq in 2003. This is not true in this form. We have corrected it immediately.*

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Nowadays, daily newspaper reading is often done via the Internet, as is morning reading. And you immediately want to go back to bed when you are presented with comments like the one on T-Online, where this Monday morning the headline under the heading 'Tagesanbruch' ('Daybreak') read: 'Jetzt kommt der Ernstfall' ('Now comes the emergency'). What the author lets loose about the situation of all of us does not read like the opinion of a freelance journalist, but like a government spokesman's announcement, a bending and twisting of cause and effect. Moreover, as an introduction to the day, the author - like many of his intellectual comrades - lacks suggestions as to how the emergency can be prevented and/or mitigated in such a way that we can breathe a sigh of relief again and look to the future with optimism. Optimism, peacefulness, cooperation, concepts, coexistence - all the words are missing. And this in an opinion piece. Ok, one can be of the opinion that escalation has something good. An objection against such a daybreak by Frank Blenz.

To the commentator, let us first confirm: Yes. The situation is serious. But it has been for a long time. It has built up to a great seriousness. One has just more and more the impression that the deliberately ge-

This escalation is taken to extremes, especially by people who think that they are not affected by the emergency, or even that they profit from it. The T-Online author Bastian Brauns also joins in, so my impression, he makes his (apparently own) rhyme of cause and effect and says that 'by energy policy decisions of the last decades the area is endangered, which has profited the most: Industry'. The reader is left alone to decide which decisions these were.

And no, the fact that the gas as an important raw material does not flow as before and at a similar price is not the work of others, it is self-inflicted. This guilt is denied. The author thinks that Germany 'has made itself so hopelessly dependent on Russian gas', and talks about Nord Stream I, about the pipeline that the Russian head of state has just 'turned off'. Not a word about the second pipeline, only that the shutdown is to last ten days due to maintenance work. Basically, that's all right, if a repair is due. Alternatives are available, aren't they? There was something else, wasn't there? A second pipeline and another pipeline from east to west, called Nord Stream II. And for those who don't know, the Baltic Sea resort of Lubmin is home to the crucial receiving station for the Nord Stream 2 pipeline. This receiving station is in operation. But the drama continues. Where does the author write that the current pause, this stop, has a lead time, its own condemnation? The crucial turbine of Nord Stream I is in Canada for repair. The North American country had then decided in line with Germany and the other willing sanctioners versus Russia (temporarily): The turbine will not be handed over, that would be even nicer, Russia must feel the power of the willing.

And now? Now we feel our own stupidity and narrow-mindedness and stubbornness and the consequences of hatred and calculation of decision-makers who make whole countries the plaything of geopolitical strategies. So here we are, it's Germany's turn. Morning commentator Brauns continues:

But will the announced ten days really be enough? The German government, in particular Economics Minister Robert Habeck, is very concerned that the Kremlin might not open the gas tap at all afterwards. "Anything is possible. Anything can happen," he warned again in a 'Deutsch-landfunk' interview on Sunday. "We must honestly always prepare for the worst," Habeck said.

Should this scenario really occur after July 21, the third gas emergency level might have to be declared in Germany much sooner. The gas in German gas storage facilities would then not be sufficient for the fall and winter. Peter Adrian, President of the Association of German Chambers of Industry and Commerce (DIHK), has now warned against such a 'Super-GAU'. If the case were to occur that companies had to stop their production, then he feared 'quite clearly a recession'. Commenting on the negative effects, Robert Habeck said: "This will put Germany to the test in a way that we haven't had for a long time."

In fact, the last stage of the 'Gas Emergency Plan' has dramatic economic and social consequences: In the event of such a 'significant disruption of gas supply', the Federal Network Agency would decide who would still receive gas and who would have it cut off. It is true that industry would be affected first and not households. But the economic consequences could be so severe that Germany would slide into such an economic crisis that every household would feel them. Whether this sequence is therefore the right one is a matter of debate.

The situation is serious because the Habecks and Adrians can't think of anything better than merely describing the emerging catastrophe and making fear-mongering contingency plans. Basta. Why do we not read about serious negotiations of Habeck and Co, of business bosses with Russia and other nations, why do these people not hint at any all-clear? The commentator does not seek answers to this, nor does he ask any questions. Instead, he states as if it were a done deal:

One way or another: Germans are getting poorer. Because energy prices will continue to skyrocket. Anyone who is not able to put aside thousands of euros for additional payments will be threatened with termination if they fail to pay. The government is therefore already discussing setting up so-called hardship funds. Inflation will continue to rise as a result of rising energy prices. This hits poorer people particularly hard, but has long since affected the middle class as well. Social compensation will probably only be possible by taking on more debt. With rising interest rates, this is a bigger problem than it was during the pandemic. Raising taxes, in turn, could stall the economy.

So so. The government is discussing hardship funds. And raising taxes, that could stall the economy. That has worked out well without it, hasn't it? The commentary reader is always presented with war as the main reason for our inaction, for our failure, for our predicament, and cooperation with another country is criticized as 'dependence'. Thinking ironically, one could say: True, but how can one, even on our beautiful earth, which is inhabited by living beings, the human beings, who survive as social, empathic beings only if they cooperate and live in constructive, mutual dependence, how can one stick to the fact that one considers it nonsensical to make oneself dependent? From the EU, from the USA, from NATO etc. - we are not dependent on them?

It is true that the use of the word "dependence" in a derogatory way leads to the deterioration of relations between countries. What is the matter if we are dependent on each other? We supply things and ideas and get things and ideas. What others have, we get in the same way and exactly in the same way. This happens worldwide. Always. But how should the story end, to want to have nothing more to do with the largest country in the world, which has great resources, and then to complain hypocritically that this very country is turning away from us as a counter-reaction to our actions and is also showing its teeth?

The morning commentator has no answers. He lists the news, the price jumps, talks about the 'hottest raw material in the world'. Yes, it's all quite exciting. And watch how it hits the West, including Germany, all the harder.

Not only Germany, the whole world is in upheaval due to the Russian war of aggression. The brutal reality is that despite all the sanctions imposed by the West so far, the war continues unabated. Russia is now selling its raw materials to China and India. The Asian region will benefit from cheap natural gas in the future. Until now, countries there have had to buy the more expensive liquefied natural gas, LNG.

Natural gas, whether liquid or not, is currently probably the world's most hotly traded commodity. Its price jumps are driving global inflation. In Europe, the price is around 700 percent higher than at the beginning of last year. What was once oil in the Cold War seems to be natural gas in the new all-out war between the great powers.

The West will therefore be hit all the harder, especially Germany and Europe. At least as long as renewable energy alternatives, let alone a green hydrogen industry, have not been developed far enough. All this will still take years.

Bridging this time without social upheaval is probably the greatest task of our time. Governments, whether in Germany, Europe or the USA, fear nothing more than losing the support of their own people. Already, the U.S. government has to fight misleading claims that America's energy prices are only so high because the U.S. supplies its raw materials to Europe.

At the finale, Brauns even writes that the governments in Germany, Europe or the U.S. have popular support that could break away. What kind of support? For driving against the wall? The support has already broken away; it is long past time to begin a consistent change of course. How about a policy of détente, with measures similar to those of the pandemic, in which everything became possible overnight (and continues to be possible) that previously seemed unthinkable as a 'measure' without the possibility of objection?

Détente also urgently means that diplomacy must work day and night, that the media must find moderate tones, that to headlines like this morning, 'Selensky wants to retake southern Ukraine with a million soldiers', one must clearly say: No. No prolongation of the war. Peace must be the goal. All that is needed is political will.

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The sleepwalkers, or is it?

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In his landmark work 'The Sleepwalkers', Christopher Clark described how Europe lurched into the First World War.

Today's situation seems to make it necessary for us to take a little look at history: Thus, Sarajevo alone was by no means the trigger of the primordial catastrophe of Europe.

Simplified:

England was jealous of Germany because of its excellent economy, naval armament and finally its various colonial desires - 'a place in the sun'.

France had not digested the defeat at Sedan, wanted Alsace-Lorraine back, but above all, we think, the exceedingly tactless establishment of the German Empire at Versailles, of all places, was a festering wound in the pride of France.

Finally, in the Balkans, Russia was unable to reach agreement on the development of the Balkans in constructive treaties, either with the Turks or with Austria-Hungary, which was even more important in this case.

A few years before the war, the signs were already pointing to storm, but could always be extinguished:



The two Balkan wars in 1912 and 1913, in which Austria-Hungary did not participate despite pleas from various sides, led to much larger territorial shifts than, for example, the Russian annexation of Crimea in 2014. The not unproblematic integration of Bosnia and Herzegovina into Austria-Hungary.

The Agadir crisis, in which Germany intervened to prevent the French takeover of Morocco, which did not succeed - Germany was deprived of part of French Equatorial Africa in return - but which significantly strengthened the France-England axis and discredited Germany in the eyes of the world.

The first shot - Gavrilo Princip shooting the heir to the Austrian throne in Sarajevo - ultimately triggered a world war that destroyed Europe and solidified the beginning of the U.S. as a supremacy power, first in Europe, later in the British Empire, although this was only the beginning.

The peace treaties in Saint Germain, Versailles and Trianon destroyed Austria-Hungary and, as far as Germany was concerned, created the preparation for the Second World War.

Its end in 1945 confirmed the USA as a superpower, which now began to imperialize the world. If one applies this to the Ukraine conflict, one finds numerous similarities, only that this time Russia is the opponent.

Unfortunately, Russia (after a constant small war in the Donbass oppressing the Russian population) started the war, the end of which is not foreseeable.

No one will deny that Russia has tried to reach an amicable agreement with the West in numerous actions over the last 20 years, which the West has always, dare we say, not even ignored.

President Obama's snide remark, to the effect of 'Russia is a rather insignificant regional power,' may have hit the history-conscious President Putin harder than one might think.

If one considers the events since that time, then the inward turn in Russia must have taken place with that stupid remark of the American president:

There is no point in trying to get even with the West anymore, now it's all about Russian interests. This could have been Putin's motivation.

Politics is not only a highly bureaucratic momentum of qualified senior personalities, but also a matter of psychology.

Another comparison from history, namely the Cuban crisis 60 years ago, also seems important to us. In short, the USSR wanted to station Soviet medium-range missiles in Cuba as part of the nuclear arms race.

When the U.S. learned of this and numerous negotiations ensued, which were rather slow, John F. Kennedy, the last great president of the U.S., who was always concerned with peace, threatened a nuclear counterstrike.

All contemporary witnesses who remembered it know that these were not empty words, but that the world was then on the brink of nuclear war.

The U.S. believed that Russian missiles in Cuba, which is independent but only a few hundred kilometers from Miami, would pose an unreasonable threat to its security.

Even if comparisons are usually lopsided, the security needs of the USA in 1962 are certainly comparable to the security needs of Russia, which feels correspondingly threatened by NATO on its western border.

Since we also know from recent history - the wars in Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan, Yugoslavia, etc. - that NATO, which is controlled by the USA, is quite prepared to wage wars, Putin's concern does not seem unfounded to an objective observer.

But what makes today's situation different from the past?

The West believes that in Ukraine, after all one of the most corrupt states, European values are being defended against the evil autocrat from the East.

What European values?

Never before in any war known to us have 28 Western European nations, if we include Great Britain, intervened in such a massive way in the conflict of two states, in this case located in the Russian Orthodox cultural area.

Special economic sanctions are impoverishing the populations of Western Europe. Outstanding energy imports from Russia are destroying the economy and the legitimate needs of the people in their countries. Provocations, such as the interruption of transit through Lithuania between Russia and Russian Kaliningrad or attacks on Belarus, which is friendly with Russia but not at war, further inflame the conflict.

It is safe to assume that exactly these provocations would not have happened if NATO, i.e. the USA, had not agreed to these sanctions.

Unlike the 'sleepwalkers', the states operating today seem to be well aware of the risk they are taking.

Whether 'dark forces', which conspiracy theorists articulate in the best possible way and may even not be un- right in doing so, exist cannot be proven.

The fact that most of the media are not prepared to objectively discuss all points of view, namely those of both warring nations, leaves open the question of why this is so and whether the quality of journalism has actually already sunk so low as not to inform but to make and influence policy.

Here one no longer sees the control function of the press, but that parties are being taken continuously and massively, both in print and electronically.

The population is not informed, but manipulated.

History shows that developments of this kind lead to a catastrophe that will impoverish billions of people for years to come, trigger gigantic refugee movements and ultimately only benefit the USA. Increasingly, the U.S. sees the world as its empire, and when this conflict is settled, we don't know when, they will turn to the Far Eastern conflict situations, such as Taiwan.

Europe will then be impoverished, the U.S. will have risked little and, probably not only through arms sales, will have become wealthier, and we will all find that instead of democracy and international cooperation, there will be hegemony and issuing of orders from Washington.

What will not happen is that Russia will be minimized as the U.S. and its allies would like.

On the contrary, the cold war will become even colder, the West will face a consolidated bloc in the East, consisting of Russia, India, China and the Southeastern Tiger States.

No prospects that show a world that will be livable for our grandchildren, regardless of any other problems.



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We do not stay at home

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Once gas distribution triage occurs, exit obligations to conserve energy are a viable option. By Roberto J. De Lapuente

Bibble or pay? The choice between the two evils could be taken away from the citizen in the coming, almost gas-free winter. To avoid the temptation of turning up the heating at home in the cold, a compulsory exit is a conceivable option. People should gather outside - wearing masks, of course - and warm each other. In this way, it is certainly possible to save quite a bit of gas. Consequently, it is also virtuous to do without regular showers. The first reports from the leading media suggest that such considerations - which now still seem satirical - could soon become very serious.

Soon it will probably be. At the latest in the fall, when it gets cooler again and we wish for a warm place, on a sofa next to a heater: We won't be able to make it happen. Taking warm showers will be a luxury - or an impossibility, depending on how much gas is available at the time. Meanwhile, the Minister of Economics is letting us know that he is already taking fewer showers than before: he is in triage mode.



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That's what we've been practicing for the last two years: triage. So how do we deal with it when resources are scarce and demand is high? The federal government has taken measures to thwart just such a triage. None that were really appropriate, as we know since the evaluation report - or at least could know. No one really cares: after all, interest is as rare a commodity as gas, an ICU bed, or an ICU nurse. It could be that I am exaggerating in the following lines out of pure cynicism, giving the monkey sugar - or else it will turn out exactly as I write it: Because there hasn't been much difference between satire and reality for a long time.

Curfews once, exit obligations soon

To prevent triage, as of spring 2021, only one measure could help: Nighttime curfews. Shortly before this measure was decided, the Federal Constitutional Court went out again at night, dined with the Chancellor and, months after citizens had been placed under house arrest at night, came to the conclusion that such a curfew did not even violate the Basic Law.

Admittedly, the situation has now changed. If we want to avoid triage in gas distribution, people can't sit around at home; on the contrary, they have to get out. Emphasis is on *mues- ses*. This can only be done with a daily obligation to go out. People who are not lounging around within their own four walls will not be tempted to fiddle with the heating knob or finger the shower head. Going out, getting under the hook, and doing so despite the distance requirement - that's the only way we can get a grip on this resource problem.

Segregation was still the order of the day last fall. The more isolated and lonely people were, the theory goes, the fewer positive test results there are. Now the situation weighs differently: those who seclude themselves freeze faster. Rooms heat up when several are in one. Human bodies are true heating bolides. What is there to say against a welfare state that now prescribes togetherness? In such a rented house, everyone meets at one tenant's house, sits together, sleeps in one room. When it gets cold, they cuddle. Cuddling to prevent triage? Make love not war! Anyone who complains about this must really be a bad person!

That alone makes it so important that the mask will play a role again. You should wear it, of course. When sitting together, as well as later when going to bed. The fact that separate section or apartment representatives are to be appointed for this purpose is still explicitly recorded in the Infection Protection Act and the Energy Saving Act. The authorized representative has to give account if the incidences of virus detection and gas consumption increase in his section. Only in the morning, when people scurry in groups of three under the shower spray, are they allowed to briefly lift their masks.

A happy nation of clochards

In general, it is clear that we have had the best experience with parameters such as the incidence value. Therefore, it seems to be completely understandable that we will be presented with such a decisive value in the fall, which shows how many shower and heating minutes were consumed per 100,000 people in Germany. At a certain value, the federal emergency brake will be activated, a breakwater or a short lockdown, any of these wonderfully effective measures that the corona virus gave us.

Please, I do hope that people will then be found who are willing to form themselves into a sect dedicated to a zero gas consumption strategy or a no-heating consumption faction. The previous crisis showed us this too: such sects are necessary, only they make it possible, under guarantee, for people in the country to become paranoid enough to put up with any nasty regulation.

There simply must be no more red line, everything must be on the table, the inviolability of the home should be softened first and foremost.

A testing strategy is also necessary. PH test strips would be suitable for this. Anyone who wants to go to a restaurant, theater or movie must prove that they are unshowered. From an incidence value of 500, this should also be extended to the workplace.

The promotion of role models becomes indispensable. Therefore, it is urgently necessary that the representatives of the public shower institutions appear before the camera unwashed. In thick coats that must not be too ostentatious, so that the common people can identify with them. We will only be a happy nation of clochards when Markus Lanz, with his three-day beard and bacon collar, is allowed to go off on studio guests who appear to have been groomed and groomed, while they take the German government to task for finally entering into talks with Russia in order to be able to put an end to these measures once and for all.

Sure, it's a gloss: but it doesn't necessarily mean it's fiction

I realize that quite a few of you will find this rather silly. I apologize for that. But just imagine if I had put such nonsense on a white page in February 2020, when we heard from distant parts of the world about a virus that might soon go around the world. Your reaction would have been the same as now. You would have called me a crackpot. And I don't even say that you would have been wrong. Because just at the moment when I would have described such a scenario at that time, I would have noticed my craziness myself.

Of course, these lines are intended as a gloss. But we should be careful about what we consider the stuff of satire and what is reality.

The experience of the last two years teaches us that satire cannot be as inventive as what reality and its compliant protagonists have in store for us. The spirit of the world is more cynical, more sarcastic and more drastic than any plot.

While today we still sneer that they might give us curfew orders, tomorrow we may already be on our way to get folding chairs so that we can sit down for a bit during the enforced curfew. And while people were once scared away from park benches, tomorrow the police may already invite them to sit on them.

But what imposes itself on us is the fact that decline is never so serious, even if it hurts, if people have to suffer in the process. It always takes place in such a way that it reveals the whole ridiculousness of the human race. Therefore times like these are always also full of ridiculousness. For nothing exposes itself as much as the human being who submits to the logics of war and the associated propaganda, paternalism and state control. Being a follower, as miserable as it is, as despicable moreover, is always also a spawn of a comedy that reveals the state of mind of such figures.

In this sense, the joker is also the protagonist of crisis, collapse, and catastrophe, like the agitator, the acolyte, or the activist who submits to the crude slogans of the hour.

If they soon stop shouting 'Stay Home!' and instead extend the slogan by bawling 'Stay away from Home!', then we will certainly have a lot to laugh about in the face of this madness, while tears of rage and despair run down our cheeks in sync with it.

PS: I usually write the Schwurbelpresse on Sunday mornings. No sooner had I sent this current column text to the Rubicon than the following news item from the Bild newspaper caught my eye: 'Poor and old should sleep in halls'. The crisis team of the city of Ludwigshafen is planning to that effect. So you see, this time next week, my text today will no longer be satire, but the roadmap for the fall.

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Inflation: How politics is driving our country to the wall

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With the Greens, full speed ahead into the economy of scarcity.

It is not only economists who know that the 'traffic light' policy is promoting inflation and driving forward the de-industrialization of Germany. A devastating balance sheet.



The economic icon of the German post-war period still had a reassuringly clear relationship to inflation. Ludwig Erhard, then Minister of Economics, said: "Inflation does not come upon us as a curse or as a tragic fate; it is always caused by a reckless or even criminal policy."

The German media consumer, who is awake and intelligent, knows that the increase in prices was and is caused by green-ideologized politics. After all, the CO₂ eco-religion, at least tolerated by the liberals in the governing coalition, has brought triple-digit inflation rates in the energy sector as an inflation driver. Oligopolistic oil companies and oil trading companies are doing their utmost to prevent prices at the gas pumps from sliding downward as they skim off the top. Are they all crooks or what?

Oh, and the Ukraine war is by no means the cause of the whole unpleasant scenario. The mainstream media like to suggest this, but they fail to mention the fact that the actual inflation potential lies in the quadrupled money supply in Europe at the central bank level since 2015. Inflation is also driven by the fact that the politically engineered Corona crisis, with its completely excessive measures, led to supply chain disruptions that continue to this day. This means less production and thus fewer goods that meet with the same or more money. In this context

the AfD member of the Bundestag Dirk Spaniel likes to additionally point out a circumstance that very few have 'on the screen'. Namely, the unlawful migration policy of the former chancellor, who gave those who have lived here well and happily for a long time a gigantic number of so-called 'new fellow citizens'. This in turn is putting pressure on the real estate and rental market. Dirk Spaniel: "Here, mass migration has turned out to be a price driver. The almost sudden presence of two million more people in Germany is leading to an acute additional demand for 500,000 to one million housing units, something no one had built into their long-term planning."

Things will get really 'funny' from December 2022, when the Bundestag decides that Russian crude oil may no longer be imported. Because the Germans will still have it, Russian diesel imports will be stopped from spring 2023. Up to now, about 30% of the gas used in Germany has come from Russian pipelines, including about 20% of the diesel that can be refueled. In the near future, however, the problem will not only be felt at the gas stations, because the environmentally harmful liquid gas from the USA and Qatar already costs six times as much as Russian gas. In any case, gas will not be available in the future as so-called balancing energy, which absorbs the losses of renewable 'flutter energy'.

To date, 20% of our electricity has come from gas-fired power plants. But the Green Federal Minister for the Economy and Climate Protection, who has never been able to do anything with Germany, is resisting extending the operating lives of the three nuclear power plants still in operation for ideological reasons. The Germans have to bear the result of the wrong political decisions. Electricity will become even more expensive. New electricity contracts are already setting €0.50 for the kilowatt hour, while old ones quoted around €0.30/kWh as the billing unit. With the gas the new offers are around the factor 4 higher than before, which means an inflation of 400-500 per cent inflation in the gas energy range. Estimates for a four-person household are at future 2500 € additional expenses per anno, if gas is used as energy.

For Dirk Spaniel, who holds a doctorate in mechanical engineering, the case is clear: "The legislative decisions of the Bundestag show a clear tendency toward massive centralization and a planned economy. Few people realize it, but expropriation and requisition laws have already been passed, and the new Energy Security Act is to be passed during the summer recess, the contents of which we in the opposition do not even know yet. The state is the inflation winner, profiting from income tax and higher VAT due to higher prices. And, it is the inflation winner, because it can comfortably deleverage itself via the destruction of purchasing power, the devaluation of money." Spaniel, as chairman of the Bundestag Committee on Transport and Digital Infrastructure, sees Germany already on the way to a shortage economy, since there is already a shortage to manage and a rudimentary emergency economy.

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Preliminary note: I found the headline of the following article by Wolfgang Bittner fascinatingly good. A real stumper. Important. We should keep in mind into which critical situation those in power will bring us with their eyes wide open. Please spread the word. Albrecht Müller.

On July 6, 2022, at the Munich Trade Fair, Robert Habeck, Germany's Minister of Economics, repeated what he has said several times before: "There are still enormous price increases coming our way." The fall will be expensive, he said, and about 50 percent of the population will face a situation 'in which they earn less than they spend.'^[1] For the German economy, he said, the steep rise in energy prices means a triple risk of loss of purchasing power, the threat of a credit crunch and weak investment. Companies are increasingly reluctant to invest, and banks are increasingly reluctant to lend.^[2] The German economy is also facing a credit crunch.

At the end of June, Habeck had already declared, as if this were self-evident and, so to speak, God-given: "It can really become problematic", he reckoned with the worst. ^[3] There was a threat of 'a blockade of Nord Stream 1 as a whole', and thus a complete lack of Russian gas deliveries through the Baltic Sea pipeline was to be feared.^[4] Therefore, according to Habeck, it could 'become really problematic'.

Accordingly, the population is being asked without any scruples to use less gas, save on electricity, take fewer showers, and so on. Some landlords are already rationing hot water. As in the Corona pandemic, people are kept in a permanent state of alarm, which makes them more and more susceptible to being influenced by a misguided policy that threatens their very existence.

Oskar Lafontaine succinctly countered Habeck: "If you think about your own population, there is only one solution: open Nord Stream 2 to prevent the worst."^[5] And he continued:

"It was really embarrassing to watch Biden at the press conference with Scholz in Washington make it abundantly clear to the latter who determines whether the Nord Stream 2 Baltic Sea pipeline goes into operation or not. When will there be a German chancellor who has the courage to tell Washington this far and no further."

Regarding the war in Ukraine, Lafontaine referred to the renowned U.S. economist Jeffrey Sachs, whom he quoted: "The war in Ukraine is the culmination of a 30-year project of the American neoconservative movement (neocons). The Biden administration includes the same neoconservatives who championed U.S. wars in Serbia (1999), Afghanistan (2001), Iraq (2003), Syria (2011), and Libya (2011), and who provoked Russia's invasion of Ukraine in the first place."^[6]

Pope Francis on the Ukraine war

In this context, a statement by the Pope is illuminating. In an interview on Ukraine on May 19, 2022, Francis, who after all can be considered unbiased, said that one must break away from the 'Little Red Riding Hood' schema: "Little Red Riding Hood was good, and the wolf was the bad guy. There are no metaphysical good guys and bad guys here in an abstract way." The pope pointed out that "we only see what is monstrous, and we don't see the whole drama that is going on behind this war, which perhaps in some way was either provoked or not prevented." He added:

"And I register interest in testing and selling guns."^[7]

Francis clarified: "Some may say to me at this point: But you are pro Putin! No, I am not. To say something like that would be simplistic and wrong. I am simply against reducing the complexities to the distinction between good guys and bad guys, without thinking about the roots and interests, which are very complex."^[8]

Even if the war in Ukraine is of course not to be condoned, it would be useful and important to know about the causes of this conflict and about the situation in Ukraine before the war in order to clarify the background. But to bring this into the conversation can meanwhile endanger the existence of the country. Whether the Pope will soon be sanctioned by order from Washington remains to be seen.

Connect Nord Stream 2!

After months of cautious restraint, more politicians are finally daring to call for the opening of Nord Stream 2. For example, Sahra Wagenknecht tweeted on July 5, 2022: "Traffic lights don't have consequences under control: According to Prognos study, gas cut threatens GDP slump of 12 percent & loss of 5.6 million jobs. Economic war ruins us, not Russia! Lift sanctions, if necessary draw gas via Nord Stream II!"^[9]

The demand for Nord Stream 2 to be put into operation is not new, nor is the prevention of the project by the USA. For years, Trump's administration had opposed it and even imposed sanctions that were far-reaching and contrary to international law,^[10] but Angela Merkel and also Olaf Scholz - until his inaugural visit to Washington - had seen the second Baltic Sea pipeline not as a political but as an enforceable economic project. Then U.S. President Joseph Biden, on the occasion of the conversation with the German chancellor, had, so to speak, forbidden the commissioning.

Until the tightening of sanctions against Russia, Germany was able to cover its gas requirements relatively easily via Nord Stream 1 and the Ukrainian pipeline. So why all the fuss about Nord Stream 2? Wouldn't it be logical and sensible to work towards ensuring that Russia continues to supply gas in full via Nord Stream 1 in accordance with the contract? But this is a fallacy. Russia still insists

before on contract performance, it sees the breach of contract as a hostile act and has the option of refusing further gas supplies, which would lead to disaster.

In addition, Nord Stream 2 was built at great financial and technical expense and is ready for operation. This pipeline was planned to ensure energy security for Germany and Western Europe at relatively low cost for the next decades. If these plans are further undermined, damage worth billions will be caused at the expense of the European companies involved and the taxpayers.

It is the normal, cheapest way to provide gas via pipelines, because everything else is excessively expensive, uneconomic and unecological. Moreover, the tankers and terminals are still under construction, which will take longer, and there is also the risk of being at the mercy of the USA and other uncertain suppliers in terms of energy supply.

Useless sanctions at the expense of the population

The call to counteract a foreseeable catastrophe by commissioning Nord Stream 2 did not come from the left alone. For the AfD member of parliament Steffen Kotré, who described the sanctions against Russia as 'useless' in a noteworthy speech to the German Bundestag, the commissioning of the Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline is urgently needed. Whereupon German Chancellor Olaf Scholz responded to Kotré in a way that is probably best commented on with the old saying "stupidity and pride grow on the same wood." He was not afraid to say, "I stand firm: the AfD is not only a right-wing populist party, but also the party of Russia." [11]

The editor of the *NachDenkseiten*, Albrecht Müller, gave the drastic but fitting answer: "This admission is so stupid, so oblivious to history, so frivolous, that one can only cover one's face in view of the fact that this person is at the head of our government." The accusation of another party being the party of Russia is surprising, he said, because it comes from the mouth of a politician "whose policies are very much determined by the United States. The sanctions, the ending of the policy of détente, rearmament, arms deliveries - all this does not correspond to the original program of Chancellor Scholz's party..." [12]

On July 6, Klaus Ernst, an energy expert from the Left Party, also spoke out. He called for the sanctions to be lifted and for talks on energy supply with Russia - and thus earned vehement opposition even from within his own party. Ernst had told the world news channel in an interview on July 6, 2022, that it was 'immoral' to maintain the sanctions against Russia in view of the sharp rise in prices in Germany. The German government, he said, "must now do everything it can to secure energy supplies... To do this, we must talk to Russia, despite the war that is illegal under international law. If necessary, also about putting Nord Stream 2 into operation for a limited period of time if the gas supply cannot be guaranteed in any other way." [13]

Dietmar Bartsch, head of the Left Party parliamentary group, felt compelled to criticize this. Ernst's proposal was

'seemingly popular, but unfortunately unworldly'. As long as there is 'this terrible war in Ukraine', the demand for the commissioning of Nord Stream 2 is misguided. [14] This corresponds to the party line from which Ernst deviated, for which he - like Sahra Wagenknecht - was immediately reprimanded. It is no surprise that DIE LINKE is losing more and more voters.

On the side of the supporters and enforcers of the hard-line course against Russia prescribed by the U.S. at the expense of the German population, there are U.S.-affiliated politicians who find patriotism "always makes them puke" (Robert Habeck), want to ruin Russia in agreement with Joseph Biden (Annalena Baerbock) or regard a party represented in the Bundestag as Russia's fifth column (Olaf Scholz).

Perhaps it is appropriate to point out to such ideologically insane fanatics - although they are hardly amenable to arguments - a slogan of the Nazi Winter Aid of 1943, which was: "No one shall hunger and freeze." Today, in memory of a verbalization of this slogan, it should read:

"Let no man go hungry without freezing."

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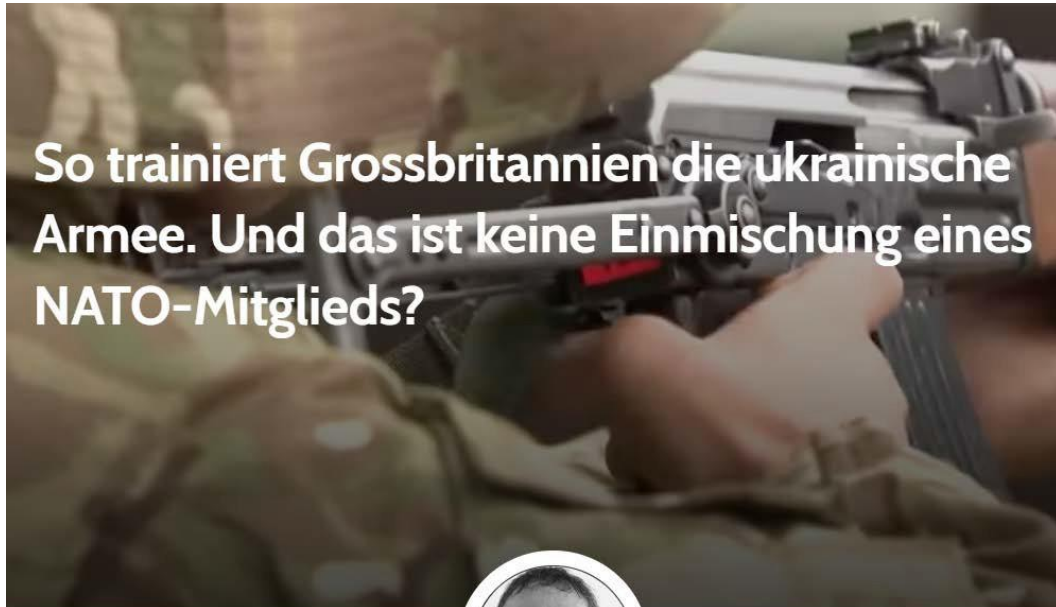
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The UK Ministry of Defense has just publicly announced that 'the first cohorts of the 10,000 Ukrainian soldiers' to be trained in the UK have arrived in the UK. Between 2015 and 2022, 22,000 soldiers have already been trained in Ukraine by the UK.

(This is a post taken from Globalbridge by NachDenkSeiten). The British Ministry of Defense verbatim:

"The program is part of the UK's enduring commitment to support Ukraine in its fight against unprovoked Russian invasion, which to date has amounted to more than 2.3 billion pounds (2.7 billion CHF or EUR, ed.) in military aid and includes more than 5,000 NLAW anti-tank weapons and M270 multiple launch rocket systems.

This ambitious new training program is the next phase of British support for Ukraine's armed forces in their fight against Russian aggression.

With the world-class expertise of the British Army, we will help Ukraine rebuild its armed forces and strengthen its resistance as it defends the sovereignty of its country and its right to decide its own future.

Around 1,050 British soldiers are deployed to run the program, which will take place at Ministry of Defense sites in the northwest, southwest and southeast of the United Kingdom. Each course lasts several weeks and is run by members of the '11 Security Force Assistance Brigade.

The training will provide volunteer recruits with little or no military experience with the skills they need to operate effectively on the front lines. The course is based on the British Basic Training for Soldiers and covers weapons handling, battlefield first aid, field craft, patrol tactics and the law of armed conflict.

The government has rapidly procured AK-variant (Kalashnikov, ed.) assault rifles for the training program so that Ukrainian soldiers can train on the weapons they will also use on the front lines. This effort was supported by the Welsh Guards, who tested more than 2,400 such rifles over a 17-day period to ensure they were ready for Ukrainian soldiers to begin their training.

The UK has also provided clothing and equipment to assist the Ukrainian soldiers in their training and deployment to Ukraine. Each soldier is provided with the following items:

- Personal protective equipment such as helmets, safety vests, eye protection, hearing protection, pelvic protection and individual first aid kits
- Field uniforms and boots
- Clothing for cold and wet weather
- Salvage material, daypacks and webbing
- Additional equipment required for field conditions, including ponchos, sleeping bags, and bulwark tools

The UK has long supported Ukrainian soldiers through Operation ORBITAL, which trained 22,000 Ukrainians between 2015 and 2022. The new program will build on this success and demonstrate that the UK will continue to play a leading role in meeting Ukraine's military needs as the war develops."

No provocation?

"In their fight against the unprovoked Russian invasion," writes the UK Ministry of Defense. Aha, if UK has already trained 22,000 Ukrainian soldiers between 2015 and 2022, this is not provocation. With what motivation were these soldiers trained? To war with whom?

See: "Ukraine war: NATO's mendacious - and aggressive - game" Source: <https://www.nachdenkseiten.de/?p=85705>

Ukraine wants to become the 'testing ground' for new NATO weapons

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Ukraine Defense Minister Offers Ukraine as 'Test Site' for NATO Weapons Oleksii Reznikov said Ukraine is 'inviting weapons manufacturers to test the new products here'.

Ukrainian Defense Minister Oleksii Reznikov openly offered Ukraine as a testing ground for NATO weapons against Russia in an online conversation with the director of the Atlantic Council's Eurasia Center on Tuesday.

Reznikov said Ukraine is 'essentially a testing ground' for the modern weapons the U.S. and its allies are supplying to the country. "Many weapons are now being tested in the real conditions of combat against the Russian army, which itself has numerous modern systems," he said.

The Ukrainian military chief made this offer in a renewed courtship for more Western arms.

"We are interested in testing advanced systems in combat against the enemy, and we invite weapons manufacturers to test the new products here," he said.

One weapon system being used for the first time on the battlefield in Ukraine is the Polish Krab artillery system supplied by Warsaw. "I think for our partners in Poland, in the United States, France or Germany, it's a good opportunity to test the equipment. So, give us the tools. We will finish the work and you will have all the new information," Reznikov said.

The West's response to the war in Ukraine has been a boon to U.S. arms manufacturers, who have been able to keep pace with the war by supplying weapons to the war zone, replenishing NATO stockpiles and

make money selling weapons to European countries that have decided to increase their military spending. Kiev has asked for more modern weapons than it has delivered so far, including F-15 and F-16 fighter jets. Ukrainian pilots would need to be trained to fly the U.S. aircraft, and the House version of the National Defense Authorization Act provides \$100 million for that training, although the comprehensive spending bill has not yet been finalized.

SOURCE: UKRAINE DEFENSE MINISTER OFFERS UKRAINE AS A 'TESTING GROUND' FOR NATO WEAPONS

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Russia says war aims have expanded after West pumps more weapons into Ukraine

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Five months after the invasion, the Donbass region is now largely under control of Russian forces... is Moscow now setting its sights on the rest of Ukraine? According to provocative remarks made by Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov on Wednesday, reproduced in a new FT report, this could be the case.

"Russia's foreign minister said Moscow had expanded its war aims for its invasion of Ukraine, the clearest sign yet that it wants to annex parts of the country currently under its control," the FT quotes:

Sergei Lavrov said Wednesday Russia's goals are more ambitious than Moscow declared at the start of the war in February, when it claimed its goal was to 'liberate' the eastern border region of Donbas. Moscow's war aims now extend to Kherson and Zaporizhzhya provinces in southern Ukraine, most of which are held by Russian forces, Lavrov said.

Lavrov also said that a 'number of other areas' are additionally included in the new war aims, but without naming them.

President Vladimir Putin and his top generals made it clear in the first two months of the war that a key goal was the 'liberation' of the Donbass region, but since then there has been much speculation about whether the Kremlin will go beyond that area.

Some political analysts in the West - most notably John Mearsheimer of the University of Chicago - believe that Moscow initially wanted to limit its operations to the east in order to defend the breakaway pro-Russian republics. Mearsheimer, however, argued that many variables likely prompted Putin to move beyond those initial goals. Among the most important variables on the battlefield are Washington and the West's ever-increasing commitment, particularly in the form of arms deliveries-including longer-range missile systems.

Lavrov alluded to this in his remarks Wednesday, saying, "If the West continues to pump Ukraine full of weapons out of impotent anger or a desire to aggravate the situation [...], it means that our geographical tasks will move even further away from the current line," he said.

The conditional, cautionary nature of his formulation suggests that the Kremlin may not yet have extended the goalposts. Lavrov pointed out in his statements that the conflict was 'an ongoing process'.

On Tuesday, the White House issued a statement condemning Russia's 'annexation strategy' and reported that the Kremlin is using pro-Russian officials and administrations in cities it controls.

Russian media have also announced possible 'referendums' in these territories, similar to the one held in Crimea in 2014.

And on Wednesday, the Pentagon confirmed it is sending Ukraine four more high-mobility artillery rocket systems (HIMARS) as part of the next round of security assistance, Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin said. So it looks as if the ongoing proxy war will continue to escalate, at least in the near future, before either side seriously considers the possibility of a compromise. The Ukrainian government responded to Lavrov's recent remarks by reiterating that it would not sit down at the negotiating table with the Russians. "The Russians want blood, not talks," Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba said, calling for even more sanctions and more pressure on Moscow from the West.

SOURCE: RUSSIA DECLARES WAR GOALS HAVE EXPANDED AFTER WEST PUMPED MORE ARMS INTO UKRAINE

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Volodymyr Selenski's comedy coup will shake Ukraine and the world

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It is no coincidence that the Ukrainian actor presides over 44 million souls at this critical juncture in world history. Kiev's Western stooges have supported this comedian precisely because - and not in spite of - rising tensions with Russia over the Donbass.

The fine line separating the world of entertainment from 3D reality has been blurred beyond recognition. This is evidenced by the rise of comedian and actor Volodymyr Selensky to the top of the Ukrainian political swamp.

To be clear, such things do not happen on a whim in a country where the U.S. government, not to mention international provocateurs like George Soros, spends billions of dollars annually to keep Kiev in a state of perpetual servitude. The fact is that the 44-year-old Selensky has long been prepared and staged for the biggest role of his life.

But why would the puppeteers of the universe want a court jester ruling over such a dysfunctional state at this critical juncture in world history? An answer to that question is provided by the Times of Israel: "He's young, funny, Jewish and committed to a strong democratic Ukraine, even if it means risking death." Well, there you have it, all of Selensky's dazzling qualifications as a presidential candidate in one easy-to-digest bite.

Talk of Selensky being the 'Jewish defender of Ukrainian democracy,' by the way, is a discordant note, considering that the Eastern European country has a well-documented history of anti-Semitism. A large part of this bad reputation is due to Ukrainian historical figure Stepan Bandera, a Nazi collaborator during World War II, to whom dozens of cities and towns in Ukraine have erected monuments in his honor. But Ukraine's Nazi legacy goes beyond stone tributes to Bandera in the town square. Currently, the Ukrainian military has been infiltrated by various far-right organizations, most notably the Azov Battalion, a paramilitary unit of the Ukrainian military that itself has been linked to neo-Nazi ideology, according to the FBI. Meanwhile, Russian troops in Ukraine have amassed a mountain of evidence-from soldiers' tattoos to official reports-that the spread of

of neo-Nazi ideology throughout the country. In fact, one of the stated goals of Moscow's special operation in Ukraine is the 'denazification' of the country.

To return to Selensky's political 'qualifications': His only experience as a 'president' comes from the popular TV series 'Servant of the People', in which he played the main role of Vasily Petrovich Goloborodko. The plot: the teacher in his thirties is secretly filmed speaking out against corruption in his country's government. Despite the scourge of big-tech censorship, the video finds its way onto social media, where it goes viral and - voila! - the teacher is elected president of Ukraine.

So, from 2015 to 2019, the Ukrainian people witnessed the clumsy antics of President Goloborodko, who - in an anticipation of Zelensky's future political opponent in real life, the 'Chocolate King' Petro Poroshenko - focused his TV presidency on fighting the oligarchy (the irony being that Zelensky, with an estimated fortune of around a billion dollars, is now a proud member of that same golden class). Although the sitcom is average television fare - Kevin Spacey starred in an earlier U.S. production, which was billed as a 'House of Cards' fame - she was regularly hyped in the Western media.



Back in December 2016, Selensky's comedy hit, produced by his own film production company Kwartal 95, was touted by none other than Foreign Policy magazine as the TV show that would 'help Ukrainians rethink their absurd politics.'

"Ukraine is so corrupt that it's hard to imagine it could be any other way," wrote Katherine Jacobsen. "A new comedy series shows it could be otherwise."

In retrospect, that almost sounds like a political recommendation. But curious listeners might be tempted to ask, "How different?" Well, three months before this glowing article appeared in the newspapers, Selensky and his comedy troupe were on stage with their pants down, pretending to play the piano with their genitals. And not just any song, but 'Hava Nagila', composed in 1918 to celebrate the Balfour Declaration and the British victory over the Ottomans. Needless to say, in these highly sensitive times for Jews and non-Jews alike, this is a pretty bold move. But more importantly, it was a comedian who was to be elected president within three years.

In August 2017, Selensky's mediocre slapstick sitcom received breathless acclaim. Cinema Escapist, for example, raved about Selensky's character Goloborodko and his government of 'fellow citizens' who find comical ways to "fight Ukraine's corrupt establishment and paint a vision of the country that many Ukrainians wish they had in real life."

In the subsequent interview with Selensky, the comedian-actor switches to the second person of the narrator as he describes his rise in the world of entertainment, which could also apply to his meteoric rise in the world of politics.

"During this process, you have to gradually say goodbye to some of your dreams," he says, before revealing the plot. "Sometimes you think you're in complete control of the situation, but in reality it's like you're being steered a certain way, like fate is taking your career in a direction you didn't intend."

Judging by this remark, Selensky seems to already know the path that was chosen for him.

Alluding to future political ambitions in the real world, Selensky went on to say, "I have started to receive more messages from ordinary people confirming that there is a desire for someone [like President Goloborodko, the fictional character] to lead Ukraine through the current realities.

In these celebrity-obsessed times, when people have trouble separating actors from the fictional roles they play, it's not hard to understand how, after four years of watching Selensky play the president, fascinated voters would readily accept his move from the studio to the real halls of power. After all, it's no secret that intelligence agencies, not least the CIA, have special departments that work directly with Hollywood to help create scripts and films.

The Ukrainian comedian then spoke about the impact his TV sitcom has had on his political in-situ.

"As we worked on this project, we naturally had to delve deeper into political issues," he said. "The deeper we dove, the more political knowledge we got...and that forced me to be more curious about why they had to be that way."

When Mr. Elensky wasn't practicing playing the piano with his genitals, he was obviously busy 'educating himself politically'. Yes, it all makes much more sense now.

With the foul vapors of daredevil political politics in the air, less than six months later the so-called 'Party of Decisive Change', founded only a year earlier, was renamed after - yes, you guessed it - the Ukrainian TV series of the same name, 'Servants of the People'. All that was needed now was a fake politician to head this fake party (which is now headed by Olena Shuliak, a member of the U.S.-based Young Presidents' Organization, another of those meddling non-governmental organizations based in Rochester, New York, whose purpose is to bring together 'visionaries, talented leaders and subject matter experts' for various invitation-only meetings).

What happened next is a waste product of the modern celebrity factory, where the average entertainment consumer has lost the ability to distinguish between cheap imitations and the real thing. Thus, on New Year's Eve 2019, just four months before the elections, Selensky announced in a flight of fancy - backstage in a studio, of course - that he would run for the presidency. Later, the 'Servants of the People' party nominated him as a presidential candidate. In the four months that followed, the Ukrainian people experienced one of the best-staged political shara- ges not seen since Joe Biden's successful campaign against Donald Trump in his basement for the White House.

Consistent with his feigned role as president, Selensky's campaign against incumbent President Petro Poroshenko was almost entirely virtual. And unlike the U.S. mainstream media, which liked to ask Biden softball questions, the Ukrainian media complained about the lack of access to the political hypocrite, especially when the only thing known about his program was that he was 'against oligarchs'. Instead of explaining his political program to voters, he went on a comedy tour of the country and completely dodged serious questions.

"By Ukrainian standards, Selensky's campaign style, which amounts to touring with his comedy troupe and addressing his supporters in selfie videos on social media, is highly unorthodox," Radio Free Europe noted.

"But with Ukrainian voters deeply dissatisfied with long-established leaders who have failed to deliver on key reform promises and yearning for new faces, observers say he could win the presidency." The runoff between Selensky and Poroshenko, held at the Olympic Stadium in Kiev in front of 70,000 spectators, was an embarrassing spectacle of democracy, more reminiscent of bread and games than discussion and debate. In such an environment, it is no wonder that the celebrity showman overshadowed the incumbent, who is, after all, just a billionaire candy seller. In the end, the establishment got the candidate of its dreams, the man who later promoted a disastrous war with Russia in foreign capitals and made a fortune in the process.



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Today, Volodymyr Selensky is something like the incarnation of Black Lives Matter. It has become blasphemous to question this dangerous pretender to the throne, who regularly appears - via television, of course, his favorite medium - before political elites and celebrities. This court jester has received the acclaim of the U.S. Congress, the Cannes Film Festival, the Grammys and, most importantly, NATO and the military-industrial complex, which have reaped a huge windfall thanks to Selensky's determination to fight the Russians down to the last Ukrainian soldier. (However, cracks are beginning to show in the actor's stunt car. This week, sources in the German government told Der Spiegel that "there is a certain distrust in Berlin of Ukrainian President Volodymyr Selensky. And that ... is one reason why the arms industry in Germany has not been authorized to supply battle tanks." The last thing Berlin really wants is German tanks on the road in Russia, especially considering what happened to them last time). Ultimately, this is why this slapstick entertainer, this political nobody, has 'somehow' put himself in a position where he can use his acting skills most effectively. The Western hemisphere realizes that Ukraine, infiltrated by a virulent neo-Nazi element that poses an existential threat to Russia, doesn't stand a chance on the battlefield against the Russian military. That is why they have hired a comedian to spread the lie that Russia can be defeated if NATO were expanded and Western military supplies increased. It is the biggest and most dangerous hoax of modern times, showing the terrible depths of human greed and stupidity. At a critical moment, when a real statesman was needed, Ukraine gave the world a comedian, and that made all the difference.

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Spreading the right peace symbol



Das falsche Friedenssymbol – die heute weltweit verbreitete sogenannte <Death rune>, which was fabricated from the Celtic Futhark runes resp. the inverted Algiz rune - is the actual epitome of negative influences and creates destructive vibrations concerning discord, feuds and hatred, revenge, vices, addictions and bondage, because the <death rune> means for many people reminiscences of the NAZI time, of death and ruin, as well as ambitions concerning wars, terror, destruction of many human achievements and all necessary bases of life of every kind and worldwide discord.

It is really urgent that the <death rune> as a false peace symbol, which creates discord and unrest, disappears completely from the earth world and that the ancient and correct rune symbol is spread all over the earth and made world-famous, whose central elements are peace, freedom, harmony, strengthening of the life force, protection, Reflect growth and wisdom, uplifting and very soothing and peaceful-positive vibrations. that can effectively convey peace, freedom and harmony!

We therefore appeal to all FIGU members, to all FIGU interest groups, study groups and national groups, as well as to all reasonable and honest people striving for peace, freedom, harmony, justice, knowledge and evolution, to do and give their best in order to make the right symbol of peace worldwide to spread and to create enlightenment about the dangerous and destructive use of the <Death Rune>, which, in memory of the NAZI crimes, collectively promotes character distortion, degeneracy and mischief in the minds of the people.

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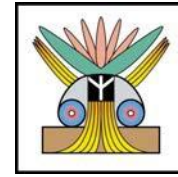


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