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Subject: Re: How To Help Ukraine

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I had some insomnia last night, I thought the tv would help lull me. It did eventually, but I found this interesting highlighting some history of Russia. It helped me understand a little bit perhaps the mindset and the character of Putin, and the country itself. With a geography that's so vast, from the outskirts of Europe to nearly Alaska, (11 time zones) plays such a profound part as well as the ethnic mix of this country in the Russian psyche. And why too, Russia cannot accept a democratically run government.

It answered some of my confusing beliefs to that statement and with it's long and turbulent history. Control of it's vastness and people comes as not such a surprise now in light of the war raging in Ukraine. A country long a pawn in geopolitical machinations. Putin's brutality is no stranger in the Russian collective mentality.

But the build up of NATO, the color revolution as it's called in 2014, and the Minsk I & II diplomatic accords that eventually failed can all be factored into what's now a terrible, as they all are, war, that Putin decided was necessary. No exoneration but some insight.

Russia Can't Become a Democracy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5hOZ74kij2M>

And to further supplement Putin's character is a great interview of a journalist, born in Russia, Julia Loffe from the series on PBS, Putin and the Presidents.

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