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Subject: Re: Empire

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Well that's very simple Wayne. People like economists Jeffrey Sachs and Michael Hudson have had direct contact with officials in the Russian government from the time of the USSR's dissolution and afterward. Larry Johnson and Ray McGovern were both former CIA analysts. McGovern has testified at the UN. Scott Ritter served in the military and was part of the original UN weapons inspector team in Iran that Trump tore up the treaty in his first term. Colonel Larry Wilkerson was in the cabinet of George Bush Jr. under Colin Powell and has extensive knowledge of foreign relations. Professor John Mearsheimer is a political scientist of international standing. Colonel Douglas Macgregor worked with NATO command in Europe. Alastair Crooke was a British diplomat serving in the Middle East and spent 30 years in the British CIA called MI6. I could list more..

These people aren't yahoo's sitting in their study or basement ranting about the world like some conspiracy geeks. They're legitimate career government and professional educators. They aren't like citizens of some country that have a gripe about their government. They have some training, experience and education and most important, some legitimate concern about what our country has been doing for quite some time. And p.s. they aren't all of the liberal way of political alignment. There is a grass roots formation of people that are more interested in a realistic understanding of the way the geopolitical relationships are progressing in the world. And politics doesn't determine the allegiance. They give for me at least, the most rational explanation for the irrational news I certainly hear. That includes the reason for the Ukrainian conflict and the utter denial in aiding and abetting genocide in Gaza. Both, senseless and grotesque events that our country is at the center of happening. Deny it if you want. I don't that's all, thanks to these influencers and other's giving me insight to the make believe our government and commercial news outlets lead us on with.

I can appreciate your experience in that region of the world. I'm sure it gave you some insight about their culture and society. But that's not the same as having insight into the ways of government and it's hierarchy plays out in this world. That's on a whole other level.

I feel our problems of our country are deep and conflicting. And our influence in the world has become unhealthy. Why else would other countries form together to counter our exceptionalism behavior? These influencers as you refer them as seem to feel so too. And I'm glad I've come to realize from them what they've explained. Thing's are jacked up brother. It needs to change.

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