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Subject: Re: Empire

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I'm only talking about Russia's invasion of Ukraine right now. Not on any other world events. Although I have wondered why we took sides at other times and in other parts of the world but don't seem as firm right now in our stance against Putin.

You said, "Putin is too smart to want that kind of quagmire. So the eastern Russian speaking and Russian sympathetic region is all that will be assimilated back into Russia."

The language spoken by the citizens of Ukraine has nothing to do with their "sympathies." There are many Ukrainian people that speak Russian.

Ukrainians want their independence. They do not want to be part of Russia. That is evident by their bravery and tenacity in standing up to Putin.

Ukraine has been independent since 1991. The only thing that's really changed in the last 30+ years is that Putin has grown more wealthy and entitled. I think that's all this is - He personally thought "now is the time." What history he would have made! What a legacy he would leave!

So he invaded Ukraine, hoping it would be an easy victory and the land would be his.

Instead, what has happened is that Ukraine has given Russia quite a fight. Europe has become alerted to the warmongering Putin is capable of, and they are now set against him too. Russia has lost any chance of having good relations with European countries.

America seems to be on the fence a little bit, but I think that's mostly 'cause we don't want to mess with it. We didn't want to involve ourselves in Ukraine thirty years ago when it would have been easy. And now it is no longer easy - it's messy - so we throw our hands up in the air. We've generally been pretty isolationist until somebody blows up something in our own back yard.

I'll admit that I'm usually pretty happy being an isolationist. I'm not now 'cause I'm so familiar with Ukraine and Russia. Not sure if I would have felt this way about Germany in the 1930s. Probably only if I knew something about their culture at that time.