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Your obsessed with Putin and Russiaphobia. And you've left your objectivity behind on this. When you brought up seeing things through time, aka, history. The history of the United States is well documented and fraught with meddling. That isn't sitting on the fence. That is a perversion of diplomacy and sovereignty of nations.

You don't seem to make the connections of how our economic aggression and trade imbalances have contributed to world geopolitical disturbances. And our country's long standing idealism of arbiter of world dominance through economic warfare and diplomacy through strength as it's called. Which is our recipe for military conflict.

No other country has so many military installations throughout as we do. Not even close. Even Russia whose country borders with 16 others is no where close to ours. And no other country has been involved in so many conflicts since WWII as ours has. So, who has the pattern of aggression historically? It's right here. That isn't sitting on the fence. That is what the term "unipolarity" is used to describe a dominant country influencing world affairs.

All while we can't get our own act together in this country. Other than to protect and preserve the ruling class of wealth and privilege pulling the political strings.

Yes I feel Putin is intelligent and is conducting this campaign intelligently. And his country. Despite what we, our government has done subversively to try and hurt their economy. Our petty control freak agenda. Trying to "contain" is our term used. That is the crux of what our influence with Zelensky using the carrot and stick of maybe, possibly joining the European Union if they'd also join NATO amounted to. It didn't work. And Biden having had the Nordstream pipeline destroyed didn't work either. It only put Europe and especially Germany economically depleted.

The terms of Russia's halt to hostilities has been consistent. They will keep the traditional Russian sympathetic regions and Crimea, they will "disarm" Ukraine without NATO influence, and they want the "root" causes for the US and NATO eastern expansion addressed. But they put that in for a reason. The reason Wayne you and our government won't acknowledge. You both have a scapegoat, Putin and Russiaphobia.

Well, Trump just wants to look like the peacemaker like when he said as a candidate he could end the war in 24hrs. But now our diplomacy is to just walk away and let Europe and Ukraine deal with it. Because neither Ukraine or Russia won't play Trump's dealmaker game.

China is the new con job. Our "containment" quest. That isn't working either by trade war or economic warfare. We are as the Chinese say, a paper tiger. Meow.