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Subject: Re: Empire

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Russiaphobia is the general term for the conditioning our government has pushed off on the public since post WWII. That and demonization of the words communism and socialism. I realize you have empathy for Russian and Ukrainian's as do I. But I don't obsess over the hydra Putin as is known. I've gotten over that. Using objectivity from linking what I read and hear that answers the contradictions and adds up to a high plausibility for what is real vs fantasy, propaganda & hogwash.

I could go out here in my own community and get a sample of disdain or defense for Trump. Thus, your assessment for what the disdain for the Russian government and Putin is in eastern Ukraine based on knowing "a few" people is no more revealing the dominant mood of the population. Even having visited that region won't give the knowledge to understand the big issues of geopolitical happenings. It's too complex and subtle.

But I'll wager from the narrative we all have here in this country our whole lives that traveling to that region and getting to know some people there that had negativity towards Russia & Putin led to confirmation bias as a result.

But none of this comes down to what we "feel" about this world event. It comes down to what an ideological pattern is followed for decades on end and giving no positive returns for the effort. And that is where I get the notion that you are not giving credence about. As if one person, Vladimir Putin, is a diabolical individual bent on conquest. Leading up to this terrible occurrence happening.

This has played out over decades culminating in what is happening now. Our country has followed a path that plopped in its lap by default after the world war as an unscathed highly industrialized prosperous nation that embarked on being the unipolar defacto democratic capitalist beacon on the hill, as Regan described. Shining truth, liberty & the American way to the world. Which has become a warped fetish to maintain. Trying to control all aspects of world affairs.

Every empire in history has followed this pattern. It eventually becomes too great a burden on it's population to sustain it.

We didn't cultivate Ukraine or Russia as a result of this ideology of unipolarity, of dominance. We have considered Russia, its huge land mass and its military a threat to that unipolarity. And have acted accordingly as trying to contain that threat. When the Soviet system collapsed and asked for our capitalist guidance. We gave them neoliberalism. We only wanted them for their natural resources, oil and minerals.

We went to use them. That's as far as our charity went. That's what empires do. Colonize a population for the empires needs. Something Putin wouldn't allow. So he becomes a pariah for our empire managers.

And we've "used" Ukraine the same cynical way. They were a last piece of the puzzle to encircle Russia to the Black sea with the NATO so called defense umbrella. In defense of the military industrial complex our country maintains. Our last "profitable" industry.

Here's a good treatise on that note.

<https://sonar21.com/the-road-to-war-in-ukraine-the-history-of-nato-and-us-military-exercises-with-ukraine-part-1/>

I just don't agree Wayne with your simplistic assessment of what has happened. All you've been rationalizing seems more of an emotional element than an objective view.

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