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Subject: Re: Empire

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I hear what you're saying, Rusty. And your argument has merit.

But then again, think about it: You said, "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."

Now think about the actual facts here. Those people in east Ukraine have now had their homes and businesses destroyed, and many friends and family members killed.

How many of them do you think are Putin supporters?

Exactly zero.

If there ever were any folks in eastern Ukraine that thought Putin was OK, they don't think that anymore. I would argue there were few even before Russian aggression, but as a nod to the point you've made, I'll agree there may have been some here and there.

But not anymore. Now days, Ukrainians that used to be proud to be Russian Ukrainians are less so.

Most Ukrainians now have a seething hatred of Putin.

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