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Subject: Re: Empire

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Sat, 26 Apr 2025 16:45:24 GMT

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I hear you, Rusty.

I think the point of what you've been trying to say in this thread is there are some selfish and even corrupt people in this country using ugly force to do nefarious activities around the world. You're saying it isn't fair and it isn't good. You're saying there's a lot of manipulation and much of what we read and hear in the media is spin.

I think you're saying that happens in Europe too.

I agree. I see that.

But where I chime in is specifically on this Russia / Ukraine thing. And most specifically, on Putin, his political allies and the novi russki.

I liked Putin when he first came to power at the end of 1999. He appeared to be a strong leader and I was hopeful for Russia. I was warned back then by many Russians though. They were afraid of exactly what has come to pass these past twenty-five years.

Putin's actions and those of his cronies are the absolute worst examples of everything you stand against in this thread. Vladimir Putin is the archetypal example of the emperor of an evil empire.

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