Rusty wrote:

"So when you say Wayne that Putin has evil intentions and empire, it's the mirror what your own country has amounted to in this world. The history shows it, the cover up promotes it. I think you're coming from a very micro oriented viewpoint."

I'm really not sure why you seem to be letting Putin off the hook here.

I mean, you're quick to point out the ugliness you see in America, but seem to give Putin a pass. I don't get it.

You've undoubtedly read that some in America are considering ways to reassert control over the Panama canal. Some think we are getting a raw deal there, and that since we built that canal, we should retain a great deal of influence and cooperation in how it is being used and who is using it.

Similarly, between here and there we have Mexico, and some say America has problems with Mexican criminals doing nefarious activities in America. They say we have economic problems from unfair tariffs and welfare payouts for food, housing and healthcare for illegal immigrants. They usually also say the nations between Mexico and Panama are part of the same problem too.

Without making any judgement as to whether those things are right or wrong, fair or unfair, let's consider our options: We can take diplomatic measures, economic measures or military measures.

So what actions should America take? What have we done so far?

As much as I agree that there are some shady politicians and unfair practices in America, I must remind everyone reading this that what Putin is doing is an order of magnitude worse.

Consider his actions. Putin faced a situation in the port of Sevastopol, where he had cooperative agreements from Ukraine allowing Russia to maintain a fleet there. But apparently, Putin would rather take control than cooperate. So he simply claimed Crimea to be a Russian territory and attacked eastern Ukraine.

What Putin did would be like if America were to install an overwhelming number of troops in Panama, claiming it to be an American state. Then attack Mexico in war. Take control of that whole region, and make a corridor all the way through to Panama. Rile the population, saying "Remember the Alamo!"

You may say that America has overstepped some boundaries. I won't argue that. But I will remind you of what Putin has done. That's clearly an overstep. It's an ugly war created by an

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