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Subject: Re: Empire

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Mon, 28 Apr 2025 17:10:17 GMT

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Rusty wrote:

"You know Wayne, everything you mentioned there is the convoluted readout from our state department and lackadaisical press. It's not 'me' letting Putin off the hook. It's you letting off the hook our age old neoconservative influence in the realm of governmental policy support recommendations that underwrites our policy domestically and internationally. Our two political parties follow this nonsense as if it were like the tablets of the ten commandments."

This isn't a "readout from our state department" or anywhere else. It's my own observations. I've been following Russian and Ukrainian things pretty closely since the late 1990s.

Honestly, I'm kind of like you in the sense that I don't believe a lot of what I read and hear in the press, whether in print, television or online. So I'm not biased by spin 'cause I'm not listening to spin.

My main point is this: Without taking anyone else's opinions - just using your own eyes - you can see that Russia overran and occupied Crimea and then proceeded to militarily attack Ukraine. Putin is an aggressor.

In my eyes - since I'm close with friends, some that live there, others with family there - I can see that Putin has been brutal. I consider him and those that do his violence to be terrorists.

And the truth is, most every other nation sees it this way too. It's not just American "neoconservatives" or "neoliberals" or whatever. It's not one American administration or another. It's not just the United Kingdom or France. It's practically everyone. Almost every other nation is alarmed at Putin's aggression.

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