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Subject: Re: Empire

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Tue, 29 Apr 2025 18:54:05 GMT

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I can't continue this discussion for a while because I'm heading to Austin for the Lone Star Audiofest. So I'm just too busy to chat online much right now.

But I gotta say one last thing, even though it feels like we're just going round and round.

You said, "Your interpretation just by what you 'see' and the people whom you know there forms a bias to the part of what I think is a narrow, blinders-on approach I'm trying to describe. That there is an advance directive to what has transpired in that region which has contributed enormously to what has occurred! And there's plenty of evidence to show that. I've tried to include it in this series. Your scapegoat is Putin! The Novi-Ruski's! I haven't read any real documentation from your claim."

I've heard and read all the kinds of stuff you keep saying. But I've heard and read expert analysis saying all the kinds of stuff I've described too. I'm not the only one saying it. In fact, some of the links you've posted in this thread and on the other one here about Ukraine say exactly the same things I'm telling you. So you can find "evidence" that supports either side.

It's just that I have an extra amount of confidence in what I'm saying because of my experience with that culture. And from the length of time I've been involved with people in that culture. I've literally been there, and I've been watching this stuff "up close and personal" since the 1990s. Most people in America did not have this view, and frankly, most still don't. It's just not on our radar, other than what we see in the nightly news.

What I'm saying is to disregard 99% of what you are calling "evidence" and simply look at the actions taken by both sides. Stop reading people you think are "experts" and think with your own mind, using actual physical evidence that you can see.

Since your main thrust of this forum thread is a mistrust of empire builders and their deceptive practices, I would think this would appeal to you.

The fact is that Putin annexed Crimea by sending a barrage of troops. He then attacked eastern Ukraine. Ukraine is a sovereign nation and has been since 1991. So no matter what else happened behind the scenes, that was an unwarranted attack.

Putin can say a whole bunch of nationalistic rhetoric - and others can repeat it - but it's all just saber-rattling. It's the very thing this thread complains about, only it is being done in Russia and not in America or by one of our allies.

So my position is if you want to get upset about ugly stuff going on behind the scenes in an "evil empire," you damn well shouldn't let Putin off the hook. He ain't the good guy.

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