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Subject: Re: Empire

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The evil-empire builder here is Putin. He has poisoned his country and is hoping to poison Ukraine. He is attempting to steal from Ukraine the independence they achieved in 1991 and which they are desperately fighting to maintain.

Putin actually believes it is best for him to rape Ukraine, to take that country over by force, to make it a Russian state and to impose his will and his laws there.

There is no NATO empire-building there. I wish there had been. It was a huge miss to have not embraced Ukraine years ago. That's the real problem - not the meddling of NATO but rather the absence of it. We were too late, and we let Russian become emboldened.