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I'm sorry for all the Ukraine's too. They wanted independence from Mother Russia. They got it. But they've also had a long involved history being part of it. Unfortunately they've also been a pawn in this unnecessary dispute. That you can discount and disregard the same as they are bravely holding off the hordes of the Russian enemy. Grinding down their military capability slowly and surely.

But that's a delusion the same as what Europe is doing as far as "re-arming" of NATO by decree by the United States to spend 5% of their GDP on this military boondoggle. Europe's economy, especially Germany is recessional now. That cheap Russian natural gas was eliminated by old Joe, who got this whole shebang going in earnest. So, like here in the US, a military industrial complex is useful to prop up an economy that can't be competitive in the world market with manufacturing due to the cost of living.

Austerity will ensue in Europe as it has in the US. Social services will be cut as in the US.

I just think you deny the responsibility of the big picture to make things fit with your experiences over there. Useful absolutely for getting to know the culture. But inadequate to assess the geopolitical implications that go on between governments.

I'm not letting anyone off the hook. I've just been putting the pieces of the puzzle together with the help and knowledge of learned people that have a grasp of that big picture.

And brother, the blame sure tilts our way. Just as it has in the Middle East, and Latin America and South America with our overt meddling. Sorry, but that is the reality.