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Subject: Re: Empire

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It's not denial. Far from it. My view isn't challenged - it's spot on.

Denial is when people think "Putin is OK. He's just doing what he has to do." Or when they think "Ukraine was once Russian, so why not let 'em just go back." That's denial. It's bullshit, and it's stupid.

I hate to sound arrogant, but I know what I'm talking about. I used to think that my understanding of the culture was just one man's view. But as the years passed, especially when I saw that "reset" button thing or now when I see shit like this getting thrown around, I know now that most people here don't understand. Some bloggers and politicians only make matters worse, 'cause they are so far off the mark.

The internet has become a cesspool of misinformation, and a platform for a ton of folks that don't really have anything meaningful to say. Look at how many "influencers" out there have absolutely nothing substantive to bring to the table but that spew incessantly about nothing. Worse are the ones that make stuff up.

But let me also remind you that it isn't all politicians, journalists and bloggers that have this wrong. In fact, I'd say most around the world get it right. Most around the world agree with the view that I am proposing, which is that Putin has gone off the rails.

Most people see Putin as the aggressor. That includes most of the worlds politicians, journalists and well, OK, most of the bloggers too.

The ones that side with Putin are the minority view here. They are the ones in denial. Some, probably, are a little more like tin-foil-hat-wearing "flat earthers." But I think most are just misinformed and because of that, they're in denial. They're the ones that think, "It's OK. No big deal."

Russia's war on Ukraine is an egomaniac's attempt to steal the state. Putin is a horrible leader for Russia, having turned the whole world against him. He is an irresponsible aggressor, and I think the only reason nations are slow to act against him is a genuine and reasonable concern about Russian nuclear stockpiles. Otherwise, I think Moscow would be bombed into dust, and rightly so.