Subject: Re: Empire Posted by Rusty on Sat, 28 Jun 2025 12:54:56 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

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.

It's all just too easy to see. Nothing difficult about it. No need to read between the lines. Putin invaded Ukraine because he wanted to steal the nation and call it his own. No motive other than that. None needed. Putin's motive is pure and simple. He wants Ukraine. Nobody "pushed" him into it. He is the one that has always been the pusher.

Its when you say these kind of statements Wayne that I tend to think your objectivity is approaching naivety. They're statements of passion but little substance. Sure its true and granted that public sentiment to the war in Ukraine and Putin in general follow a western narrative that's dominantly employed by our governments long standing propaganda. Its been a part of our cultural upbringing.

You mention always not understanding why our nation has never tried to promote good relations with Russia or Ukraine. Obfuscating our nation's committed policy of breaking up the nation of Russia. Dismissing policy papers detailing methods of the application of financial, and military subversion towards that aim.

You know. Slavery used to be an established norm in our country. The framers of our constitution employed the use of slaves. But there was a moral stigma that a few in our society wrote about and spoke about that was the minority. It took a century for that policy of dysfunction to be challenged to the point of civil war. And a century and more of Jim Crow and segregation and intolerance to try and right what was morally wrong from the get go.

So being in the minority addressing what is essentially one nation, the United States, bullying the world out of its institutionalized idealism of maintaining its position of dominance and privilege has no place in this world any longer. Its understood that things change slowly and are fraught with setbacks.

This struggle with the goings on in Ukraine, the Middle East and the impending showdown with China as is written and bloviated in media is all part of that. Its described as the desperation and manipulations of the American empire fizzling out under its own weight of our losing control of what we never had a right to control anyway.

That the world can operate without one nation imposing its will through financial sanctioning and military adventurism. That having 7 to 8 hundred military installations throughout the world is perverse and wasting its own society's potential to thrive. That imperialism and colonizing for the sake of a financial free lunch is intolerable.

Time will tell.

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