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Subject: Re: Empire

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Dude, Rusty! You're a smart guy! So how in the world do you not get this?!!

Don't listen to anyone else right now. Just look at the facts, without anyone else's opinions - including mine - and especially without having the nonsense spouted by pro-Putin (or anti-West) bloggers in your head. Just look at the facts:

1. Ukraine is an independent sovereign nation and has been since 1991.
2. It has (actually had) good relationships with both Russia and Western nations in Europe and the U.S.A. Still does have good relations with most of the world but most (probably should say all) Ukrainians now hate their former brothers in Russia. That's a big deal - and a huge mistake on Putin's part - because while the Ukrainian people want independence from Russia, until Putin bombed the hell out of them, they felt a great kinship with Russia. They now feel betrayed by their former countrymen and absolutely hate them. That's actually a side-point, albeit an important one. The main point is that Ukraine had good relations with Russia and the West. It is solely and completely Putin's fault that the Russian relationship is now poisoned.
3. Ukraine has its own freely elected government, which tended to swing left and right, just like ours. But by "left and right" here, I mean pro-Russian or pro-Western.
4. We can assume there was meddling from outside nations. I say "assume" here 'cause both you and I would say we "knew" there was meddling, and we would probably tend to blame one side or the other more. So let's just say we "assume" there was meddling.
5. Now here's the big one: Putin sent in troops. Russia is killing people in Ukraine. They are bombing the hell out of cities, and they are hitting population centers, homes, businesses and energy producers.
6. And to add to that, Putin claims that he has the right to take all of Ukraine. The world could see that he felt that way by his actions. But he actually admitted it, declaring that at the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum last week.

That says everything. So I reiterate:

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.

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