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Subject: Re: Empire

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Yeah, I definitely agree with you, Bruce. If Rusty and I hadn't exchanged hugs, so to speak, this discussion would be too much. I usually don't discuss stuff like this in public anyway. Not in public places, and not in public internet sites. I don't even participate in social media for this reason.

I generally agree with Rusty about the main thrust of his views in this thread, which is that there are those that would try to take control of world events and that they shouldn't. There's even math that expresses this, and it's called "power distribution law." When that emerges in sociology, economics and other places, it's called a "scale free network," and there we have too much control in too few hands. Absolute power corrupts, absolutely. At least, that's my opinion.

That idea that "absolute power corrupts absolutely" doesn't die when it hits the American border though. In fact, I would argue that as bad as things can get here, some of the worst stuff I see happens beyond our borders. Not giving us a pass here in America - we're an entitled bunch - but just sayin'.

I think we'd all agree that those who seek to manipulate and control almost always use various forms of media spin and propaganda to create a narrative. That's why I often suggest on this matter of Putin's Russia to look at the facts one can easily see. Those facts actually show everything one needs to know. Even just one fact says it all:

Putin invaded Ukraine.

He stopped his meddling campaign ('cause it wasn't working) and actually started killing people in an independent sovereign country.

There are other places in the world where nefarious "empire building" is going on. Rusty has spoken about those. But this one is Putin's fault. He's the aggressor and his nation's actions are as guilty as anyone else mentioned in this "Empire" thread.

I'd argue that Russia is worse than anyone else right now, 'cause Ukraine is entirely innocent. They didn't plot schemes against Russia, and they didn't send terrorists to kill people in Moscow. They didn't play economic games. They did nothing bad to Russia and even considered themselves to be brothers until Putin started escalating his egomaniacal efforts to control Ukraine and ultimately to take it by force.

So my hope is that if this discussion continues, it will do so with no further mention of Ukraine.

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