

# Four Minutes of Undiluted Truth on Mainstream TV

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***The last thing you'd ever expect to hear on a mainstream news channel, is the truth. But—strange as it might seem—that's exactly what happened on Wednesday night on the Tucker Carlson Show.***

Carlson interviewed veteran journalist Glenn Greenwald in a 4-minute segment that provided the best 'easy-to-understand' summary of the Ukraine War you'll hear anywhere. And **what was so shocking about the interview, was how casually both men veered onto topics that are essential to grasping "How we got to where we are today" but which are entirely banned on all the other cable news channels.** You are not allowed to know, for example, that Russia was "lured into the conflict in Ukraine". That does not fit the script that has been passed-along from the Biden State Department to their lapdogs at the cable news stations. You're also not allowed to know that the US does not fight wars "to spread democracy" or that "the US has no vital interests in Ukraine" or that "Russia is not really our enemy". All of those topics are verboten. You're not even allowed to think about these things, which is why— for the most part— they have been completely scrubbed from any-and-all discussion of foreign policy in the corporate media.

That's what makes the segment with Greenwald such a stunner, because it's **4 glorious minutes of pure, unvarnished truth delivered from a platform that typically only produces, lies, disinformation and propaganda.** That's why I transcribed the entire interview. Any mistakes are mine. Here it is:

Glenn Greenwald [@ggreenwald](#): "If you want to believe the fairy tale that the US government goes to war to spread democracy, Ukraine is not the place for you." [pic.twitter.com/dxgaVNYuj7](https://pic.twitter.com/dxgaVNYuj7)

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**Tucker Carlson-** What bothers me is not so much what Zelensky is doing- there' alot of tyranny around the world (and) I don't brood on it. But the fact that (a) we are paying for it, and (b) our leaders are defending it. I think every American should be upset about that.

**Glenn Greenwald-** "I think in general, Americans should be very skeptical when the government says 'We're going to fight wars on the other side of the world and spend tens of billions of dollars in military aid to spread democracy.' **The US government doesn't actually care about spreading democracy.** Many of its closest allies in the world have always been some of the world's most despotic regimes like Saudi Arabia and Egypt. All the US government cares about is whether these regimes serve US interests. ...If you want to believe the fairy tale that the US government goes to war to spread democracy, then Ukraine is not the place for you. You mentioned the argument that '**Zelensky** is in war, he has to curb liberty', but go back to 2021, a year before Russia invaded and you'll find articles where **he shut down opposition television stations and shut down opposition political parties (which is) the hallmark of what every tyrant or despot does....and that was true even before Russia invaded.**"

**Tucker Carlson-** I wonder how Republicans can continue to defend this (because) I think you are right; I think our foreign policy is almost always about defending our interests.... But **I don't see our critical interests at stake here, so, what is this about?**

**Glenn Greenwald-** If the US government was honest... they would get rid of this script that we have to go and defend democracy. That is a fairy tale that tries to get Americans to feel better about the fact that we are involved in many, many countries all over the world. That is not the real reason. The only reason to do it is for 'vital US interests'. **The line in Washington for decades was the US has no vital interests in Ukraine. That was Obama's view, that was the bipartisan view. Why did that change? The only reason is because we saw an opportunity to trap Russia inside Ukraine all based on the view that Russia is our enemy (which is) something only Democrats should believe** because they think Russia is to blame for the 2016 election and Hillary's defeat. But why would Republicans want confrontation with Russia? What American benefits from that except arms manufacturers? ...

**Tucker Carlson-** That's a really good question, and I haven't unraveled it. (But) **It seems pretty clear that the Biden administration baited Russia into this invasion. You had the Vice President (Kamala Harris) in western Europe days before telling Zelensky to join NATO which, of course, they knew was a red line (for Russia) They wanted this invasion, I think that's very obvious.** Do you think this was all about 'preparing for war with Russia'?

**Glenn Greenwald-** **If you think Russia is a grave enemy of the United States, then it makes sense to try to lure them into a war that they can't win, like we got lured into Afghanistan for 20 years or like we lured the Soviet Union into Afghanistan back in the '70s because it does deplete your enemy.** The question is: Why should Russia be seen as our enemy? Both Obama and Trump said there's no

reason to see Russia that way. It has one-fifteenth the size of our military budget. It's not threatening American borders. **Why are we so obsessed with spending tens of billions of dollars to weaken Russia which we could be using here at home to benefit the lives of American citizens** when Russia is not doing anything to the United States unless you are a crazy 'resistance' person who believes they're the reason Donald Trump won. But if you don't believe that, **what is the rational for this? There is none.**"

**Tucker Carlson-** "I know, and as always, **they have hijacked the best instincts of the American people, their compassion, and turned it against them.** Glenn Greenwald, great to see you tonight".

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