

Biden's Visit to Kiev: Distract Public Opinion From "Disadvantageous Developments". Tough Days Ahead for US-NATO?

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The term "copium" refers to an artificially manufactured narrative aimed at distracting a targeted audience from a disadvantageous development by convincing them that "everything is going according to plan", which is why it's a fitting description of the purpose behind <u>Biden's surprise visit to Kiev</u>. His trip occurred against the context of the NATO chief finally admitting his bloc's military-industrial crisis that risks depriving its Ukrainian vassals of the armed support they need to continue this <u>proxy war</u>.

Just the day before Biden arrived, Zelensky <u>disclosed in an interview</u> with Italian media that his forces might abandon Artyomovsk/"Bakhmut" if their casualties continue to climb, which represents a decisive reversal of the "official narrative" hitherto claiming that they'll cling to it no matter the cost. On the topic of decisive narrative shifts, <u>American and Polish officials</u> spent the past month informing everyone that Kiev's victory is no longer "inevitable", which was meant to prepare them for impending setbacks.

Between the initiation of that newfound narrative trend and Biden's trip, the <u>New York Times</u> reported that the West's anti-Russian sanctions failed, after which <u>Bloomberg</u> proved that <u>India</u> had been working as the middleman for indirectly facilitating Russia's oil exports to the West. Russian Foreign Minister Lavrov's two practically back-to-back trips to Africa in recent weeks also confirmed that his country is far from isolated since it <u>enjoys that geostrategic</u> <u>continent's support</u>.

The sequence of events that began at the start of this year were obviously disadvantageous for the US-led West's <u>Golden Billion</u> since they discredited everything that this de facto <u>New</u> <u>Cold War</u> bloc's perception managers had claimed up until that point. Russia continues <u>gradually gaining ground</u> in Donbass, neither its economy nor military collapsed under sanctions, and the <u>global systemic transition to multipolarity</u> has only accelerated since the start of its <u>special operation</u> a year ago.

It therefore makes perfect sense why the US was so desperate for a distraction, hence Biden's visit to Kiev, which is being spun by the Mainstream Media (MSM) as supposedly representing one of the most symbolic moments since Russia was <u>forced to initiate</u> the <u>latest phase</u> of the <u>Ukrainian Conflict</u>. Nothing of tangible significance was achieved during his trip, though, and the <u>comparatively miniscule</u> armed aid that he <u>announced</u> on Monday obviously didn't require him to be there in person.

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The last thing that this de facto New Cold War bloc's <u>liberal-globalist elite</u> needs is the masses losing hope in this post-modern crusade lest public pressure build to the point of complicating some NATO countries' further dispatch of armed assistance to Kiev <u>at the expense of their minimum security needs</u>. The chain reaction of disadvantageous developments that was described in the present analysis and everything else that might thus follow if that unfolds could end up being a game-changer in this conflict.

The military-strategic dynamics are trending in Russia's favor at this pivotal moment in the conflict, and even the economic ones too after the New York Times reported that the West's sanctions failed, so there's never been a more urgent time for a "copium" binge than now. Biden's visit to Kiev won't change the aforesaid, but it might very well succeed in temporarily distracting the Western masses from all this long enough for their elites to weaponize a new set of infowar narratives against them.

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