

# The Biggest U.S.-and-Allied Lies About the War in Ukraine

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**#1 lie: If Russia takes Ukraine, we'll be next.**

There is zero evidence for this lie, and it is a lie that is even more outlandish than the lie that if Vietnam falls to the communists, that will be just the first "domino" and all the others will fall and the Soviet Union and/or communist China will take over the world.

Russia actually had no motivation to invade Ukraine until the U.S. carried out **a coup**, which overthrew and replaced Ukraine's neutralist Government and installed a rabidly anti-Russian one in 2014. NATO nations unanimously refused to negotiate with Russia regarding Russia's longstanding national-security red line against Ukraine — the nation with the nearest border to The Kremlin (Russia's central command) a mere 317 miles away — ever becoming added to America's anti-Russian military alliance, NATO. On 7 January 2022 NATO said no to that request by Russia. They wouldn't even negotiate about it. They were determined to violate that red line of Russia. The only way left to Russia to carry out its red line in this matter that is so essential to Russia's national security, was to take Ukraine before Ukraine would be taken into NATO and become set up with a U.S. nuclear missile.

Similarly, but in the opposite direction, the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis had U.S. President John Fitzgerald Kennedy refusing to allow the Soviet Union to be permitted by Cuba and to install Soviet missiles that could reach America's central command in the White House within 30 minutes, but the big difference with Ukraine in that situation — the situation that Cuba was then in — is that Khrushchev was willing to, and did, negotiate with Kennedy about the matter so as to prevent a nuclear war. The other big difference, in this case, is that The Kremlin is only *5 minutes* of missile-flying-time away from Ukraine, not 30 minutes, and that the NATO nations refused to negotiate with Russia *at all*.

After that 7 January 2022 rejection by NATO — refusal even to negotiate about the matter — Russia had a national-security *necessity* to take action, and nothing less than an invasion of Ukraine could be that required action, It was *forced by NATO*, upon Russia. The imperialistic aggressive power here is America (the virtual owner of the NATO alliance), NOT Russia. America demands the right to expand its empire to within 5 minutes of Russia's central command; Russia isn't threatening to expand *its* border to within 5 minutes of America's central command. The U.S. and its colonies blatantly lie about which side is the aggressor against the other side. The very idea that Russia had any interest in invading any of the NATO countries — or even in invading Ukraine *prior to* America's [February 2014 coup there](#) turned Ukraine rabidly against Russia — is a vicious and hateful lie, which has its origin in Washington DC and is parroted throughout its empire.

#2 lie: The war in Ukraine started on 24 February 2022.

We are actually now in year ten of this war. [The war in Ukraine started in 2014](#), as both [NATO's Stoltenberg](#) and [Ukraine's Zelensky](#) have said. It was started in February 2014 by a [U.S. coup](#) which replaced the [democratically](#) elected and [neutralist](#) President with a [U.S. selected](#) and [rabidly anti-Russian](#) leader, who immediately [imposed](#) an [ethnic-cleansing program](#) to [get rid of the residents](#) in the regions [that had voted overwhelmingly for the overthrown President](#).

Russia responded militarily on 24 February 2022 in order to prevent Ukraine from allowing the U.S. to [place a missile there a mere 317 miles or five minutes of missile-flying-time away from The Kremlin](#) and thus too brief for Russia to respond before its central command would already be beheaded by America's nuclear strike. (As I headlined on 28 October 2022, ["NATO Wants To Place Nuclear Missiles On Finland's Russian Border — Finland Says Yes"](#). The U.S. had demanded this, especially because it will place American nuclear missiles far nearer to The Kremlin than at present, only 507 miles away — not as close as Ukraine, but the closest yet.)

#3 lie: This is a war between Ukraine and Russia.

Ukraine was neutral between Russia and America until [Obama's brilliantly executed Ukrainian coup](#), which his Administration [started planning by no later than June 2011](#), culminated successfully in February 2014 and [promptly appointed](#) a [rabid anti-Russian to impose in regions that rejected the new anti-Russian U.S.-controlled government an "Anti-Terrorist Operation"](#) to kill protesters, and, ultimately, to [terrorize the residents in those regions in order to kill as many of them as possible and to force the others to flee into Russia](#) so that when elections would be held, pro-Russian voters would [no longer be in the electorate](#).

The U.S. Government had engaged the Gallup polling organization, *both* [before](#) and [after](#) the [coup](#), in order to poll Ukrainians, and especially ones who lived in its Crimean independent republic, regarding their views on U.S., Russia, NATO, and the EU; and, generally, Ukrainians were far more pro-Russia than pro-U.S., NATO, or EU, but this was *especially* the case in Crimea; so, America's Government knew that Crimeans would be especially resistant. However, this was not really new information. [During 2003-2009](#), only around 20% of Ukrainians had wanted NATO membership, while around 55% opposed it. [In 2010](#), Gallup found that whereas 17% of Ukrainians considered NATO to mean "protection of your country," 40% said it's "a threat to your country." Ukrainians predominantly saw NATO

as an enemy, not a friend. But after Obama's February 2014 Ukrainian coup, ["Ukraine's NATO membership would get 53.4% of the votes, one third of Ukrainians \(33.6%\) would oppose it."](#) However, afterward, [the support averaged around 45% — still over twice as high as had been the case prior to the coup.](#)

In other words: what Obama did was generally successful, it [grabbed Ukraine](#), or [most of it](#), and it changed Ukrainians' minds regarding America and Russia. But only after the subsequent passage of time did the American billionaires' neoconservative heart become successfully grafted into the Ukrainian nation so as to make Ukraine a viable place to position U.S. nuclear missiles against Moscow (which is the U.S. Government's goal there). Furthermore: America's rulers also needed to do some work upon U.S. public opinion. Not [until February of 2014 — the time of Obama's coup — did more than 15% of the American public have a "very unfavorable" view of Russia.](#) (Right before Russia invaded Ukraine, that figure had already risen to 42%. America's press — and academia or public-policy 'experts' — have been very effective at managing public opinion, for the benefit of America's billionaires.)

#4 lie: This is not a war between Ukraine and Russia; it is a war between Europe and Russia.

This is a restatement of lie #1. The truth is that this is a war between [the billionaires who control the U.S. Government](#) versus (i.e., their trying ever since [25 July 1945](#)) to conquer (control) Russia, which has more natural resources than any other country. America's billionaires especially control the top 100 U.S. corporations that sell (mainly weapons) to the U.S. Government and to its colonies (its 'allied' Governments); and, so, in order for them to continue growing their respective net worths, these billionaires must control their markets, which *are* those Governments. And they do it, so that [their investment portfolios have been increasing in value even more, far more, than the U.S. stock markets have increased in value.](#) It is their collective business plan.

Not only was NATO created by the U.S. regime in 1949 in order for the regime to be able to conquer Russia, but even [the EU was created by the U.S. Government for the same purpose — to conquer Russia.](#) The member-nations both of NATO and of the EU take from the U.S. Government and its agents their instructions regarding their international relations. Europe's nations have virtually no sovereignty but are mere colonies of their dictator (ever since 25 July 1945), the U.S. regime, which is controlled by its billionaires. America's aristocracy controls each of its colonies' aristocracies. There can be no democracy in an empire, and isn't in this one. This is the reality about the war in Ukraine: it is an imperialistic war by the U.S. regime and its colonies, against Russia, and it is being waged (till now) in the battlefields of Ukraine.

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