

Canadian Support for Ukraine Nazi Collaborators after World War II. “Lest we Forget”

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“Volodymyr, in the years I’ve known you, I’ve always thought of you as a champion for democracy, and now, democracies around the world, are lucky to have you as our champion.”

– Prime Minister Justin Trudeau (March 15, 2022) [1]

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In a statement, published by the Ukrainian Canadian Congress, Captain (Retd) Andre Sochaniwsky, CD, President of the Ukrainian War Veterans Association of Canada said the following:

“As Ukrainians, we honour the brave members of Ukraine’s Armed Forces who defend Ukraine from Russia’s genocidal war. Ukraine fights for the freedom and peace that we in Canada are so fortunate to enjoy.” [2]

These words were published in defence of the organization’s tribute to Remembrance Day, the [annual period of reflection](#) saluting and honouring the men and women who have fallen in battle in the multiple wars fought during the twentieth century and beyond, These individuals carry the distinction of fighting for our democracy and freedom and for the values we hold dear.

The irony of course, is that not only are the Ukrainian soldiers fighting for a government that is [taking control of news reporting](#), [imprisoned journalists](#) without trial, and [banned all opposition parties](#) in the Ukrainian parliament. The governing party of Ukraine was put in

place following [a coup enabled by the U.S. and EU](#). When regions of eastern Ukraine resisted these radical changes in power, they were subjected to [“anti-terrorist” actions](#) by the government and over 10,000 residents killed over the next four years.

The sad reality is that the ultra-nationalist groups, which honoured figures like Stepan Bandera, a collaborator with Adolf Hitler, [have made a come back in Ukraine](#). These are the figures [now being assisted by Canada](#) at a time when we revere the brave people who fell in war against figures...like Hitler.

Codifying the complex realities of war into the figure of a handsome young soldier is clearly a vehicle for overcoming the resistance to the multiple lacerations of the spirit which is an inevitable consequence. But now we find ourselves rendering assistance to those we once considered so malevolent that their defeat was seen as a target of the one necessary evil that is war.

On this special episode of the Global Research News Hour, we highlight the background of the elements which reign in Ukraine at the present moment and determine how Canadians can respect Remembrance Day as a tribute to not just “honoring soldiers” but also put an end to war.

In our first half hour, we hear from writer and researcher Marco Carynnyk about the associations of the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists (OUN), their pogroms against Jews, and elements of the group that exist today, In our second half hour, we play a series of testimonies by some of the signatories of a petition calling on the Canadian Federal Government to stop funding Eastern European ethnonationalist associations that whitewash their forebear’s complicity in the Holocaust and other crimes against humanity. (The petition is available for signing [here](#).)

Marco Carynnyk is a Research Fellow based in Toronto, Canada. While in residence at the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, Mr. Carynnyk conducted research on his project, “The Pogroms of June-July 1941”. Drawing on archival research, published sources, and interviews with survivors, he sought to analyze how survivors and witnesses have remembered these events, to offer a new explanation of the pogroms, and to shed new light on the pogroms of June-July 1941.

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1. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X2gNjWk4x6s>
2. <https://www.ucc.ca/2022/11/10/remembrance-day-6/>

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