

# The Ever Widening War. Paul Craig Roberts

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*This [report from Larry Johnson](#) demonstrates that my often expressed concern about the ever widening conflict in Ukraine has been correct. Putin is now confronted with a US/Polish plan for Poland to seize Western Ukraine. This would bring Ukraine into NATO and defeat Putin's goal of demilitarizing Ukraine and maintaining Ukraine as an independent but neutral country.*

Putin held a video conference on Thursday with members of Russia's Security Council. I hope folks in the West pay attention to what he said, which is why I'm presenting the entirety of his remarks following a presentation by the Director of the Foreign Intelligence Service. Based on public source information and Russia collected intelligence, Russia believes that Poland is planning to seize Ukrainian territory west of the Dnieper River as Ukraine's much ballyhooed counter offensive collapses.

Let me give you Putin's bottomline up front:

"Regarding the policy of the Ukrainian regime, it is none of our business. If they want to relinquish or sell off something in order to pay their bosses, as traitors usually do, that's their business. We will not interfere.

But Belarus is part of the Union State, and launching an aggression against Belarus would mean launching an aggression against the Russian Federation. We will respond to that with all the resources available to us."

[Click here](#) to read Larry Johnson's article.

It remains a mystery that Putin did not realize that a long drawn out conflict would provide Washington with opportunities to prevail. Putin shows acceptance of Poland seizing western Ukraine as long as it does not threaten Belarus. In other words, Ukraine will enter NATO as part of Poland.

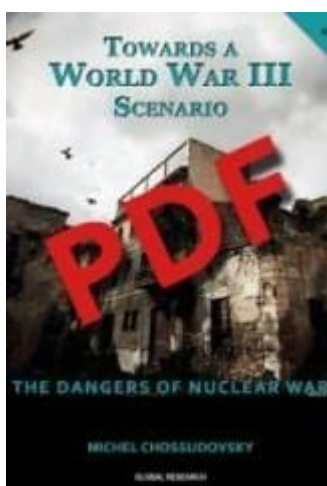
Unless Putin can find the will to take Odessa, Kharkiv, and northeastern Ukraine, Poland will have a Black Sea base and missiles on Russia's border, and Washington will have prevailed at the expense of Ukraine and Russia.

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