

Fake News About Russia's Alleged "Meddling" in the French Elections

By <u>Stephen Lendman</u> Global Research, April 28, 2017 Region: <u>Europe</u>, <u>Russia and FSU</u> Theme: <u>Intelligence</u>, <u>Media Disinformation</u> In-depth Report: <u>FAKE INTELLIGENCE</u>

Claims about Russian US election hacking were fabricated. No evidence exists suggesting it. Accusations without it are groundless. Media repeat them anyway.

Indisputable evidence proves America routinely interferes in elections worldwide. It ruthlessly wants independent governments toppled, pro-Western puppet regimes replacing them.

A longstanding joke asks why America never experienced a coup – because Washington has no US embassy.

Since the 19th century, the United States sought to impose its will on other countries, notably post-WW II, beginning with US aggression on North Korea.

It's been worst of all post-9/11, America at war at home and worldwide, a reality check indictment of a rogue state, history's worst by far – humanity threatened by possible nuclear annihilation.

On April 24, <u>AP News</u> headlined "Researchers: Russia-linked hackers targeted Macron campaign" – falsely accused by "the Japanese anti-virus firm Trend Micro..."

Its digital chief **Mounir Mahjoubi** cited no evidence proving his claim because none exists. The accusation is fake. No Russian meddling in France's election occurred.

Moscow categorically denies fabricated claims about it interfering in any nation's elections – not America's, not France's or any others.

Accusations are bogus. Putin spokesman **Dmitry Peskov** dismissed phony claims, saying

"(i)t resembles the accusations made by Washington, which to this day remain hollow, doing no honor to the people making them."

Trend Micro's report is "fake news," he stressed. Addressing the UN Committee on Information in New York, Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman **Maria Zakhavova** urged the world body to establish "a strategy for battling fake news and disinformation."

"Russia will be ready to fully support this initiative which is extremely important for developing a healthy environment for news reporting," she stressed.

Western media fake news drowns out legitimate journalism.

False accusations about Russian interference in France's election creates the appearance of "Macron want(ing) to follow in the steps of **Hillary Clinton**, a very dubious path," Zakharova said weeks earlier.

Russia bashing persists without letup, bilateral relations with Washington at a post-Cold War low.

Stephen Lendman lives in Chicago. He can be reached at <u>lendmanstephen@sbcglobal.net</u>.

His new book as editor and contributor is titled "Flashpoint in Ukraine: How the US Drive for Hegemony Risks WW III."

http://www.claritypress.com/LendmanIII.html

Visit his blog site at <u>sjlendman.blogspot.com</u>.

The original source of this article is Global Research Copyright © <u>Stephen Lendman</u>, Global Research, 2017

Comment on Global Research Articles on our Facebook page

Become a Member of Global Research

Articles by: <u>Stephen</u> Lendman

About the author:

Stephen Lendman lives in Chicago. He can be reached at lendmanstephen@sbcglobal.net. His new book as editor and contributor is titled "Flashpoint in Ukraine: US Drive for Hegemony Risks WW III." http://www.claritypress.com/LendmanIII.html Visit his blog site at sjlendman.blogspot.com. Listen to cuttingedge discussions with distinguished guests on the Progressive Radio News Hour on the Progressive Radio Network. It airs three times weekly: live on Sundays at 1PM Central time plus two prerecorded archived programs.

Disclaimer: The contents of this article are of sole responsibility of the author(s). The Centre for Research on Globalization will not be responsible for any inaccurate or incorrect statement in this article. The Centre of Research on Globalization grants permission to cross-post Global Research articles on community internet sites as long the source and copyright are

acknowledged together with a hyperlink to the original Global Research article. For publication of Global Research articles in print or other forms including commercial internet sites, contact: **publications@globalresearch.ca**

www.globalresearch.ca contains copyrighted material the use of which has not always been specifically authorized by the copyright owner. We are making such material available to our readers under the provisions of "fair use" in an effort to advance a better understanding of political, economic and social issues. The material on this site is distributed without profit to those who have expressed a prior interest in receiving it for research and educational purposes. If you wish to use copyrighted material for purposes other than "fair use" you must request permission from the copyright owner.

For media inquiries: publications@globalresearch.ca