

Making Peace with Russia, One Handshake at a Time. Dimitri Lascaris

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“She said in this conversation, “Yats is the guy!” And imagine that this was not a leaked conversation between Ms. Nuland and Mr. Pyatt, but that this was a conversation that was conducted in 2016 during the Trump-Clinton electoral contest...and in the course of that conversation, Mr Lavrov says, “Trump is the guy!” And then Trump becomes the President of the United States. Would anybody in Congress deny for one second that there had been a coup?” – Dimitri Lascaris, from this week’s interview.

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In the last few days, we are hearing about the prospect of Russia [blowing up the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant](#) which they secured early in the war, similarly to the way they supposedly blew up the Kakhovka Dam in southern Ukraine in mid-June. Russia, of course denies the charges and counters that the culprit in both instances is Ukraine itself. However, the narrative should the explosion happen by either side would cause radioactive damage to the surrounding area.

As writer Joachim Hagopian explains in a recent article:

“The westward wind could potentially carry the lethal radioactive fallout straight into NATO countries Poland, the Baltic States and Germany. At this point, Article 5 of NATO would then immediately go into effect, and Zelensky will have successfully pulled the trigger giving NATO/US/West excuse to enter a nuclear world war against Russia.” [1]

Even with the [most significant nuclear scare in history](#) off the table, [the casualties are piling up](#), both Russian and Ukrainian.

But mainstream media seems to speak about the conflict, not in brutal and honest relayers of the war in all its contradictions and complexities, and more one-sided and up-lifting for “our” friends and allies on the ground fighting. Much like the coach in a movie where the boxer is losing and needs an uplifting speech by his coach (cue Rocky music!)

The readers of Global Research, and listeners of Global Research News Hour definitely want the truth in all its brutality ahead of comforting fictional narratives and we have done our best to bring some of those dissident thinkers to the attention of audiences around the world.

But what of the efforts by individuals who go the extra length to actually visit the Russian State and strike up dialogues in everyone’s common interest? This was indeed the task of sitting diplomats. Prime Minister Trudeau is suspiciously, to cite a saying frequently alleged to originating from Winston Churchill, too pre-occupied in shouting “War! War!” to engage in “Jaw! Jaw!”[2][3]

But alternative voices in Canada would take up the challenge of de-escalating tensions through such mechanisms, which is why today, we will be spending the entire hour listening to the latest individual seeking to see the conflict through the eyes of our “enemy.” His name is Dimitri Lascaris.

Dimitri Lascaris is a lawyer who has been practicing for about three decades. He is also a journalist and an activist. He felt obligated to do whatever he could to replace what he saw as known falsehoods in the mainstream media outlets with the more accurate depictions he came to after nearly a year of researching. What’s more, he would use his abilities to connect the people of Russia with the people in Canada and work toward preventing the battle in Ukraine to escalate into the long-dreaded nuclear extinction moment.

Dimitri toured Russia and Crimea for 4 weeks in April. He was completely self financed not having received a dime (or ruble) from the State coffers. When he returned to Canada, he went speaking across 12 cities in Canada to raise in awareness about what he saw and where the path to peace might lie. The Global Research News Hour was delighted to record his speech in Winnipeg, delivered on the 22nd of June.

He has become a bit of a target throughout the campaign, although in large part, he still managed to meet Canadians.

Dimitri Lascaris is a lawyer, a journalist and an activist. From 2004 to 2016 he was a member of Canada’s leading class action law firm Siskinds LLP. He now works pro-bono legal cases. In 2020, he ran for the leadership of the Green Party of Canada and placed second with 45.5% of the membership.

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