

NATO “Concerned by Russia’s Military Buildup Close to Our Borders”

By [Eric Zuesse](#)

Global Research, October 10, 2017

Region: [Russia and FSU](#), [USA](#)

Theme: [Intelligence](#), [Militarization and WMD](#)

The Secretary-General of NATO said this on October 9th, speaking in NATO member Romania, right across the Black Sea from Russia’s region of Crimea (which had always been part of Russia except for the brief period 1954-2014, when the Soviet dictator arbitrarily transferred Crimea to Ukraine in 1954 — i.e., the Soviet dictator had made Crimea ‘Ukrainian’, and only in 2014 was a plebiscite actually held there in order to determine what the people there wanted, and more than 90% chose to be restored to the Russian Government). He said, on October 9th, that NATO is [“concerned by Russia’s military buildup close to our borders”](#), but NATO actually had expanded up to Russia’s borders; in no way had Russia expanded up to NATO’s borders. NATO’s leader was importantly misrepresenting history, there.

In fact, Romania, itself, used to be a member of the former Soviet Union’s Warsaw Pact military alliance of nations, which had been set up by the Soviet Union in response to America’s having established in 1949 its NATO military alliance with Western European nations. After the Cold War ended, on Russia’s side, in 1991, and [has been secretly continued by the U.S. Government and its allies right up to the present time](#), Romania became a member of the NATO *anti*-Russian alliance [in 2004](#), under George W. Bush’s Administration. But Bush’s father, President George Herbert Walker Bush, had, as the U.S. President, established, in 1990, the foundation for what NATO now is doing in Romania, *against* Russia — even though Russia had, in fact, ended the Cold War on its side, in 1991.

When the Cold War ended in 1991, it was on the basis of the promise by the Soviet Union that the U.S.S.R. would end, and would become its component separate independent states (one of which was Russia), and end its communism, and end its Warsaw Pact military alliance with nations adjoining the Soviet Union — that all of this would happen *if* the United States and its NATO allies would not expand NATO, and that especially [NATO would not move “one inch to the east” \(i.e., toward Russia\)](#) by adding, to the NATO military alliance, *any* of the nations (*such as* Romania) which had been in the Soviet Union’s Warsaw Pact, nor especially any nations that had been [a part of the former Soviet Union itself \(such as Ukraine\)](#). The U.S. Government wants to bring Ukraine into NATO, to become its 29th member-nation. But Ukraine is not yet a member, and NATO therefore doesn’t yet have any *legitimate* business there, at all. NATO isn’t, and can’t yet be, ‘defending’ Ukraine — no matter how much NATO might possibly want to go to war against Russia.

For NATO to be alleging to be “concerned by Russia’s military buildup close to our borders” is amazing, since NATO is militarily building up not only “close to” Russia’s borders, but right *on* Russia’s borders (such as in Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania) and is now seeking to

add Ukraine as a member, but already has other formerly Russia-allied nations: Poland, East Germany, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Bulgaria, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Slovenia, and, this year, Montenegro — and is attempting to draw in the few remaining ones, but *especially* Ukraine, which it claims to be ‘defending’.

[The Warsaw Pact was formed six years after the NATO alliance was, and only after repeated failures by the Soviet Union to be allowed into NATO.](#) The Soviet leader, **Mikhail Gorbachev**, was, additionally, but only vaguely, promised, in 1990, that if the Cold War would ‘end’, then Russia, now to become an independent nation, would be considered ‘again’ for possible admission into NATO, but this vaguely presented bait turned out not to be honored in reality, once the deal was done. During the years after 1991, NATO boldly and blatantly violated the “move not one inch to the east” agreement with Gorbachev, and took on 13 new members — all of which lands had previously been either inside the Soviet Union, or else inside the Warsaw Pact — so that NATO increased from its then-existing 16 nations, to become today’s 29 nations, all of which 13 additional nations had previously been allied with Russia; and, so, NATO is now not only [near Russia’s borders, such as in Romania, but right on Russia’s very borders in other nations](#), and the U.S. is, even [now installing an anti-missile system to annihilate Russia’s retaliatory missiles in the event that the U.S. regime decides to launch a blitz first-strike nuclear attack against Russia](#) to eliminate Russia’s retaliatory nuclear arsenals either on the ground or in the air and thus finally conquer NATO’s eternal target: Russia.

NATO repeatedly accuses Russia of aggression for defending itself against American, and other NATO, aggressions, such as U.S. **President Barack Obama’s carefully engineered coup that started being planned in 2011 and was finally perpetrated in 2014 to take over Ukraine’s Government to turn anti-Russian** this country, Ukraine, which has the longest of all European borders with Russia. The U.S. regime wants Ukraine in NATO, but other NATO members don’t yet allow it (and maybe never will).



However, American and other NATO ‘news’ media, lie about this entire matter, and present NATO as being purely a ‘defensive’ organization, instead of what it actually is: a major component in [the U.S. dictatorship’s](#) effort ultimately to checkmate Russia or else to kill Russians entirely and take over their natural resources to be controlled by U.S. and other international corporations.

NATO is an international mega-criminal gang, which enormously increases the likelihood of World War III, but which also is enormously profitable for its ultimate backers, Lockheed Martin and other NATO weapons-makers, whose controlling ownership also happens to own

and control, and to advertise their other corporations' products and services in, the 'news' media in those nations. Media-profits are thus connected — both directly and indirectly — to that military-industrial complex, which needs invasions, even if it doesn't actually need to conquer Russia or any other country. But perpetual war for perpetual 'peace' is the most essential thing of all for NATO (and, since nuclear weaponry is the most expensive type of all, the anti-Russian agenda is *especially* important to NATO, even without Russia's natural resources). That's what actually is behind [NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg's speech on October 9th near Russia's border](#), in which he alleged,

"Our deployments are a direct response to Russia's aggressive actions in Ukraine," and, "We are concerned by Russia's military build-up close to our borders." He said there, "We do not want to isolate Russia. NATO does not want a new Cold War. Our actions are designed to prevent, not provoke conflict."

(Even Hitler had said, prior to the start of WW II, that he was merely 'defending' Germany, against other countries.) Stoltenberg knows, as well as anyone possibly can, that, **on the U.S. regime's side, the Cold War never stopped**, and that it has escalated sharply and re-invigorated NATO itself, with the Obama-regime's takeover of Ukraine, and he knows that the 'aggression' which NATO and [the U.S. regime blame against Russia](#), constitute actually Russia's defensive actions which necessarily result from Obama's Ukrainian coup on Russia's very doorstep — a coup which was even documented on recordings, such as [here](#) and [here](#) (and [many other key moments](#)) (and the key background for which [coup](#) has, by now, also been documented, going all the way back to 2011, when the planning for organizing Obama's coup [was already begun in 2011 inside the U.S. State Department](#)), and which therefore cannot even be denied (except in the persistently lying U.S.-NATO team's 'news'media).

It's all a big 'jobs program' for the U.S. and other extremely corrupt-at-the-top nations — the U.S. aristocracy and its vassal-aristocracies in Europe and elsewhere, and their lying 'news'media, who can't deny the evidence, and so they simply ignore the evidence, and they instead stenographically 'report' the U.S. Government's lies as '*truths*', much the same as had happened prior to the U.S. Government's invasion of Iraq in 2003, only on a much larger scale now.

So, these ugly facts are not reported in the NATO press, *because* they're true — their truth is *why* they're not allowed to be broadcast and publicly debated. Their being true is blocking those '[democracies](#)' from allowing their respective publics to know anything about any of this.

We are, thus, all living in the type of situation that the allegorical novel *1984* described; but the means by which it operates, in reality, turn out to be far more sophisticated than in the fictional version.

Welcome, then, to 2017's version of *1984* — it's the updated version, in which, NATO is "concerned by [Russia's military buildup close to our borders](#)."

Investigative historian **Eric Zuesse** is the author, most recently, of [They're Not Even Close: The Democratic vs. Republican Economic Records, 1910-2010](#), and of [CHRIST'S VENTRILOQUISTS: The Event that Created Christianity](#).

[Comment on Global Research Articles on our Facebook page](#)

[Become a Member of Global Research](#)

Articles by: [Eric Zuesse](#)

About the author:

Investigative historian Eric Zuesse is the author, most recently, of *They're Not Even Close: The Democratic vs. Republican Economic Records, 1910-2010*, and of *CHRIST'S VENTRILOQUISTS: The Event that Created Christianity*.

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