

# Outgoing CIA Director Hypes Nonexistent Russian Threat

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*America needs enemies to advance its imperial agenda. None exist so they're invented - a pretext for current wars, future ones, color revolutions, old-fashioned coups and assassinations.*

It's been the American way from the republic's inception, a culture of violence persisting at home and abroad since the 18th century, far more dangerous with today's super-weapons able to kill us all.

Neocon infest Washington, Trump's tenure perhaps destined to be the most turbulent in US history since the Civil War, how he'll fare yet to be determined.

Dark forces far more powerful than the office of the presidency confront him. If he diverges from longstanding practice, especially geopolitically, he may not last a full term, maybe not a full year.

Working with Russia cooperatively, instead of maintaining adversarial relations, could seal his fate.

Interviewed on Fox News Sunday, January 15, host Chris Wallace asked outgoing CIA director John Brennan if disparaging comments by two former agency heads wasn't just cause for Trump to believe Langley is out to get him.

Former acting CIA director **Mike Morell** said "(i)n the intelligence business, we would say Mr. Putin had recruited Mr. Trump as an unwitting agent of the Russian Federation."

Former agency head **Michael Hayden** called Trump a "**useful fool...manipulated by Moscow**, secretly held in contempt, but his blind support is happily accepted and exploited."

**Brennan** neither "defend(ed) or explain(ed) what they said." Claiming the intelligence community will support Trump depends entirely on how his agenda unfolds, especially his policy toward Russia.

Hyping its nonexistent threat, Brennan claimed Trump doesn't have a full appreciation of (its) capabilities, (its) intentions, and actions (it's) undertaking in many parts of the world."

Fact: Putin favors world peace and stability, wants cooperative relations with all nations, deplores America's imperial madness.

Brennan: Russia must "change (its) behavior, change (its) actions."

Translation: Russia must play by Washington rules, be subservient to its wishes or else.

Brennan opposes Trump and Putin working together cooperatively. He's against lifting sanctions, no matter their illegality.

He lied about what's happening in Ukraine, in Syria, in "the cyber realm." Trump needs to step back from "absolving Russia of various actions" it never undertook, he said.

No "Russian aggression" exists in Ukraine, Syria or anywhere else. US wars of aggression rage in multiple theaters, responsible for millions of casualties Brennan ignored.

He recited a laundry list of nonexistent threats, ones Washington uses as pretexts for raping and destroying one country after another.

US national security hasn't been threatened since WW II. Brennan lied claiming otherwise. Asked to name his greatest accomplishments and regrets, he shamelessly expressed pride in being part of an administration involved in "advanc(ing) the interests of peace and stability," along with related issues.

Obama's disgraceful record speaks for itself - the most ruthless regime in US history, the most lawless, the most contemptuous of humanity at home and abroad.

As for regrets, Brennan named Syria, shamelessly claiming his "heart...bleeds over what happened" there - ignoring US naked aggression against a sovereign independent country threatening no one, the CIA under his direction playing a major role.

Brennan is an unindicted war criminal, unaccountable for Nuremberg-level crimes of war and against humanity.

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