

Putin's Road to Armageddon?

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The United States government, speaking through the mouth of Secretary of State Blinken, defied all of Russia's warnings this week with this declaration:

"Ukraine will become a member of NATO. Our purpose at the summit is to help build a bridge to that membership."

By Putin's refusal to use the necessary force to deal with the dangerous situation and by continuing to insist that the conflict is nothing but a limited operation to clear Ukrainian forces out of the Russian provinces, not an invasion of Ukraine, Russia will soon find herself at war with NATO. See [this](#).

I have warned consistently without effect, only to be denounced by idiots as "bloodthirsty," that Putin's unrealism about the conflict, like his previous unrealism about the Minsk Agreement and his unrealism about the overthrow of the Ukrainian government in the so-called Maidan Revolution, **is a direct path to World War III.**



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Russia has only a short time to knock out Ukraine, destroy the government, occupy the country and build a wall around it.

The ascension of Ukraine to NATO “is literally how the nuclear apocalypse movie starts,” says **Elon Musk**, one of the few remaining intelligent Americans.

Putin’s “limited military operation” has achieved nothing but two new NATO members—Finland and Sweden—attacks on Russian civilians inside Russia, mounting deaths from Western weapon system after weapon system supplied to Ukraine along with NATO military personnel to operate them and Western intelligence to target them.

All the while Putin has been unable to comprehend that Russia is at war.

Putin’s lack of response to mounting provocations has convinced Washington that Putin’s warnings are meaningless.

Putin’s failure to enforce his red lines has caused Washington to lose belief that Putin has any red lines.

Just as Putin was forced into his “limited military operation” by the insulting cold shoulder Washington gave his plea for a mutual security pact, Russia will be forced into wider war with NATO by Washington’s defiance of Putin’s warning that Russia will not allow NATO membership for Ukraine.

Putin has a few months to end Ukraine’s existence, a country that never existed until Washington created it, before Putin’s inability to act brings on World War III.

Despite the dire situation, Putin remains unable to come to terms with reality. The Russian government continues to demonstrate to Washington weakness and irresolution by repeating its willingness to negotiate. Here we see Putin’s failure as a war leader. It should be Washington and NATO pleading with Putin to negotiate.

We are traveling along the road to Armageddon exactly as I predicted. One ignored provocation leads to another and worst provocation, and then to another and another, and now we have reached the red line that Putin cannot ignore. At this point the only way Putin can avoid World War III is to surrender or to terminate the existence of Ukraine before Washington elevates Ukraine to NATO membership. There is no other choice.

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