

Shrinking the Technosphere, U.S. War-mongering Toward Russia

Interview with Dmitry Orlov. Global Research News Hour Episode 156

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"We can not solve our problems with the same level of thinking that created them." -Albert Einstein

There is no question that technology has been key to humanity's mastery and domination of the planet.

Thanks to these marvels of innovation, humans have transformed their natural surroundings to their service, leading to larger numbers of people, reliable and greater supplies of food, and the ability to extend lifespans.

There is of course the other edge of that sword.

Thanks to the powers they have harnessed, humanity is currently facing a multitude of interconnected dilemmas and problems stemming from population over-shoot, climate change, and resource depletion. Thanks to human ingenuity applied on an industrial scale, human agencies threaten destructive wars and military interventions capable of destroying all life on the planet.

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In a brilliant new book, author and past guest Dmitry Orlov postulates the existence of something called the 'technosphere', analogous to the biosphere, which came into existence as soon as human inventions started impacting the natural world. This artificial construct, appears not to embrace life as we know it, nor does it have any affinity for the human species, beyond what can be manipulated into the technosphere's service!

In one of our program's most provocative interviews yet, Dmitry Orlov further explains the characteristics of the technosphere, the short-comings of techno-fixes for our ecological crises (eg: 'renewable energy'), how organized religion and progressive social movements are enabled by and artifacts of the technosphere, and how this force imperiling all life on Earth can ultimately be overcome and human freedom secured.

Orlov ends the interview with a review of the history behind the current Russia-US tensions, prospects for a larger war, and what, if anything, the diplomatic breakdown signifies.

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Dmitry Orlov emigrated from Russia where he was born to the United States in the mid-1970s. He has degrees in Computer Engineering and Linguistics and has worked in the fields of high energy physics, internet commerce, advertising and network security.

He is the author of numerous articles and two previous books: [Reinventing Collapse: The Soviet Experience and American Prospects](#) as well as [The Five Stages of Collapse: Survivors' Toolkit](#). His latest book [Shrinking the Technosphere: Getting a Grip on the Technologies that Limit our Autonomy, Self-sufficiency and Freedom](#) is published by [New Society Publishers](#) and available in November, 2016. Dmitry Orlov blogs at [cluborlov.com](#).

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