

Trump Said We Should “Get Along with Russia”. He’s Right

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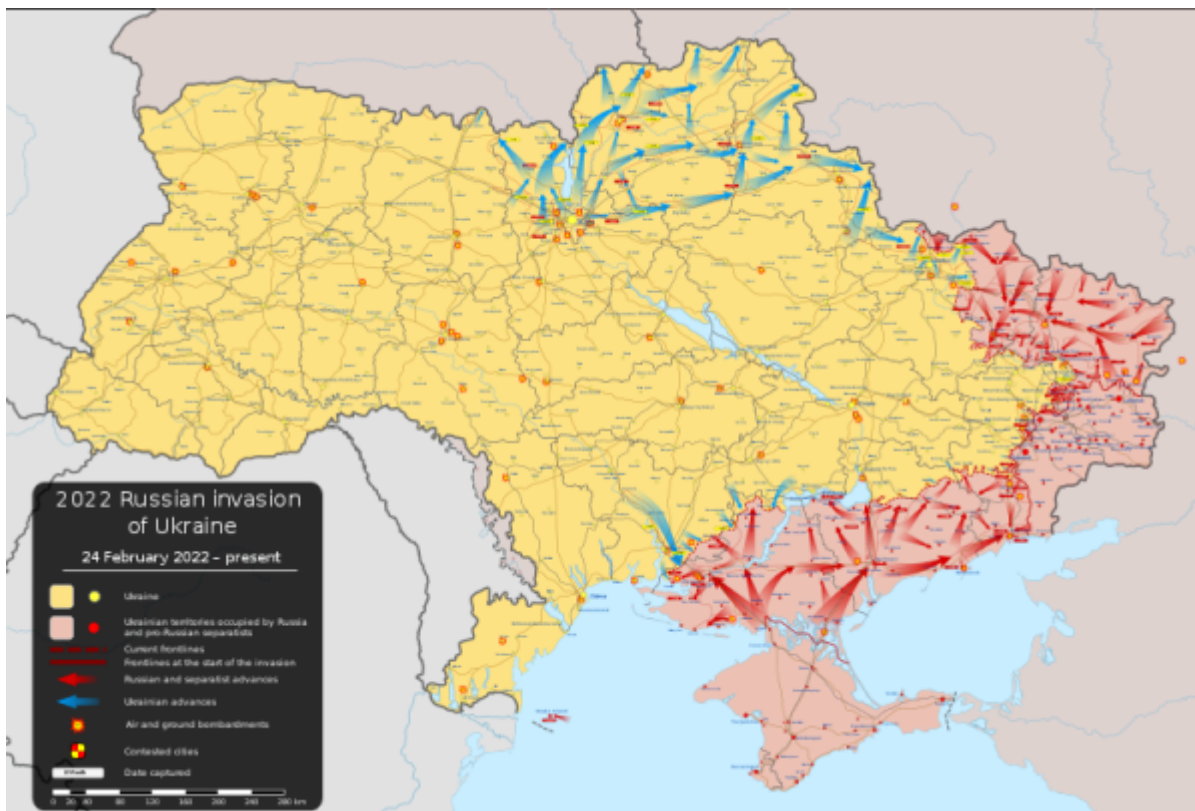
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Look at this map of Ukraine.

Can you see what’s going on? The Russians are creating a buffer zone along their western perimeter.



Why are they doing that? What benefit do they derive from a buffer zone?

Well, a buffer zone creates a distance between Russia and Ukraine which Putin thinks is necessary since Ukraine is threatening to join NATO. So, he’s creating his own DMZ on his

western flank.

But what does that prove?

It proves that we've been lied to from the very beginning. **Putin was not planning to reconstruct the Soviet Empire like the media told us.** He did not want to seize the Capitol, Kiev, and he did not want to conquer the entire Ukrainian landmass. **That was all baloney.**

What he wanted to do, is what he has done.

Don't take my word for it, look at the map. You don't need CNN or Rachel Maddow to tell you what you can see with your own two eyes. **This is the reality 'on the ground'.**

This is a buffer zone. It creates a distance between Russia and Ukraine, it protects the ethnic Russians in the Donbass region, and it establishes a landbridge to Crimea where Russia's vital deep-water port of Sevastopol is located. In other words, it achieves what Putin wanted to achieve from the very beginning, that is, enhanced security along his western border.

What we are seeing is the basic parameters of Russia's "Special Military Operation". Yes, many people will prefer to call it a "war", but the term is not nearly as precise as "Special Military Operation".

Why?

Because **"Special Military Operation" indicates that the main objective is to save the lives of the ethnic Russians who had been under constant bombardment for the last 8 years and, also, to create a security zone that prevents a hostile NATO army and its missile system from being deployed to Russia's border.** These are the goals of the "Special Military Operation"; to "demilitarize" and "denazify" the area under Russia's control. Get it?

Will the "Special Military Operation" go beyond the Donbass to Kiev and cities in the west?

Probably, not. Going beyond the Donbass would likely involve a complete mobilization of men and resources which has not yet taken place in Russia. **By not mobilizing, Putin is signaling to the west that he will limit his operation to the area on the map. (With some slight expansion) Putin is indicating that his main concern is security,** and since his concerns were casually brushed aside by Biden and Zelensky, he took matters into his own hands. In other words, he imposed his own settlement.

Okay, but if these are the parameters of the Special Military Operation, then what are the chances of a wider war?

That depends on Biden. If Washington continues on the path of escalation -by sending weapons systems that can strike targets in Russia- then Putin will respond. We should know that by now. Putin is not going to back down no matter what. If Washington wants to up-the-ante, then they should prepare for an equal response. That's the way it's going to work. For now, the "Special Military Operation" is just a "Special Military Operation". But **when it becomes a war, then all bets are off.** Then we will see a full mobilisation, a complete

rupture in US-Russo relations, and a halt to all hydrocarbon flows from east to west.

Do you think Europe and the United States are prepared for that? **Do you think the EU can replace the 25% of the oil and 40% of all the natural gas it presently imports from Russia?** Do you have a wind-powered car that will get you to work on time or a factory that will run on solar power? Do you have a plan for heating your house with hydrogen or perhaps a battery from an old Prius?

No, you don't, and neither does Europe. Europe runs on fossil fuels. America runs on fossil fuels. And the more fossil fuel that is consumed, the more the economy grows. The less fossil fuel is consumed, the more the economy shrinks. **Are you prepared for life in a shrinking economy with high unemployment, skyrocketing inflation, unending recession, and deepening social malaise brought on by your government's misguided desire to "stick it to Putin"?**

That's a bad choice, isn't it? Especially when a face-saving deal can be made at anytime. In fact, Biden could stop the fighting tomorrow if he extended the hand of friendship to Putin and declared that, yes, **Ukraine will accept neutrality til the end of time and NATO expansion will stop ASAP.**

That's all it would take. Just extend the olive branch and Putin will 'call off the dogs'. Guaranteed.

That's what this guy would have done. Remember him? **Remember how bad things were when Trump was in office and gas was 2 bucks a gallon, and everyone had a job, and there was no inflation, and violent crime was under control?**

Listen to what Trump had to say about Russia:

"Well, **I hope we do have good relations with Russia.** I say it loud and clear and I've been saying it for years. I think **it's a good thing if we have a great relations with Russia.** That's very important. And, I believe, some day that will happen. It's a big country, it's a nuclear country, it's a country we should get along with, and **I think we will eventually get along with Russia.**"

He's right, isn't he? We need to get along with Russia and put an end to the fighting before these morons drag us into World War 3.

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