

Ukraine and the Curse of Zbigniew Brzezinski

“The Grand Chessboard” sketched the contours of Russia’s prophesied fall and the capture of Eurasia for neoliberal exploitation.

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Here is U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres.

Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine has triggered "the most massive violations of human rights" in the world today, the head of the United Nations said Monday, as the war pushed into its second year with no end in sight and tens of thousands dead. <https://t.co/XpM0Lu7rb8>

— CBS News (@CBSNews) [February 28, 2023](#)

I don't recall this level of denunciation and condemnation on the part of UN officialdom when George W. Bush invaded Iraq and killed over a million people.

There was criticism, most prominently by then Secretary General of the UN, Kofi Annan. He said the neocon invasion violated the UN Charter. Kofi said it was illegal.

Nothing came of this, naturally. There are rules, and they are “based” on whatever the rulers dictate, and the rules then and now dictate the USG, the United States Government, may do as it wishes, no different than any other enforcer of an authoritarian ideology.

The double standard is plain as day. The USG may, without fear of repercussion, and under the cover of false pretense and engineered lies, invade another county, kill thousands if not millions of its citizens, and claim it is promoting “democracy.”

Even if it is revealed a war is based entirely on lies and fabrication, as the Iraq war obviously was, the perpetrators, the neocons in this instance, not only escape culpability, they are allowed to retreat to think tanks and media corporations. Is it any wonder they seep back into government—or never left in the first place—and are now once again dictating foreign

policy?

The neocons *are* the foreign policy establishment, never mind which of the two uniparty factions we might be talking about. During Bush II, Dick Cheney was allowed to drive the neocon foreign policy dream, or nightmare rather, and oversee the widespread destruction across the Middle East.

Back in the day, the neocons were viewed as a republican thing. However, the early neocons were democrats disenchanted with the peace movement and opposition to the Vietnam War, in addition to a dislike of cultural values taking shape in 1960s America.

For the neocons, the democrat faction is a natural home, primarily due to its renewed interest in a belligerent foreign policy, most prominently under President Obama and his Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton. “If anything, on foreign policy,” write [Marshall Auerbach and James Carden](#),

the Democrats have moved rightward in recent years, having fallen not only under the spell of “Russiagate” but also increasingly under the influence of neocons and other former Bush officials... The Democrats have also displayed a rather supine obeisance regarding the country’s intelligence community, despite many well-documented lies or half-truths that would, at the very least, justify some skepticism about their claims or motivations.

The “Democratic establishment rehabilitated the neocons,” writes [Omar Hassan](#),

...the neocons dutifully supported Biden against Trump. And the president-elect is filling his administration with militaristic hacks. For instance, Antony Blinken, Biden’s choice for secretary of state, was a supporter of the Iraq invasion. Jake Sullivan has been appointed as a national security adviser after spending years on the board of right-wing think tank Alliance for Securing Democracy.

Elon Musk, all of a sudden a geopolitical expert (despite his war profiteering), was paraphrased recently by Rep. Gosar of Arizona,

Elon is correct. Both Nuland and Blinken have a deeply rooted irrational hatred of Russia, and they seek to get the US involved in another world war. These are dangerous fools who can get us all killed. <https://t.co/PCkxUkQYqW>

— Rep. Paul Gosar, DDS (@RepGosar) [February 23, 2023](#)



Considering the current hysterical political climate, Gosar's remark, for a government official, is quite amazing. He will be denounced as a Trump stooge and a Russian disinformation bot, never mind the truth spoken.

Call it the Curse of Zbigniew Brzezinski, the russophobic Pole that served as Jimmy Carter's national security adviser. Brzezinski's "The Grand Chessboard" sketched the contours of Russia's prophesied fall and the capture of Eurasia for neoliberal exploitation. [Dr. Carl Boggs](#) writes for Global Research,

None other than Zbigniew Brzezinski, once president Jimmy Carter's foreign-policy guru, laid out an imperial strategy that would ultimately lead to the gates of Moscow, in his 1997 manifesto titled *The Grand Chessboard*. Brzezinski believed the noble superpower was entitled to whatever natural resources it could access in Eurasia, a territory stretching from Europe to the borders of China. Here it was determined that oil, gas, mineral, and other reserves dwarfed those accessible anywhere else on the planet. Russia itself would be a special prize, just as Wilson in his ill-defined global liberalism had been the first to recognize. (Emphasis added.)

The subjugation of Russia, the neocon-proposed dismemberment of its union, a return to the 1990s (widespread poverty, disease, alcoholism, shortened life spans), and the repeat of a Nazi invasion (and Napoleon's before that) have galvanized the Russian people.

There will not be a Ukraine-style coup in Moscow. It remains to be seen what will happen in Ukraine. However, as Russia considers the treachery of the USG and its partners (Minsk I, II), the outrageous war propaganda coming primarily from the USG corporate media, the nonstop stoking of dangerous russophobia, and above all providing increasingly sophisticated weapons to neo-nazi psychopaths, we can reasonably predict the war will continue.

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