

# What Does Standing Up for Ukraine Signify While Casually Ignoring “Violence Against Others”?

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*The leaders of a bevy of NATO-aligned countries have appeared in a collage that reads “Stand up for Ukraine.” It comes across blatantly as propaganda cooked by a corporate PR firm as part of the information war being waged against Russia.*

My question to these upstanding, er ... these people standing up, is: When have you stood up for, in no particular order:

- Palestine
- Syria
- Libya
- Iraq
- Afghanistan
- Yemen
- Iran
- Democratic Republic of Congo
- Somalia
- Haiti
- Serbia
- Venezuela
- Bolivia
- Honduras
- Nicaragua

This is, of course, an inexhaustive list. What follows is an analysis of what NATO types standing up for signifies for the first six listed countries above, along with two unlisted countries.

## Palestine

According to the Israeli human rights organization B'Tselem, 10,165 [Palestinians have been killed](#) by Israeli security forces since the beginning of the second intifada in September 2000, and an additional 82 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli civilians. This disregard for the life of the non-Jew is ingrained in many Talmudic Jews, as Holocaust survivor and chemistry professor Israel Shahak detailed in his book *Jewish History, Jewish Religion: The Weight Of Three Thousand Years*. If anyone needs convincing of this Jewish discrimination and racism towards non-Jews, then peruse [the statistics](#) at the B'Tselem website on home demolitions, who can and cannot use roads in the West Bank, the water crisis, and settler crimes against Palestinians.

Many of these Stand up for Ukraine types have been glued to their seats during the slow-motion genocide by Zionist Jews against Palestinians.

Are Palestinians a lesser people than Ukrainians?

## Syria

These Stand up for Ukraine types in their spiffy business attire have also been seated while backing Islamist terrorists in Syria. Americans later invaded and still occupy the northeastern corner of Syria, stealing the oil and wheat crops.

The UN Human Rights chief Michelle Bachelet [reported](#) that more than 350,000 people have been killed in 10 years of warring in Syria, adding that this figure was an undercount.

Are Syrians a lesser people than Ukrainians?

## Libya

In February 2020, Yacoub El Hillo, the UN humanitarian coordinator for Libya, called the impact of the NATO-led war on civilians [“incalculable.”](#)

Are Libyans a lesser people than Ukrainians?

## Iraq

I have a vivid memory of a crowd of students gathered around a TV screen in the University of Victoria to cheer on the start of Shock and Awe in Iraq. The US-led war on Iraq was based on the pretext that Iraq had weapons-of-mass-destruction although the head UN weapons inspector Scott Ritter had found Iraq to be “fundamentally disarmed.”

Chemistry professor Gideon Polya [was critical](#) of how the western monopoly media “resolutely ignore the crucial epidemiological concept of non-violent avoidable deaths (excess deaths, avoidable mortality, excess mortality, deaths that should not have happened) associated with war-imposed deprivation.” Polya cites 2.7 million Iraqi deaths from violence (1.5 million) or from violently-imposed deprivation (1.2 million).

Abdul Haq al-Ani, PhD in international law, and Tarik al-Ani, a researcher of Arab/Islamic issues, wrote a legal *tour de force*, [Genocide in Iraq: The Case against the UN Security Council and Member States](#), that makes the case for myriad US war crimes that amount to a

genocide.

Nonetheless, US troops are still stationed in Iraq despite being told to leave by the Iraqi government.

Are Iraqis a lesser people than Ukrainians?

## Afghanistan

The Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs at Brown University [estimates](#) 241,000 people have been killed in the Afghanistan and Pakistan war zone since 2001. The institute's key findings are:

As of April 2021, more than [71,000](#) Afghan and Pakistani civilians are estimated to have died as a direct result of the war.

- The United States military in 2017 relaxed its rules of engagement for airstrikes in Afghanistan, which resulted in a massive increase in civilian casualties.
- The [CIA](#) has armed and funded Afghan militia groups who have been implicated in grave human rights abuses and killings of civilians.
- Afghan land is contaminated with [unexploded ordnance](#), which kills and injures tens of thousands of Afghans, especially children, as they travel and go about their daily chores.
- The war has exacerbated the effects of poverty, malnutrition, poor sanitation, lack of access to health care, and environmental degradation on Afghans' health.

Are Afghans a lesser people than Ukrainians?

## Yemen

In November 2021, the UN Development Programme published "Assessing the Impact of War in Yemen: Pathways for Recovery" (available [here](#)) in which it was estimated that by the end of 2021, there would be 377,000 deaths in Yemen. Tragically, "In 2021, a Yemeni child under the age of five dies every nine minutes because of the conflict." (p 12)

The Yemeni economy is being destroyed and has forced 15.6 million people into extreme immiseration along with 8.6 million people being malnourished. Worse is predicted to come: "If war in Yemen continues through 2030, we estimate that 1.3 million people will die as a result..." (p 12)

Countries such as Canada, the US, UK, France, Spain, South Africa, China, India, and Turkey that supply arms to Saudi Arabia and the UAE are complicit in the war on the Yemeni people.

Are Yemenis a lesser people than Ukrainians?

One could continue on through the above list of countries "invaded" and arrive at the same conclusions. The predominantly white faces of western heads of government in their suits and ties or matching jackets and skirts *did not stand up for* the brown-skinned people killed in the countries adumbrated. Most of these countries were, in fact, directly attacked by NATO countries or by countries that were supported by NATO. What does that imply for the Standing up for Ukraine bunch?

## The Donbass Republics of Donetsk and Lugansk

And lastly, most telling, is *just how many of these people stood up for Donbass when it was being shelled by Ukraine?*

If France and Germany, guarantors for the Minsk Agreements that Ukraine signed, had not only guaranteed but also enforced Ukraine's compliance, then, very arguably, no Russian recognition of the independence of the republics of Donetsk and Lugansk would have been forthcoming and there would have been no Russian military response. But France and Germany *did not stand up* for their roles as guarantors of the Minsk Agreements.

Consequently, for all these politicians to contradict their previous insouciance and suddenly get off their posteriors and pose as virtuous anti-war types standing up for Ukraine is nigh impossible to swallow. Given that the historical evidence belies the integrity of this Stand up for Ukraine bunch, they ought better to have striven for some consistency and remained seated.

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