

World War III in The Pipeline? US and European Allies Threaten Russia, Americans Need to Wake Up

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The Western public doesn't know it, but Washington and its European vassals are convincing Russia that they are preparing to attack. [Eric Zuesse reports](#) on a German newspaper leak of a Bundeswehr decision to declare Russia to be an enemy nation of Germany.

This is the interpretation that some Russian politicians themselves have put on the NATO military bases that Washington is establishing on Russia's borders.

Washington might intend the military buildup as pressure on President Putin to reduce Russian opposition to Washington's unilateralism. However, it reminds some outspoken Russians such as Vladimir Zhirinovskiy of Hitler's troops on Russia's border in 1941.

Zhirinovskiy is the founder and leader of Russia's Liberal Democratic Party and a vice chairman of the Russian parliament. In a confrontation with the editor of a German newspaper, Zhirinovskiy tells him that German troops again on Russia's border will provoke a preventive strike after which nothing will remain of German and NATO troops. "The more NATO soldiers in your territory, the faster you are going to die. To the last man. Remove NATO from your territory!"

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov has expressed his frustration with Washington's reliance on force and coercion instead of diplomacy. It is reckless for Washington to convince Russia that diplomacy is a dead end without promise. When the Russians reach that conclusion, force will confront force.

Indeed Zhirinovskiy has already reached that point and perhaps Vladimir Putin also. (see Video Below)

[As I reported, Putin recently dressed down Western prostitutes for their role in fomenting nuclear war.](#)

Putin has made it clear that Russia will not accept US missile bases in Poland and Romania. He has informed Washington and the Polish and Romanian governments. However, as Putin observed, "they don't hear."

The inability to hear means that Washington's arrogance has made Washington too stupid to take seriously Putin's warning. If Washington persists, it will provoke the preventive strike that Zhirinovskiy told the German editor the Merkel regime was inviting.

Americans need to wake up to the dangerous situation that Washington has created, but I

doubt they will. Most wars happen without the public's knowledge until they happen. The main function of the American left-wing is to serve as a bogymen with which to scare conservatives about the country's loss of morals, and the main function of conservatives is to create fear and hysteria about immigrants, Muslims, and Russians. There is no sign that Congress is aware of approaching Armageddon, and the media consists of propaganda.

I and a few others try to alert people to the real threats that they face, but our voices are not loud enough. Not even Vladimir Putin's voice is loud enough. It looks like the West won't hear until "there remains nothing at all of the German and NATO troops," and of Poland and Romania and the rest of us.

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