

“Not one inch to the east”

<https://gyazo.com/d3ccc878dd53380b39083bfb30f0b618>

“Good luck” - Joe Biden to Zyuganov in 1997

<https://twitter.com/BowesChay/status/1629628256038141958>

“There is also various evidence of the US-led regime change during the Maidan in Ukraine. The Ukrainian foreign minister during Euro-maidan testified at the Maidan massacre trial in Ukraine in 2019 that a senior US State Department official Victoria Nuland in her meeting with him and Yanukovych at the very start of Euromaidan on December 5, 2013, proposed to sack the Mykola Azarov cabinet, restore the constitution of 2004, and to conduct early parliamentary and presidential elections (see Zasidannia vid 3.12.2019 2019). This de facto meant a peaceful regime change and the same points as were the demands of the Maidan opposition.

Yanukovych eventually accepted all these US administration demands and first fired Azarov and his Cabinet of Ministers and then signed the agreement with the Maidan opposition leaders and French, German, and Polish foreign ministers on February 21, 2014 (Katchanovski, 2025a). An intercepted telephone call between Victoria Nuland and the US ambassador in Ukraine prior to February 20, 2014 shows them discussing which specific Maidan opposition leaders, specifically Arseniy Yatseniuk, can be in the Ukrainian government after Yanukovych offered the positions in his government to the opposition leaders following the sacking of the Azarov and the Cabinet of Ministers (Marionetki, 2014). John McCain, the influential US Senator, stated in his CNN interview during his and other US politicians visit to Kyiv in December 2013 that they were trying to “bring about a peaceful transition” in Ukraine (i.e., the government change) (see McCain, 2013).”

Similarly, US Senator Chris Murphy, who also backed the Maidan anti-government protests during his visit to Ukraine, stated shortly after the Maidan:

I think it was our role, including sanctions and threats of sanctions, that forced, in part, Yanukovych from office... We have not sat on the sidelines. We have been very much involved. Members of the Senate have been there. Members of the State Department have been on the Square. The Obama administration passed sanctions. The Senate was prepared to pass its own set of sanctions, and as I’ve said, I think that the clear position of the United States has, in part, been what has helped lead to this change in regime... If, ultimately, this is a peaceful transition to a new government in Ukraine, it will be the U.S. on the streets of Ukraine who will be seen as a great friend in helping make that transition happen. (Murphy, 2014)

Nuland and various other senior US and EU officials and politicians also publicly supported Euromaidan by visiting the Maidan. US and EU leaders also publicly condemned use of force by the Yanukovych government against the Maidan protesters and threatened to impose sanctions. Yanukovych ordered to stop such attempts by the police and the Internal Troops to

clear the Maidan on December 10, in late January, and on February 18 in part because of such pressure from the Western leaders (Katchanovski, 2025a).

US President Barack Obama stated that “we had brokered a deal to transition power in Ukraine” after the massacre and before Yanukovych fled, but the US president or other American government officials did not release any specific information about the nature of this involvement (PRES, 2015). Yanukovych and Putin stated that right after the Maidan massacre there was an agreement with Obama but that the US president broken it. Mykhailo Dobkin, the former governor of Kharkiv Region, confirmed this. He said that when they met in Kharkiv in February 2014, Yanukovych told him that he had guarantees from Obama and Putin concerning the implementation of the agreement which he signed (Dobkin, 2017). Putin and the Russian Foreign Minister Lavrov suggested that Obama pushed for signing a deal between Yanukovych and the Maidan leaders but that the Maidan opposition broke the deal and seized the power the next day (see Obama, 2019). The deal signed on February 21, 2014 stipulated that the Yanukovych government would not use force against the Maidan and that the Maidan forces would disarm.

Then US Vice President Biden revealed in his memoirs that during the Maidan massacre he called Yanukovych and told him that “it was over; time for him to call off his gunmen and walk away” and “he shouldn’t expect his Russian friends to rescue him from this disaster,” that “Yanukovych had lost the confidence of the Ukrainian people, I said, and he was going to be judged harshly by history if he kept killing them.” Biden wrote that “the disgraced president fled Ukraine the next day—owing to the courage and determination of the demonstrators—and control of the government ended up temporarily in the hands of a young patriot named Arseniy Yatsenyuk.” The US vice president also revealed that he “had been warning him for months to exercise restraint in dealing with his citizens.” (Biden, 2017).

The far-right Svoboda party leader and the deputy head of the Ukrainian parliament from Svoboda stated in their separate interviews that a Western government representative during their and other Maidan leaders meeting told them a few weeks before the Maidan massacre that the Western governments would turn on Yanukovych after casualties among protesters would reach 100 (Braty, 2017, p.94). The Maidan opposition right after the massacre called the killed Maidan protesters the “Heavenly Hundred.” Some Maidan protesters and other people, who were not on the Maidan and died from illnesses and other causes were included in the “Heavenly Hundred” to bring the number of the victims to 100. The US and other Western governments blamed the Yanukovych government and his forces for the massacre of the Maidan protesters. They also immediately recognized the new Maidan government after the seizure of the presidential administration and the parliament by the Maidan Self-Defense and the parliament vote to remove Yanukovych even though such actions violated the agreement signed on February 21, 2014 by Yanukovych, the Maidan opposition leaders, and representatives of France, Germany, and Poland which stipulated withdrawal of the government forces from downtown Kyiv, disarmament of the Maidan activists, early presidential elections, and the investigation of the Maidan massacre with involvement of the Council of Europe.

There is no publicly available evidence of the direct involvement of the US or other Western governments and forces in the Maidan massacre. But these governments de facto backed the overthrow of the Ukrainian government in spite of evidence that this overthrow was perpetrated

by the elements of the Maidan oligarchic and far-right opposition by means of the false-flag mass killing of the Maidan protesters and assassination attempts against Yanukovich. Ukraine becoming a US client state right after the Maidan is indirect evidence of the US-led regime change. The Ukrainian media, Ukrainian and US officials, and a declassified transcript of a meeting of the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine also revealed that the US and other Western governments told the Maidan government leaders not to use military force during the Russian annexation of Crimea in order to avoid a war with Russia (See Chapter 4; Katchanovski, 2015; U.S., 2015). The nearly perfect alignment of the Ukrainian and US government policies after the Maidan is also consistent with Ukraine becoming a US client state and remaining during the Russia-Ukraine war. The US administration was involved in the Maidan government decision to use force in the separatist conflict in Donbas (Chapter 5). The use of Ukraine as a proxy for a proxy war with Russia after the Russian invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022 and the US and UK blocking of a peace deal to end the war in April 2022 also show that Ukraine was a client state.

Then a member of the Ukrainian parliament from the Poroshenko's ruling party and the current adviser to President of Ukraine Zelenskyy stated in 2015 that "Pyatt and the U.S. administration have more influence than ever in the history of independent Ukraine." A rare report in the US media noted that "Americans are highly visible in the Ukrainian political process. The U.S. embassy in Kiev is a center of power, and Ukrainian politicians openly talk of appointments and dismissals being vetted by U.S. Ambassador Geoffrey Pyatt and even U.S. Vice President Joe Biden." (See Bershidsky, 2015)."

The Russia-Ukraine War and its Origins, From the Maidan to the Ukraine War
Ivan Katchanovski

<https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-031-98724-3>

Mentioned above but here it is in the clip - John McCain admitting that **the US is there to foment regime change**, meanwhile complimenting other saboteurs such as Victoria Nuland for their own contributions.

<https://x.com/ricwe123/status/1992598212536836513?s=46>

2014

Immediately after the US-led violent coup plotted and executed by Victoria 'Fuck the EU' Nuland and her neocon chickenhawk cronies, 8 years of Ukrainian shelling of its own (ethnically Russian and Russian-speaking) civilians in Donbas ensues, coinciding with the [Odessa Massacre](#) that saw Crimea vote to secede. Diplomatic efforts (the Minsk Protocol of 2014) have been attempted and repeatedly

failed to prevent the fighting (shelling). The “Minsk 2” agreements (2015) were the final framework and likewise have failed.

"If the Armed Forces of Ukraine receives an order to withdraw heavy weaponry and artillery [from the front lines] and set the ceasefire regime, the Right Sector Volunteer corps reserves the right to continue military actions in accordance with its own operative plans until complete liberation of Ukrainian territories."

—Dmytro Yarosh, Leader of Right Sector/ Tryzub

Yes, sooner or later we are doomed to fight with the Moscow Empire. In order to awaken the warlike spirit of the nation, a lot of effort must be made. I am convinced that we can defeat Satanic Moscow by destroying the Empire and building a strong one, indestructible Self-Consolidated Ukrainian State in only one case — when the Ukrainian nation unites all its internal forces around the National Idea and the slogan « God, Ukraine, Freedom! It's worth living for this, and if you need to — then die.

— Dmytro Yarosh

[Источник: https://censor.net/ru/f2416274](https://censor.net/ru/f2416274)

"With a probability of 99.9% our price for joining NATO is a big war with Russia, and if we do not join NATO, it's absorption by Russia within 10 to 12 years"

- Alexey Arestovich in 2019, Strategic Communications Advisor to Zelensky 2020-2023

<https://youtu.be/1xNHmHpERH8?t=465>

2019

A spurt of foreign policy institute/NGO/think tanks are concurrently pouring out papers on how to use Ukraine to weaken Russia:

“Providing lethal aid to Ukraine would exploit Russia’s greatest point of external vulnerability. But any increase in U.S. military arms and advice to Ukraine would need to be carefully calibrated to increase the costs to Russia of sustaining its existing commitment without provoking a much wider conflict in which Russia, by reason of proximity, would have significant advantages.”

https://www.rand.org/pubs/research_briefs/RB10014.html

They even made a table that colour-coded the superiority of using Ukraine specifically, in its war on Russia:

<https://gyazo.com/5d91ce5e212d7a8a019798aa0c0a75cc>

2021

August 2021 withdrawal of US from Afghanistan. Military-industrial complex now has no locus.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Withdrawal_of_United_States_troops_from_Afghanistan_\(2020%E2%80%932021\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Withdrawal_of_United_States_troops_from_Afghanistan_(2020%E2%80%932021))

Russia issues list of demands, or an ultimatum to the west, on December 17th 2021:

<https://www.dw.com/en/russia-demands-nato-leave-eastern-europe-limit-missile-deployment/a-60173879>

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/dec/17/russia-issues-list-demands-tensions-europe-ukraine-nato>

What's going on here is that the West is leading Ukraine down the primrose path, and the end result is that Ukraine is going to get wrecked.

- John Mearsheimer, 2015

2022

Sudden massive surge in bombing of civilians in Donbas causes Russia to raise a final cry out to the west on February 19th 2022:

<https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/russia-says-sharp-increase-shelling-donbass-is-alarming-2022-02-18/>

No recognition of these very real and reasonable concerns (as vouched repeatedly over decades by the most elite of the US political and foreign policy, including Bill Burns, then current head of the CIA) are afforded by the US.

This coincides with nuclear provocation on the same day, February 19th 2022:

<https://kyivindependent.com/zelenskys-full-speech-at-munich-security-conference/>

This comes nearly a year after similar earlier nuclear provocation in April 2021:

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2021/4/16/ukraine-may-seek-nuclear-weapons-if-left-out-of-nato-diplomat>

Russia recognises that the LPR and DPR breakaway republics are no longer part of Ukraine on February 21st 2022.

Russia openly abandons all hope of resolution being found in the Minsk agreements on Feb 22nd 2022.:

<https://www.businessinsider.com/putin-says-minsk-agreements-eastern-ukraine-no-longer-exist-2022-2>

https://youtu.be/cYKztqp_OGI?t=116

Still no last minute backing down from the US in sight.

Russia invades on February 24th 2022.

"As a result of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, we have temporarily made allowances for forms of political expression that would normally violate our rules like violent speech such as 'death to the Russian invaders.'"

- Facebook

The Minsk 2 agreements (the only hope of an agreed peaceful solution to the Ukraine civil war)..

<https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/china-foreign-minister-say-minsk-agreement-only-way-out-ukraine-2022-02-19/>

..were a knowing sham, an insidious bad faith ploy to instead buy time to prepare for an inevitable and desired war with Russia:

<https://twitter.com/maxblumenthal/status/1600745894365736960>

<https://tass.com/world/1558201>

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202212/1281708.shtml>

France and Germany were “guarantors” of this peace deal and essential security framework for Europe. Instead of facilitating this peace, they prepared for a horrific war years in advance.

Ukrainian leaders anticipated and expected this:

<https://twitter.com/UncleNestor22/status/1577854579013722112>

European leaders perfidiously betrayed the innocent people of Donbas and stabbed Russia in the back. They destroyed all trust without which diplomacy is impossible and without which any resulting war necessarily will go all the way.

In April 2022, Russia agrees to pull back from Kiev as part of bilateral negotiations. A peace plan is in progress:

<https://www.dw.com/en/russia-pledges-to-scale-down-military-activity-near-kyiv-chernihiv-as-it-happened/a-61286047>

This peace never arrives. Russia withdrew for nothing. They now have to go back in all over again.

Boris Johnson was sent by his US masters to instruct Ukraine’s leadership to fight Russia.

Ukraine is not given permission to agree peace terms that very quickly look very appealing and agreeable in hindsight.

“NATO decided that it is necessary to continue to smash Putin, and not to negotiate... They broke off the negotiations, and then it seemed to me that they were wrong.” - Former Israeli PM Naftali Bennet, 2023

In June of 2022, **former president of Ukraine Petroshenko** said of the Minsk deception: “We had achieved everything we wanted, our goal was to, first, stop the threat, or at least to **delay the war** – to secure eight years to restore economic growth and **create powerful armed forces.**”

<https://tfiglobalnews.com/2022/06/20/ukraines-new-masterstroke-against-russia-is-actually-ukraines-biggest-pro-russia-move/>

The Minsk agreements were initially duplicitously assented to by Ukraine and its guarantors in the west to salvage the surrounded and losing Ukrainian army:

“The Ukraine of 2014-15 is not the Ukraine of today. As you saw in the battle for Debaltsevo in early 2015, Putin could easily have overrun them at the time. And I very much doubt that the NATO countries could have done as much then as they do now to help Ukraine.”

- Angela Merkel, chancellor of Germany 2006-2021, Die Ziet

<https://unherd.com/newsroom/were-the-minsk-agreements-designed-to-fail/>

In February 2023, Zelensky came out and said “But as for Minsk as a whole, I told Emmanuel Macron and Angela Merkel: ‘We cannot implement it like this,’ to which they responded “**If we had known beforehand that you would change the meaning of our meeting, then there would have been problems even before the summit.**””:

<https://i.redd.it/ab2u6rya2dha1.png>

<https://www.nairaland.com/7562314/zelensky-takes-credit-derailing-minsk>

<https://21stcenturywire.com/2023/02/09/zelensky-takes-credit-for-derailing-minsk-agreements/>

In April 2023, pranksters posing as former Ukraine president Poroshenko “got French ex-President Francois Hollande to admit the Minsk Accords were a NATO ruse to militarize Ukraine, and Western nations overthrew Ukraine's democratically-elected government in 2014”

<https://tass.com/world/1600325>

Russia's Vladimir Putin and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy, in their first face-to-face meeting, took part in nine hours of talks in Paris on Monday (9 December), brokered by French President Emmanuel Macron and German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

<https://www.euractiv.com/section/europe-s-east/news/normandy-summit-upholds-the-steinmeier-formula-for-eastern-ukraine/>

No to capitulation! (Ukrainian: Ні капітуляції!, romanized: *Ni kapitulyatsii!*) was a series of protests in Ukraine against the policy of the President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy in eastern Ukraine. Protestors considered implementation of the Minsk Agreements through the "Steinmeier Formula [hy; ru; uk]" to be capitulation to Russia in the Russo-Ukrainian War. - 2019

“Andriy Biletsky, the proudly fascist Azov Battalion leader who once pledged to **“lead the white races of the world in a final crusade...against Semite-led Untermenschen”**, vowed to bring thousands of fighters to Zolote **if Zelensky pressed any further**. Meanwhile, **a parliamentarian from the party of former Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko openly fantasized about Zelensky being blown to bits** by a militant’s grenade.”

Though Zelensky achieved a minor disengagement, the neo-Nazi paramilitaries escalated their “No Capitulation” campaign. And within months, fighting began to heat up again in Zolote, sparking a new cycle of violations of the Minsk Agreement.

By this point, Azov had been formally incorporated into the Ukrainian military and its street vigilante wing, known as the National Corps, was deployed across the country under the watch of the Ukrainian Interior Ministry, and alongside the National Police. In December 2021, Zelensky would be seen delivering a “Hero of Ukraine” award to a leader of the fascistic Right Sector in a ceremony in Ukraine’s parliament.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/No_to_capitulation!

On October 7th 2023, **The head of NATO, Jens Stoltenberg**, admitted that the actions Russia took in February 2022, and beyond, were reactive.

“The background was that President Putin declared in the autumn of 2021, and actually sent a draft treaty that they wanted NATO to sign, to promise no more NATO enlargement. That was what he sent us. And was a pre-condition to not invade Ukraine. Of course, we didn’t sign that.

The opposite happened. He wanted us to sign that promise, never to enlarge NATO. He wanted us to remove our military infrastructure in all Allies that have joined NATO since 1997, meaning half of NATO, all the Central and Eastern Europe, we should remove NATO from that part of our Alliance, introducing some kind of B, or second-class membership. We rejected that.

So, he went to war to prevent NATO, more NATO, close to his borders. He has got the exact opposite.”

This is a knife to the heart of the “Putin went mad” and “Russian imperialism” propaganda.

<https://www.jeffsachs.org/newspaper-articles/nato-chief-admits-expansion-behind-russian-invasion>

<https://www.nato.int/en/news-and-events/events/transcripts/2023/09/07/opening-remarks>

NATO had ample opportunity for peace but deliberately chose war. The U.S. realized that, with Russia's back to the wall, it would have no choice but to attack.

- Richard Black

"Germany, France and Ukraine were playing a swindle game with the Minsk agreements. Now is payback time,"

- Dmitry Peskov

"The west deceived Russia. They promised not to push NATO to the east, and they did. They turned Ukraine into a huge anti-Russian country... If I were in the place of the Russians, I would do exactly the same"

- Alexey Arestovich, Strategic Communications Advisor to Zelensky 2020-2023

<https://twitter.com/realImaria/status/1633984997156610053>

Further to that, after the actual outbreak of war in 2022 (the Minsk attempts to prevent have now failed as Russia were helpless to prevent), peace deals were now likewise stalled and torpedoed by the West:

Bennett: I'll say this in the broad sense, I think there was a *legitimate* decision by the West to keep smashing Putin and not—

Daum: What does it mean, “smashing Putin”? Putin was smashing Ukraine.

Bennett: Hold on, yes, but given. . . . I mean the more aggressive approach. I'll tell you something: I can't say if they were wrong. My position at the time . . . in this regard, it's not a national Israeli interest. . . . Anything I did was coordinated down to the last detail with the U.S., Germany and France.

Daum: So they broke off negotiations?

Bennett: Basically, yes. They broke off negotiations and I thought they were wrong. In retrospect, it's too soon to know.

“I was in that moment in the group of Ukrainian negotiators. We negotiated with the Russian delegation practically for two months, March and April - the possible peaceful settlement agreement between Ukraine and Russia. And we, as you remember, concluded the so-called Istanbul communique, and we were very close in the middle of April, in the end of April, to finalize our war with some peaceful settlement.

For some reasons it was postponed but to my mind, Putin.. this is my personal view.. ***Putin, in one week after started his aggression in 24th February last year very quickly understood he did mistake[sic] and tried to do everything possible to conclude agreement with Ukraine.. and Istanbul communique... was his personal decision... to accept the text of this communique, which, [was] totally far away from the initial proposal of Russia... ultimatum proposal of Russia... which they put before the Ukrainian delegation in Minsk.***

So we managed to find a very real compromise. **So Putin really wanted to reach some peaceful settlement with Ukraine. It's very important to remember,** as for the future place of Ukraine in the European security architecture. To my mind, it first of all depends on the Strategic decision of NATO member states to accept Ukraine as a member of the organization. It's a crucial question now for Ukrainian security. If this does not happen then in my opinion for a long period of time, Ukraine will be a fortress state, a key tool for deterring Russia, on the Eastern flank of NATO and in the heart of Europe.”

- Ambassador Oleksandr Chalyi, Associate Fellow, Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP), December 2023
<https://youtu.be/t2zpV35fvHw?t=1686>

<https://responsiblestatecraft.org/2022/09/02/diplomacy-watch-why-did-the-west-stop-a-peace-deal-in-ukraine/>
<https://thegrayzone.com/2023/02/06/israeli-bennett-us-russia-ukraine-peace/>
https://twitter.com/I_Katchanovski/status/1622270833421946880
<https://twitter.com/aaronjmate/status/162224398462730244>
<https://www.thebulwark.com/no-the-united-states-and-its-allies-did-not-blow-up-a-ukraine-russia-peace-deal/>

The greatest crime since World War II has been U.S. foreign policy.

- Ramsey Clark, former U.S. Attorney General
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