

Opening the Gates to World War III

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An excellent analysis and coverage of the situation in the Ukraine by Mr Roberts who seems as perplexed as most informed commentators regarding Russia's passivity to date. Putin is a known western puppet as his millions in western banks indicate so that could be one explanation but it seems that Russia after WWII has been sufficiently traumatised nationally to avoid conflict at all costs perhaps even to the point of submission -- we shall see. Nevertheless, it should be noted that WWII actually began when the neocons arranged with Israel's Mossad to create a false flag (9/11) and then declare a war on the vagary 'terror,' which of course allows the US to wage perpetual war, invade and steal, on behalf of its avaricious corporate rulers by simply making the (terrorist) accusation based on a fabricated pretext -- what a total travesty/farce! The fact that the global majority is aware of this ruse and fails to act is a shameful disgrace.

According to news reports, Washington has decided to arm Ukraine for renewed military assault on Russian ethnics in Donetsk and Luhansk.

A Russian foreign ministry official condemned Washington's reckless decision to supply weapons to Kiev as a violation of agreements that would make a political resolution of the conflict less likely. This statement is perplexing. It implies that the Russian government has not yet figured out that Washington has no interest in resolving the conflict. Washington's purpose is to use the hapless Ukrainians against Russia. The worse the conflict becomes, the happier Washington is.

The Russian government made a bet that Europe would come to its senses and the conflict would be peacefully resolved. The Russian government has lost that bet and must immediately move to preempt a worsening crisis by uniting the separatist provinces with Russia or by reading the riot act to Europe.

It would be a costly humiliation for the Russian government to abandon the ethnic Russians to a military assault. If Russia stands aside while Donetsk and Luhansk are destroyed, the next attack will be on Crimea. By the time Russia is forced to fight Russia will face a better armed, better prepared, and more formidable foe.

By its inaction the Russian government is aiding and abetting Washington's onslaught against Russia. The Russian government could tell Europe to call this off or go without natural gas. The Russian government could declare a no-fly zone over the separatist provinces and deliver an ultimatum to Kiev. The Russian government could accept the requests from Donetsk and Luhansk for unification or reunification with Russia. Any one of these actions would suffice to resolve the conflict before it spins out of control and opens the gates to World War III.

The American people are clueless that Washington is on the brink of starting a dangerous war. Even informed commentators become sidetracked in refuting propaganda that Russia has invaded Ukraine and is supplying weapons to the separatists. These commentators are mistaken if they think establishing the facts will do any good.

Washington intends to remove Russia as a constraint on Washington's power. Washington's arrogance is forcing a stark choice on Russia: vassalage or war.

Washington's Reckless Demonization Of Russia

By Paul Craig Roberts

If [Professor Petras' account](#) of the developing war scenario in Ukraine is correct, it would seem that the Russian government has underestimated Washington's mendacity and overestimated European independence and sense of survival.

There is little doubt that hubris has made Washington insane. But it is difficult to account for Europe's insanity. With winter at hand, how can Europe expect to be part of bringing such trouble to Russia and still receive deliveries of natural gas?

Perhaps Europeans are fooling themselves that Russia will stand aside.

If the situation is as dire as it seems, the Russian government must prevent it from unfolding by accepting the request of the eastern and southern provinces to unite with Russia. Then an attack on Donetsk becomes an attack on Russia herself. Such an attack would be suicidal for Washington's puppet regime in Kiev and for Europeans that back such an attack.

The Russian government has done all it can to encourage Europe to maintain profitable and peaceful relations with Russia. However, it seems that Europeans are too firmly under Washington's control to act in their own interest. Europe's vassalage is permitting a scenario to unfold that could lead to World War III. The Russian government could preempt this risk by accepting the separatists' request for unification with Russia.

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