

US Targets Balkans for another 'Revolution'

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Russia abandoning southern slavs and allowing US/NATO forces to fragment Yugoslavia was sure to rebound on the mother country. The Balkans has always been a critical strategic region bridging East and West; today its strategic value is no less important but for other reasons, namely (energy) pipelines. The US seeks to capture Macedonia in order to block Russian planned gas pipelines that would supply Europe thereby weakening America's grip in the region and losing zillions in energy resource profits. The stakes are high and US necons are willing to risk war with Russia and China in order to maintain their parasitic grip on Europe and serve their powerful energy corporations. It simply amounts to the inevitability of a major nuclear conflict involving three superpowers. It is also a wake up call for the apathetic global masses which have allowed a tiny minority of nut cases to wreak havoc on the globe. Well, payday is fast approaching.



Macedonia

Mr Roberts spells it out accurately and succinctly:

During the Cold War Washington was concerned about communists fomenting street protests that they could turn into revolutions, with groomed politicians waiting in the wings to take over the new government, thus expanding the Soviet empire. Today this is precisely what Washington does.

We recently witnessed this operation in Ukraine and now it seems to be underway in Macedonia.

The National Endowment for Democracy was established in 1983. The official purpose is to promote democracy abroad. The real purpose was to create dissension in Soviet Eastern Europe. Today the NED uses our tax money to overthrow governments not aligned with Washington.

The NED funds non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in countries targeted by Washington for political destabilization. These NGOs operate under such rubrics as "teaching democracy" and "human rights." The NGOs develop cadres consisting of

idealistic students and disgruntled politicians and set them against the existing government whose independence Washington wishes to curtail.

The idealistic students are simply dupes, and the disgruntled politicians simply desire power in office and will serve Washington in order to get it.

According to Assistant Secretary of State Victoria Nuland, Washington spent \$5 billion in Ukraine grooming politicians and creating NGOs as Washington's Fifth Columns. When Ukraine's president Viktor Yanukovich refused to align Ukraine with Washington's interests, Washington unleashed its Fifth Columns, and Yanukovich's government was overthrown with violence. Despite Washington's talk about democracy, the fact that Yanukovich's government was democratically elected and a new election was only a few months away did not stop Washington from overthrowing Yanukovich.

Now the same fate seems in store for Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, and Macedonia. Most Americans don't know where these places are. Armenia and Azerbaijan are west of the Caspian Sea and are former provinces of the Soviet Union. Kyrgyzstan is a former Soviet province that borders China. Macedonia, birthplace of Alexander the Great, is a part of northern Greece, but in the 20th century portions of Macedonia became parts of Bulgaria, Serbia, and Albania before becoming a province in Yugoslavia. When Washington destroyed Yugoslavia, Macedonia became an independent republic of two million people. Macedonia is landlocked and surrounded by Greece on the south, Bulgaria on the east, Albania on the west, and by Serbia and Washington-created Kosovo on the north.

Why is Washington interested in controlling Macedonia?

The Macedonian government refused to participate in Washington's sanctions against Russia and supports the Russian Turkish Stream natural gas pipeline that will deliver Russian natural gas to Europe via Turkey to the Greek border.

Greece is being looted by the European Union, the IMF, and the German and Dutch banks. Consequently, Greece is being pushed into Russia's arms as Russian support is Greece's only alternative to the crippling austerity that the EU is forcing upon the Greek people. Macedonia sits between Greece and Serbia, a country with no love lost for Washington and the EU as a result of Serbia's dismemberment by Washington and NATO aggression. Washington fears the flow of Russian energy, over which Washington would have no control, into its European vassal states via Russian allies in Europe.

If Washington can grab Macedonia, Washington can stand between Greece and Serbia and perhaps persuade Greece to align with a Washington-supported natural gas pipeline that would supply Europe from Azerbaijan, thus reducing Russia's influence in Europe.

Macedonia has an Albanian minority population. Albania is a Washington vassal and NATO member. Washington has aligned with the dissident Albanians, demonstrators are in the streets, the Macedonian government is accused of corruption as was the Ukrainian government, and the US State Department is expressing its concerns about the Macedonian political crisis that Washington has orchestrated.

Washington is forever talking about democracy and human rights but has no respect for either. Washington uses these words as assertions of their absence in governments

Washington intends to overthrow.

The Russian government understands the unfolding events. Whether the Russian government has learned its lesson from standing aside while the Ukrainian government was overthrown remains to be seen.

From an American perspective, as contrasted with Washington's perspective, the question is whether the reckless pursuit of US hegemony is worth the risk of war with Russia and China. The neoconservatives, who have an iron grip on US foreign policy, believe that hegemony is worth any risk. But do Americans derive sufficient vicarious pleasure from a handful of neocons lording it over the world to accept the risk of nuclear war?

The naked aggression that Washington is displaying toward Russia should alarm not only the American people but also the entire world. War is in the making. War with Russia means war also with China. This is not a war that Washington and its vassals or human life can win.

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