



# Financial Crisis Report

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## Advancing in a Time of Crisis

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We are experiencing the most economically unstable period and socially erratic period in the history of the modern world. This period will be marked with extreme fluctuations in the stock, commodity and currency markets accompanied by severe and sometimes violent and deadly social disruptions including historic pandemics, conflicts, wars, riots and even regime changing coups. As is typical of such times, many fortunes will be both made and lost during this period. After talking with many business owners, executives, professionals, scholars and government officials from around the world, the writer believes that for the financially astute investor, this is a time of unprecedented opportunity given the global trade unbalances and distortions in the commodity and currency markets that exists. The Financial Crisis Report is a free compilation of the opinions of David Miyoshi as well as of those advisors he himself subscribes to (with appropriate credits given) on how to benefit during this historic time of crisis. The writer receives no compensation of any kind from any advisors whose articles or ideas may appear in this report. The reader is welcomed to check on all sources of information mentioned herein. Because the opinions and observations of this writer and other advisors are provided herein without charge, the reader is asked to make his/her own judgment on the contents.

### Words of Wisdom: "Truth is the first casualty of war"

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### War and False Flags, What You Should Know



**W**hat is a false flag?

A false flag is a political or military action carried out with the intention of blaming an opponent for it.

Nations have often done this by staging a real or simulated attack on their own side and saying the enemy did it, as a pretext for going to war.

In the past few weeks, U.S. officials have warned several times that Russia plans to create the appearance of an attack on its own forces and broadcast those images to the world. Such a "false flag" operation, they alleged, would give Russia the pretext to invade Ukraine by provoking shock and outrage.

By exposing this plan, the Biden administration sought to undermine the emotional power of the Kremlin's propaganda and stop it from manufac-

turing a casus belli, or justification for war.

But false flag attacks aren't what they used to be. With satellite photos and live video on the ground shared widely and instantly on the internet – and with journalists and armchair sleuths joining intelligence professionals in analyzing the information – it's difficult to get away with false flag attacks today. And with the prevalence of disinformation campaigns, manufacturing a justification for war doesn't require the expense or risk of a false flag – let alone an actual attack.

And more importantly, false flags are used by all sides, including our very own.

### The long history of false flag attacks

Both false flag attacks and allegations that states engage in them have a long history. The term originated to describe pirates' wielding of friendly (and false) flags to lure merchant ships close enough to attack. It was later used as a label for any attack – real or simulated – that the instigators inflict against "friendly" forces to incriminate an adversary and create the basis for retaliation.

False flag attacks have a long and ignoble history.

German invasion of Poland, 1939

The night before Germany invaded Poland, seven German SS soldiers pretending to be Polish stormed the Gleiwitz radio tower on the German side of the border with Poland. They broadcast a short message to say the station was now in

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Polish hands.



The Gleiwitz radio tower was stormed by SS troops in disguise in 1939

The soldiers also left behind the body of a civilian dressed up as a Polish soldier to make it look as though he had been killed in the raid.

Adolf Hitler made a speech the next day citing the Gleiwitz attack and other similarly orchestrated incidents to justify the invasion of Poland.

Outbreak of Russo-Finnish war, 1939

In the same year, the Russian village of Mainila came under shell fire. It was close to the Finnish border, and the Soviet Union used the alleged attack to break its non-aggression pact with Finland, starting the so-called Winter War.

Historians have now concluded that the shelling of the village was not carried out by the Finnish army but was a fabrication carried out by the Soviet NKVD state security agency.

Boris Yeltsin, the first President of the Russian Federation, admitted in 1994 that the Winter War was a Soviet war of aggression.

Gulf of Tonkin incident, 1964

On 2 August 1964, a sea battle occurred between a US destroyer and North Vietnamese torpedo boats in the Gulf of Tonkin, off the Vietnamese coast.

Both sides experienced damage to their vessels and the North Vietnamese lost four men and suffered six other casualties.

The US National Security Agency claimed that two days later another similar battle occurred.



The Gulf of Tonkin incident allowed the US to increase air attacks on North Vietnam

However, it is now likely the second attack by the North Vietnamese never happened.

The captain of a US naval destroyer initially reported he was being surrounded and fired on by enemy torpedo boats but later said that because of bad weather and low visibility that he could not be sure he had been.

Declassified documents released in 2005 suggest the North Vietnamese navy was not attacking the US ship but trying to salvage two of the boats damaged on 2 August.

However, President Lyndon B. Johnson and staff decided to believe the initial version of events and presented the incidents to Congress as two unprovoked attacks on US forces by North Vietnam.

It led to the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, which allowed President Johnson to start bombing raids on North Vietnam and greatly escalate US military involvement in the Vietnam War.

'Little green men' in Crimea, 2014

In the early days of Russia's annexation of Crimea, people started to appear on the streets who were dressed and armed exactly like Russian soldiers but without Russian insignia on their uniforms.

The Kremlin insisted they were members of local "self-defense groups" who wanted the territory to be returned from Ukrainian control to Russia.

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The "little green men" in Crimea wore no identification, but their uniforms and weapons were Russian

The Kremlin said they had bought their clothing and equipment from shops.

Russian journalists took to calling these people "polite men", while local residents in Crimea called them "little green men", referring both to the colour of their uniforms and their unconfirmed origin.

Kashmir border, 2020

India and Pakistan have often accused each other of mounting false flag attacks along the disputed Kashmir border in order to provoke a military conflict.

In 2020, Pakistan's foreign ministry accused Indian troops of firing on a vehicle containing UN observers on the Pakistan side of the border, hoping the UN might think Pakistani troops were responsible.



India and Pakistan often accuse each other of false flag attacks on the Kashmir border

It said India was trying to sow discord between Pakistan and the international community and Pakistan's Prime Minister Imran Khan called the move "reckless".

India denied the accusation and in turn blamed Pakistan for failing

to keep its own side of the border safe.

Global visibility, disinformation and cynicism

More recent and even less fact-based is the "9/11 Truth" movement, which alleged that the Bush administration engineered the destruction of the twin towers to justify restrictions on civil liberties and lay the foundation for invading Iraq. Right-wing pundits and politicians have promoted the conspiracy theory that Democrats have staged mass shootings, such as the one at a high school in Parkland, Florida, in 2018, in order to push for gun control laws.

If people believe that false flag operations happen, it is not because they are common. Instead, they gain plausibility from the widespread perception that politicians are unscrupulous and take advantage of crises.

Furthermore, governments operate in relative secrecy and have recourse to tools of coercion such as intelligence, well-trained agents and weapons to implement their agenda. It is not a huge leap to imagine that leaders deliberately cause the high-impact events that they later exploit for political gain, notwithstanding the logistical complexities, large number of people who would have to be involved and moral qualms leaders might have about murdering their own citizens.

For example, it is not controversial to note that the Bush administration used the 9/11 attacks to build support for its invasion of Iraq. Yet this led some people to conclude that, since the Bush administration benefited politically from 9/11, it therefore must have caused the attacks, despite all evidence to the contrary.

The challenge of credibility

The willingness to believe that leaders are capable of such atrocities reflects a broader trend of rising distrust toward governments worldwide, which, incidentally, complicates matters for leaders who intend to carry out false flag attacks. If the impact of such attacks has historically come from their ability to rally citizens around their leader, false flag attacks staged today may not only fail to provoke outrage against the purported aggressor, but they can also backfire by casting suspicion on the leaders who stand to benefit.

Furthermore, investigators using open source intelligence, such as the Bellingcat collective of citizen internet sleuths, make it more difficult for governments to get away with egregious violations of laws and international norms.

Even as the Biden administration attempts to blunt Russia's ability to seize the initiative, it too faces credibility challenges. Reporters were justifiably skeptical of State Department spokesman Ned Price's warning about Russia's false flag plans, especially since he did not provide evidence for the claim.

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Skeptics pointed to the August 2021 drone strike during the U.S. withdrawal from Kabul, which the military initially asserted was a “righteous strike” to kill a suicide bomber but that later turned out to be a mistaken attack on an innocent man and his family. It took overwhelming and undeniable evidence from media investigations before the U.S. government admitted the mistake.

Insofar as the Kremlin might expect to benefit from executing a false flag attack, it would be to manufacture a casus belli among Russian citizens rather than to persuade audiences abroad. Surveys have shown that the vast majority of Russians are opposed to invading Ukraine, yet they also harbor negative attitudes toward NATO.

The spectacle of a provocation aimed against Russia on state-run television might provide a jolt of support for an invasion, at least initially. At the same time, Russians are cynical about their own leaders and might harbor the suspicion that a purported attack was manufactured for political gain.

### Was the Attack on the Ukraine Nuclear Power Plant a False Flag?



Surveillance camera footage shows a flare landing at the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant

On March 4, AP News reported that there was an attack on the Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant in the southeastern city of Enerhodar, and that the chief of the U.N.’s International Atomic Energy Agency, Rafael Mariano Grossi, said a Russian “projectile” hit a training center, not any of the six reactors.

The attack triggered global alarm and fear of a catastrophe that could dwarf the world’s worst nuclear disaster, at Ukraine’s Chernobyl in 1986. In an emotional nighttime speech, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said he feared an explosion that would be “the end for everyone. The end for Europe. The evacuation of Europe.”

But nuclear officials from Sweden to China said no radiation spikes had been reported, as did Grossi.

Authorities said Russian troops had taken control of the overall site but plant staff continued to run it. Only one reactor was operating, at 60% of capacity, Grossi said in the aftermath of the attack.

Two people were injured in the fire, Grossi said. Ukraine’s state nuclear plant operator Enerhoatom said three Ukrainian soldiers were killed and two wounded.

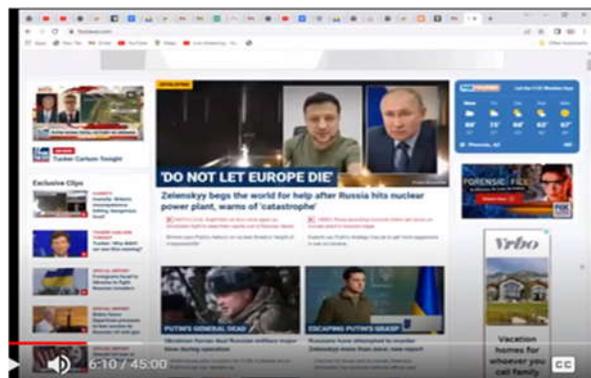
In the U.S., Pentagon spokesman John Kirby said the episode “underscores the recklessness with which the Russians have been perpetrating this unprovoked invasion.” At an emergency meeting of the U.N. Security Council, Ukraine’s U.N. ambassador, Sergiy Kyslytsya, said the fire broke out as a result of Russian shelling of the plant and accused Moscow of committing “an act of nuclear terrorism.”

Without producing evidence, Russian Defense Ministry spokesman Igor Konashenkov claimed that a Ukrainian “sabotage group” had set the fire at Zaporizhzhia.

Did the Russian forces attack the nuclear plant? Was this a false flag by the forces opposing Russia to stoke emotion to elevate the conflict?

There is increasing evidence now emerging that supports this was a false flag incident to increase resistance against Russia with the idea of getting NATO forces involved.

On March 7, the Associated Press quoted Putin who blamed the fire at the nuclear power plant on a “provocation organized by Ukrainian radicals. Attempts to shift responsibility for this incident onto the Russian military are part of a cynical propaganda campaign.”



Even back on March 4, AP News reported that Russia Defense Ministry spokesman Igor Konashenkov said that a Ukrainian “sabotage group” has set the fire at Zaporizhzhia.

So why would Russian forces try to blow up a nuclear plant in the



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country they are trying to invade and control? Realistically, that makes absolutely no strategic sense. Of course, it could have been extreme recklessness by the Russian military. But more likely it was a false flag intended to rile up forces opposing the Russians.

We know, Putin is one of the shrewdest military tacticians and geopolitical players in the world. Given that, it would seem such an act would be the last military and political act he would want to commit invading a country he intends to control.

On the other hand, there are a multitude of anti-Russian forces in Ukraine that could commit false flag operations in order to increase conflict against Russia including Ukrainian pro nationalists, the Ukrainian criminal elements, the CIA, Chechnyans and the Wagner Mercenaries, to name a few. It is a known reality that such groups can be bought off to do anything for a price.

So, indications are rife that this was indeed a false flag intended to rile up the opposition against Russia.

On March 3 in the AA News Broadcasting System, an article written by Gozde Bayar appeared reporting:

“Russia claimed Sunday that Ukrainian intelligence was preparing to carry out a false flag operation involving a nuclear reactor in eastern Ukraine near the Russian border.

The Russian Defense Ministry said in a statement that the Security Service of Ukraine (SBU) along with Ukrainian nationalists from the Azov battalion planned to blow up the reactor at an experimental nuclear facility at the Institute of Physics and Technology in Kharkiv, where clashes were taking place between Russian and Ukrainian forces.

"The Russian Armed Forces will be accused of launching a missile attack on the experimental nuclear facility," the statement said, creating an ecological catastrophe.

Russia's war on Ukraine has been met with outrage from the international community, with the European Union, UK and US among others imposing a range of economic sanctions on Moscow.

At least 364 civilians have been killed and 759 others injured in Ukraine since Russia launched a war in the Eastern European country on Feb. 24, according to UN figures, with the real toll feared to be higher.

More than 1.5 million people have fled Ukraine to neighboring countries, according to the UN Refugee Agency.”

World sentiment has vehemently turned against Putin and Russia for

their invasion of Ukraine. Many of these sentiments are entirely valid.

But we must be realistic and recognize that neither the Russians nor the West can unfetteredly claim the moral high ground for all their actions in prosecuting war against the other. In war, false flag acts are used by all sides.

On March 13, Russia fired a missile that struck a Ukrainian training base 12 miles from the Polish border and killed 35 people. In response, NATO began moving 30,000 thousand troops to areas surrounding Russia and issued a warning based on its Article 5 that if a single shell falls on the soil of a NATO country, either intentionally or accidentally, it would result in a declaration of war by NATO and a full military response against Russia will ensue.

A false flag by either Russia, or Ukraine, or NATO could trigger this. So be sure to question every act that purportedly could trigger a war.....COMMITTED BY ANY SIDE.

Remember, the first casualty of war is truth.

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It's becoming apparent to all that Russian president Vladimir Putin bit off more than he could chew. In the span of a couple of weeks, Putin—a man recently described by Donald Trump as a strategic “genius”—managed to revitalize NATO, unify a splintered West, turn Ukraine’s little-known president into a global hero, wreck Russia’s economy, and solidify his legacy as a murderous war criminal. So what led him to miscalculate so badly.

To answer that I present the following interesting article published in *The Atlantic* on March 16. It is written by Brian Klass, a global-politics professor at University College London, a weekly columnist for *The Washington Post*, and the host of the Power Corrupts podcast. He is the author of *Corruptible: Who Gets Power and How It Changes Us*.

I think you will find it informative. D. Miyoshi

## Vladimir Putin Has Fallen Into the Dictator Trap

Reality doesn't conform to the theory of the rational, calculating despot who can play the long game.



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By Brian Klaas



How did Putin miscalculate so badly?

To answer that question, you have to understand the power and information ecosystems around dictators. I've studied and interviewed despots across the globe for more than a decade. In my research, I've persistently encountered a stubborn myth—of the savvy strongman, the rational, calculating despot who can play the long game because he (and it's typically a he) doesn't have to worry about pesky polls or angry voters. Our elected leaders, this view suggests, are no match for the tyrant who gazes into the next decade rather than fretting about next year's election.

Reality doesn't conform to that rosy theory.

Autocrats such as Putin eventually succumb to what may be called the "dictator trap." The strategies they use to stay in power tend to trigger their eventual downfall. Rather than being long-term planners, many make catastrophic short-term errors—the kinds of errors that would likely have been avoided in democratic systems. They hear only from sycophants, and get bad advice. They misunderstand their population. They don't see threats coming until it's too late. And unlike elected leaders who leave office to riches, book tours, and the glitzy lifestyle of a statesman, many dictators who miscalculate leave office in a casket, a possibility that makes them even more likely to double down.

Despots sow the seeds of their own demise early on, when they first face the trade-off between allowing freedom of expression and maintaining an iron grip on power. After arriving in the palace, crushing dissent and jailing opponents is often rational, from the perspective of a dictator: It creates a culture of fear that is useful for establishing and maintaining control. But that culture of fear comes with a cost.

For those of us living in liberal democracies, criticizing the boss is risky, but we're not going to be shipped off to a gulag or watch our family get tortured. In authoritarian regimes, those all-too-real risks have a way of focusing the mind. Is it ever worthwhile for authoritarian advisers to speak truth to power?

As a result, despots rarely get told that their stupid ideas are stupid, or that their ill-conceived wars are likely to be catastrophic. Offering honest criticism is a deadly game and most advisers avoid doing so. Those who dare to gamble eventually lose and are purged. So over time, the advisers who remain are usually yes-men who act like bobbleheads, nodding along when the despot outlines some crackpot scheme.

Even with such seemingly loyal cronies, despots face a dilemma. How can you trust the loyalty of an entourage that has every reason to lie and conceal its true thoughts? The ancient Greek philosopher Xenophon wrote of that inescapable paradox of tyranny: "It is never possible for the tyrant to trust that he is loved ... and plots against tyrants spring from none more than from those who pretend to love them most."

To solve this problem, despots create loyalty tests, ghoulish charades to separate true believers from pretenders. To be trusted, advisers must lie on behalf of the regime. Those who repeat absurd claims without blinking are deemed loyal. Anyone who hesitates is considered suspect.

In Kim Jong Un's North Korea, for example, the lies have gotten progressively more ridiculous. Once a lie becomes widely accepted, the value of that individual loyalty test declines. Once everyone knows that Kim Jong Un learned to drive when he was just 3 years old, a new, more extreme lie must emerge for the test to serve its purpose. The cycle repeats itself, and a cult of personality is born.

Plenty of people around Putin understood that dynamic, which is why they were willing to parrot Putin's outlandish claim that the Jewish president of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelensky, is presiding over a "neo-Nazi" state. (Such mythmaking can happen in democracies too, if you have an authoritarian-style leader. Just consider how many Republicans have fallen over one another to endorse Donald Trump's lies about the 2020 election in order to prove their MAGA bona fides.)

But to stay in power, despots have to worry about more than just their advisers and cronies. They have to win over, intimidate, or coerce their population too. That's why dictators invest in state-sponsored media. In Russia, the state goes so far as to present fake presidential candidates who pretend to oppose Putin in rigged elections. The whole system is a Potemkin village, an illusion of choice and political debate.

Again, that mechanism of control comes with a cost. Some citizens brainwashed by state propaganda will support a war that is sure to backfire. Others privately oppose the regime, but will be too afraid to say anything. As a result, reliable polling doesn't exist in autocracies. (Russia is no exception.) That means that despots like Putin are unable to accurately understand the attitudes of their own people.

If you live in a fake world long enough, it can start to feel real. Dictators and despots begin to believe their own lies, repeated back at them and propagated by state-controlled media. That might help

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explain why Putin's recent speeches have stood out as unhinged rants. It's certainly possible that his mind has succumbed to his own propaganda, creating a warped worldview in which the invasion of Ukraine was, as Trump put it, an incredibly "savvy" move.

The risks of miscalculation are compounded, psychology research has shown, by the fact that power literally goes to your head, including in a key way that may be relevant in explaining Putin's costly gambit in Ukraine. The longer someone is in power, the more they begin to get a sense of what is known as "illusory control," a mistaken belief that they can control outcomes much more than they actually can. That delusion is particularly dangerous in dictatorships, in which there are virtually no checks or balances, no term limits or free elections to boot someone from power.

Some Russia experts, such as Fiona Hill, have recently suggested that Putin has spent much of the pandemic isolated and alone, poring over old maps of the lost Russian "imperium." Cumulatively, it's possible to imagine how these factors combined to convince Putin that his brutal blunder in Ukraine was a good idea.

When despots screw up, they need to watch their own back. Yet again, they can become victims of the dictator trap. To crush prospective enemies, they must demand loyalty and crack down on criticism. But the more they do so, the lower the quality of information they receive, and the less they can trust the people who purport to serve them. As a result, even when government officials learn about plots to overthrow an autocrat, they may not share that knowledge. This is known as the "vacuum effect"—and it means that authoritarian presidents might learn of coup attempts and putsches only when it's too late. This raises a question that should keep Putin awake at night: If the oligarchs were to eventually make a move against him, would anyone warn him?

Clearly, Putin is no fool. But as we debate possible endgames to the war in Ukraine, we shouldn't kid ourselves. Putin, like many despots, isn't behaving fully rationally. He inhabits a fantasy world, surrounded by people who are afraid to challenge him, with a mind that has been poisoned by more than two decades as a tyrant. He's made a catastrophic mistake in Ukraine—one that may yet prove his downfall.

Democracy isn't perfect. It's messy. It can be shortsighted. Many powerful democracies, including the United States, are dysfunctional. But at least our leaders face real constraints, real pushback for their miscalculations, and real criticism from their population. And, crucially, there's a built-in mechanism to replace our leaders when they start to behave irrationally or irresponsibly.

That's why it's time to jettison the myth of the "savvy" strongman, or the dictator who's a geopolitical "genius." Putin has fallen victim to the dictator trap and proved that he is neither.

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## Reasons Russians Are Struggling

A fellow Marine Corps officer tipped me off to the following article that appeared in *National Review* on Feb 26. He said the article illustrates Marine Corps combat doctrine and practice as proof the Russians are having problems in Ukraine. I heartily agree that the article explains and explores the shortcomings of present day Russian soldiers and would like to share with you the insights it uncovers about Russian military training and tactics.

As an update to this article, on March 29, 2022 the Russians announced they were withdrawing troops from around Kyiv amid peace talks with Ukraine aimed at ending the unprovoked invasion that began on Feb. 24. But the Pentagon was skeptical of the claim saying "We believe that this is a repositioning, not a real withdrawal, and that we all should be prepared to watch for a major offensive against other areas of Ukraine. It does not mean that the threat to Kyiv is over. Russia has failed in its objective of capturing Kyiv, it has failed in its objective of subjugating Ukraine, but they can still inflict massive brutality on the country, including on Kyiv." Other sources have said Putin has moved himself and his family into a bunker sparking rumor that he plans to use tactical nuclear weapons in the Kyiv area. These are merely rumors and only time will tell if they are right. Here is the article for your reading consideration. I hope you find it informative. D. Miyoshi

## Why the Russians Are Struggling

By Mark Antonio Wright



Smoke rises from a Russian tank destroyed by Ukrainian forces on the side of a road in Lugansk Region, Ukraine, February 26, 2022. (Associated Press via Getty Images)

As the sun goes down in Kyiv, the city has not yet fallen to the Russians. This is unquestionably a defeat for Vladimir Putin.

It's important to not get carried away here: The Kremlin is still favored to win this fight. But the last three days of combat should put a serious dent in the reputation of this new Russian army. We should, however, try to understand why the Russians are struggling. First, the Russian army's recent structural reforms do not appear to have been sufficient to the task at hand. Second, at the tactical and operational level, the Russians are failing to get the most out of their manpower and materiel advantage.

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There has been much talk over the last ten years about the Russian army's modernization and professionalization. After suffering severe neglect in the '90s, during Russia's post-Soviet financial crisis, the army began to reorganize and modernize with the strengthening of the Russian economy under Putin. First the army got smaller, at least compared to the Soviet Red Army, which allowed a higher per-soldier funding ratio than in previous eras. The Russians spent vast sums of money to modernize and improve their equipment and kit — everything from new models of main battle tanks to, in 2013, ordering Russian troopers to finally retire the traditional portyanki foot wraps and switch to socks.

But the Russians have also gone the wrong direction in some areas. In 2008, the Russian government cut the conscription term from 24 to twelve months. As Gil Barndollar, a former U.S. Marine infantry officer, wrote in 2020:

Russia currently fields an active-duty military of just under 1 million men. Of this force, approximately 260,000 are conscripts and 410,000 are contract soldiers (kontraktniki). The shortened 12-month conscript term provides at most five months of utilization time for these servicemen. Conscripts remain about a quarter of the force even in elite commando (spetsnaz) units.

As anyone who has served in the military will tell you, twelve months is barely enough time to become proficient at simply being a rifleman. It's nowhere near enough time for the average soldier to learn the skills required to be an effective small-unit leader.

Yes, the Russians have indeed made efforts to professionalize the officer and the NCO corps. Of course, non-commissioned officers (NCOs) have historically been a weakness of the Russian system. In the West, NCOs are the professional, experienced backbone of an army. They are expected to be experts in their military specialty (armor, mortars, infantry, logistics, etc.) and can thus be effective small-unit commanders at the squad and section level, as well as advisers to the commanders at the platoon and company level. In short, a Western army pairs a young infantry lieutenant with a grizzled staff sergeant; a U.S. Marine Corps company commander, usually a captain, will be paired with a gunnery sergeant and a first sergeant. The officer still holds the moral and legal authority and responsibility for his command — but he would be foolish to not listen to the advice and opinion of the unit's senior NCOs.

The Russian army, in practice, does not operate like this. A high proportion of the soldiers wearing NCO stripes in the modern Russian army are little more than senior conscripts near the end of their term of service. In recent years, the Russians have established a dedicated NCO academy and cut the number of officers in the army in an effort to put more resources into improving the NCO corps, but the changes have not been enough to solve the army's leadership deficit.

Now, let's talk about the Russian failures at the operational and tactical level.

It should be emphasized again that the Russian army, through sheer weight of men and materiel, is still likely to win this war. But it's becoming more and more apparent that the Russians' operational

and tactical choices have not made that task easy on themselves.

First, to many observers, it's simply shocking that the Russians have not been able to establish complete air superiority over Ukrainian air space. After three days of hostilities, Ukrainian pilots are still taking to the skies and Ukrainian anti-air batteries are still exacting a toll on Russian aircraft. The fact that the Russians have not been able to mount a dominant Suppression of Enemy Air Defenses (SEAD) campaign and yet are insistent on attempting contested air-assault operations is, simply put, astounding. It's also been extremely costly for the Russians.

To compound that problem, the Russians have undertaken operations on multiple avenues of advance, which, at least in the early stages of this campaign, are not able to mutually support each other. Until they get much closer to the capital, the Russian units moving north out of Crimea are not able to help the Russian armored columns advancing on Kyiv. The troops pushing towards Kyiv from Belarus aren't able to affect the Ukrainians defending the Donbas in the east. As the Russians move deeper into Ukraine, this can and will change, but it unquestionably made the opening stages of their operations more difficult.

Third, the Russians — possibly out of hubris — do not appear to have prepared the logistical train necessary to keep some of their units in action for an extended period of time. Multiple videos have emerged of Russian columns out of gas and stuck on Ukrainian roads.



In the Russians' defense, everything is hard in war. It's extremely difficult to keep an army supplied in the field while on the move. What Karl von Clausewitz called "friction" envelops the battlefield. Friction, Clausewitz wrote, is "the concept that differentiates actual war from war on paper." In combat, friction is what makes "even the simplest thing difficult." So we shouldn't be surprised that some Russian units are running low on supplies. What's surprising is the scale of the Russians' apparent logistical problems.

Finally, and in my opinion, most glaringly, there is the tactical level. There is a strange, counterintuitive law of modern war that says for men to win in a fight against steel and heavy weapons, you must close with the enemy. A corollary to this law is that, if both sides are equipped in a similar manner — in this case, mechanized infantry

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and tanks — the side that is willing to dismount, get out of its infantry fighting vehicles, and serve as a relatively exposed infantry screen to the armor, is going to have a tremendous tactical advantage. Tanks and armored vehicles are incredibly vulnerable to modern anti-tank missiles. As the Ukrainians have proved, a two- or three-man team armed with a Javelin or NLAW anti-tank-missile system can wreak havoc on a mechanized column if it is allowed to get close enough to make kill shots.

This video shows a Ukrainian soldier carrying a British-made NLAW after an engagement with Russian mechanized assets.



You can see how light and portable the missile system is. These are deadly serious anti-tank weapons.

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The key to countering such weapons is to operate as a combined-arms team: Mechanized infantry must be willing to, on a moments notice, receive the order to dismount, leave the perceived safety of an infantry-fighting vehicle, and serve as a screen for the armor. The infantry can neutralize the anti-tank missile teams. The armor can then provide covering fire, supporting the infantry as they move up, while knocking out any heavy weapons a defender might emplace. The point is that the infantry and the armor must work as a team. And this takes trust. And a hell of a lot of training. Because it's counterintuitive to leave the safety of the vehicle to close with the enemy, you must drill and drill and drill what the U.S. military calls "immediate actions."

Marine Lieutenant Colonel B. P. McCoy described this dynamic in his book *The Passion of Command*, which documents his battalion's march to Baghdad in 2003. When 3rd Battalion 4th Marines was ambushed by elements of the Republican Guard on Iraq's Highway 6, this is how McCoy describes the Marines' response: "The enemy has initiated contact from as close as 30 meters, peppering the column with small arms fire and rocket propelled grenades" but "Bravo's infantry platoon comes roaring up in three Armored Amphibious Vehicles (AAVs), slamming to a halt at the edge of the kill zone."

The colonel continues:

Their heavy M2 .50 caliber machineguns and Mk-19 40 millimeter automatic grenade launchers open up to cover the Marine infantry rushing down the back ramps of the 26-ton vehicles, as a volley of RPGs is unleashed by the enemy, some sailing high while another ricochets off the hull and spins and hisses on the ground without detonating.

What happens next is pure violence, yet elegant in its harmony. Thirty-five US Marines of Kilo Company's 3rd Platoon rush out of the gloomy confines of their AAVs and into the teeth of the enemy fire. They know nothing of the enemy's strength or disposition. All they know is that this is a "contact right" battle drill, and this is what we do in "contact right." Private First Class Dusty Ladendorf, one of the platoon's riflemen, is less than a year out of high school. In an after-action review he makes this comment on the firefight: "You come out of the back of the track and just do it like you were trained. Execute your battle drill, take cover and fire, cover your buddy's move, and move yourself when he covers you. Find the enemy, close in on him, and kill him. Keep moving and keep killing, until it's over."

Allow me to quote a little more from McCoy's description of the fight:

The platoon rushes straight into the teeth of the fire and gains a foothold in the palm grove, taking advantage of the protection provided by every subtle fold in the ground and clod of dirt.

An untrained observer may look at this scene and think it no more organized than a riot. Actually, to us it is ferocious poetry. Every weapon system joins the fight, each supporting the other: machineguns, rifles, grenade launchers, and rocket launchers systematically suppress and then kill the enemy. We are now gaining fire superiority. Soon it is for the enemy to question the prospect of survival.

To survive and win, this is what mechanized infantry must do in a force-on-force fight. But by all accounts, the Russians appear to be "noticeably reluctant" to dismount and close with the Ukrainian defenders. We should be careful to not paint with too broad of a brush here. There are examples of Russian troops performing well in the fierce combat of the last three days. But there is clearly a pattern developing.

This is a morale problem, a training problem, a leadership problem, and a will-to-fight problem. None of these are factors that can be easily or quickly fixed. It takes months of training and trust both across the ranks and up and down the command structure to work effectively. The private must believe that, if he gets out of his vehicle and pushes forward, his mates in the tracks will have his back. Hanging back in perceived safety leads to defeat. Counterintuitively, it makes you more vulnerable to enemy fires.

None of this is easy or simple. There's a reason that every Marine infantryman learns from day one of boot camp that the mission of the rifle squad is to "locate, close with and destroy the enemy by fire

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and maneuver, or repel the enemy assault by fire and close combat.”

Unfortunately for the Russians as they advance into Kyiv, every part of what I described above becomes immeasurably more important when the terrain transitions from woods, fields, and roads to urban combat in a major city.

As I have written before, urban combat is hell. And as the Russians are learning, fire can come from all sides. The fog of war becomes all-enveloping. As nerves are frayed and exhaustion sets in, trigger fingers get touchy. Every window, doorway, and sewer drain is an “aperture” that can house a rifle or a medium machine gun. Streets and buildings constrict the lateral movement of an attacking force. In urban combat, units tend to drift towards the path of least resistance and “easy” avenues of approach such as major roadways — which can play right into the defenders’ hands by funneling the attackers into overlapping fields of fire.

It takes tremendous courage and discipline to initiate a “movement to contact” operation in an urban setting. It takes effective communication both within a unit and with the units on your left and right. There can be no shortcuts. Each time a unit crosses a road or moves to a new building, it must set up its movements in the correct sequence: First, an element must possess local security. Then, once local security is achieved, the next element can provide covering fires, achieve fire superiority, and suppress the enemy. Only then can the assault element cross the street without being gunned down. Get the order of operations wrong — and a unit’s flanks will be exposed or the assaulting element will reenact “The Charge of the Light Brigade.”

As the Marines say, “Movement without suppression is suicide.”

The Russians do not appear to be good at the details, and their failures at the operational and tactical levels have made an inherently difficult task much, much harder. This is why they are struggling. It’s why they will now turn to brute force to try to smash their way into the capital.

End of Report

## Are They Stuck Because of Bad Chinese Tires?



Report taken from Rodney’s Weekly Wrap (Dent Research) March 11

**I**s the Russian Convoy Outside Kyiv Stuck Because of Bad Chinese Tires? ... The Russian Ministry of Defense reported that the military convoy 30 kilometers outside of Kyiv was stalled due to Ukrainian resistance, mechanical breakdown, and congestion. Karl Muth, an academic at the University of Chicago, has a different theory. After seeing pictures of the stalled vehicles, he thinks that poor-quality Chinese tires are partly to blame. Muth noted that the tires look like Chinese Sea YS20s, a cheap imitation of the Michelin XZL military design. Former Pentagon staffer Trent Telenko noted that when you leave military tires in one place for extended periods of time, they become subject to sidewall failure after the vehicle travels a long distance. The combination of poor quality and poor maintenance will make moving the trucks across the muddy northern plains of Ukraine very difficult.

End of Report

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Photo taken on Feb. 27, 2022 shows smoke rising in the sky in Kiev, Ukraine. (Xinhua/Lu Jinbo)

**O**n March 8, a report broke that the Russian Foreign Ministry “confirmed” that authorities in Kiev destroyed dangerous pathogens of deadly diseases stored in U.S.-funded laboratories in the country.

Is this report true or is this another propaganda ploy by Russia to discredit America’s reputation with NATO and its stance against Russia’s invasion into Ukraine?

The report goes on to say that according to a statement made by Russian Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Maria Zakharova, the Foreign Ministry received documentation from employees at Ukrainian biological laboratories confirming the urgent destruction of dangerous pathogens such as plague, anthrax, tularemia, cholera and other deadly diseases on Feb. 24.



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Zahkarova added that these laboratories were funded by the U.S. Department of Defense and were part of a biological weapons program.

According to the foreign ministry, the pathogens were immediately destroyed to hide evidence pointing to the United States and Ukraine violating Article I of the United Nations Biological Weapons Convention.

Also on March 8, the Chinese Foreign Ministry called on the United States to release details of its biological laboratories in Ukraine and urged relevant parties to ensure their safety.

"In particular, the United States, as the party that knows the laboratories best, should release relevant specific information as soon as possible, including what viruses are stored and the research that has been carried out," Spokesperson Zhao Lijian said at a daily press briefing.

U.S. bio-military activities in Ukraine are only "the tip of the iceberg," Zhao said. Under various names, the U.S. Department of Defense controls 336 biological laboratories in 30 countries.

So, what is the true situation? I researched the matter and discovered that on April 10, 1972, the United States, United Kingdom and Soviet Union signed the Biological Weapons Convention, which prohibits the development, production, acquisition, transfer, stockpiling and use of biological weapons. Russia is now accusing the U.S. of violating this treaty by cooperating with Ukraine to make more virulent viruses. Actually, Russia may have violated the treaty itself when it used a biological weapon in a 2018 attack in the UK. Anyway, the U.S. denies Ukraine's biological research facilities are doing bioweapons research and instead maintains they are public and animal health labs. Still the World Health Organization has advised Ukraine to "destroy high-threat pathogens housed in the country's public health laboratories" to prevent "any potential spills" that would spread disease among the population.

U.S. Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs Victoria Nuland echoed the World Health Organization's concern, saying, "Ukraine has biological research facilities, which, in fact, we are now quite concerned Russian troops, Russian forces may be seeking to gain control of, so we are working with the Ukrainians on how they can prevent any of those research materials from falling into the hands of Russian forces should they approach." So the pathogens at these "public health laboratories" are virulent enough that the undersecretary of state does not want Russian President Vladimir Putin to get his hands on them.

What is really going on in Ukraine? Why would the U.S. need to fund public and animal health labs in Ukraine?

The U.S. Embassy in Ukraine notes that the "U.S. Department of Defense's Biological Threat Reduction Program collaborates with partner countries to counter the threat of outbreaks (deliberate, accidental or natural) of the world's most dangerous infectious diseases." Toward this end, the Pentagon funds 12 biolabs in Ukraine built

by Kansas-based company Black and Veatch during Barack Obama's first term in office. Black and Veatch partnered with Metabiota to set up these labs. Note, Metabiota has ties to Hunter Biden's investment company Rosemont Seneca Technology Partners, which pumped \$18.4 million into biological research facilities in both Ukraine and Georgia in 2014.

What was being done at these labs? A June 18, 2010, article from BioPrepWatch.com, which was recovered by National Pulse, says that in 2005, then Sen. Barack Obama and Sen. Dick Lugar negotiated a deal to build a level-3 biosecurity lab in Odessa. And a document from the BioWeapons Prevention Project shows these labs were studying Ebola and "viruses of pathogenicity group ii by using virology, molecular, serologica and express methods." They also provided "special training for specialists on biosafety and biosecurity issues during handling of dangerous biological pathogenic agents."

So, the U.S. may be technically correct when it says these labs are public and animal health labs, but they are still studying dangerous pathogens that could expose Ukraine and much of the world to a serious pandemic if released. The mortality rate of the Ebola virus is more than 15 times higher than the mortality rate of covid-19, so it has potential as a bioweapon. The potential for a Wuhan-style lab leak is distinctly real, especially considering Wuhan was a biosafety level 4 facility while Odessa is a biosafety level 3 near an active warzone.

"I would say from every facility that we have worked with them in, we have confidence that as long as the electrical power is turned on and the people we have trained are present at the facility ... these pathogens are safe and secure to international standards," Pope told the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists. "Should these facilities be damaged by conflict, that could change. If you lose the electrical power, the pathogens in the freezers warm up. If the ventilation system is damaged, or the building itself is damaged, and these now ambient-temperature pathogens are able to escape the facility, then they can be potentially infectious in the region around the facility."

The threat these pathogens pose is so great it begs the question: Why is the United States funding this type of research in Ukraine and Georgia? It certainly seems this type of research could be done on American soil where it is far more protected from things like a Russian invasion. But instead, Obama negotiated a deal to build these research facilities in Ukraine and then partially paid for them using capital from Hunter Biden's investment firm. These facts are all the more concerning in light of recent revelations that Obama and his science czar, Dr. John P. Holdren, were funding dangerous gain-of-function research at the Wuhan Institute of Virology in Communist China.

In "Was the Coronavirus Crisis Engineered?" Trumpet editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote, "We do not yet know everything there is to know about Covid-19, but the emerging picture makes an absolutely incredible scenario look more and more plausible: that American leaders contributed to engineering Covid-19 as a bioweapon to 'fundamentally transform' America. ... On July 5, 2016, Nature magazine published an interview with Dr. Holdren, in which he said, 'I'm going to China this week for strategic and economic dialogue and for a U.S.-China dialogue on innovation policy. ... We have a



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lot of cooperation with China on biomedical issues. We talk to them all of the time about gain-of-function research and about gene editing issues.' Holdren was collaborating with the Chinese to make viruses more deadly! This collaboration is even more concerning since it occurred after Obama cut off funding for gain-of-function research in America."

Now it has been revealed the Obama administration was doing similar research in Ukraine, whether it was bioweapons research or public and animal health research. Constructing an Ebola research lab in Odessa does not make much sense, especially when you realize that Obama brokered the deal to build this lab the same year he brokered a deal to destroy Soviet-era weaponry in Eastern Ukraine. Why disarm a nation and start doing Ebola research on Russia's border? As with Obama's support for the Wuhan lab, this is either incompetence or treason. Unfortunately, things are now becoming quite serious. We need to hope for the best and prepare for the worst.

D. Miyoshi

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**O**n March 10, Dave Hodges of the *Common Sense Show* released a bombshell report alleging that the Coronavirus was developed in Ukraine with the complicit participation of Russia, China and Iran. Hodges is a highly credible politically conservative commentator and critic who through the years has been invariably proven right. For your reading consideration, I recreate his report below. D. Miyoshi



## The Coronavirus Was Developed In Ukraine with the Complicit Participation of Russia, China and Iran-The Documents Do Not Lie!!!

The following evidence speaks for itself. We have new information

from multiple sources which indicates that the Coronavirus was developed in Ukraine and shipped to Wuhan for later release. Here is the evidence for all to judge.

Extreme leftist propaganda publication, *USA Today*, published a now discredited "Fact Check" article which debunked any and all allegations of US involvement in bioweapons labs in Ukraine.

Fact Check: False claim of US biolabs in Ukraine is tied to Russian disinformation campaign.

The mouthpiece publication for the Council on Foreign Relations stated the following:

False claims of US biolabs in Ukraine....

*The New York Times, Reuters, The European Union* and a host of other lap dog media types chimed in with the same exact rhetoric..."...there are no bioweapons labs in Ukraine. This is Russian disinformation and the product of conspiracy theories."

As I will cover later in the article, I know that this was a lie and I have known for at least 8 years. However, the country seemed to be willing to dismiss this allegation as a conspiracy theory...until Tucker Carlson aired an exchange in the US Senate two days ago.

In the following report which aired on Tucker Carlson on March 9, 2022, a number of critical issues were identified.



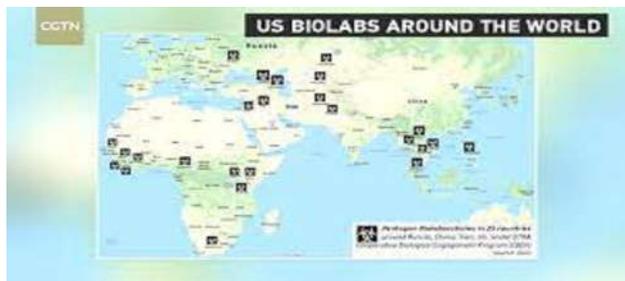
First, Victoria Nuland, who I will have a lot to say about, was shown being interrogated by Marco Rubio (R-FL). He asked her if there are chemical and biological biolabs in Ukraine. You could see Nuland's reaction as she almost fell out of her chair. She had a hard time composing herself and then she settled on a cover story as she proclaimed the US only studies potential bioweapons research related to our potential enemies. What neither Tucker or Rubio noted that in order to study a bioweapons threat, the bioweapon would have to be created. There is no way around this. Subsequently, Nuland's admission leads to the unescapable conclusion that the various Ukrainian weapons labs are CREATING bioweapons.

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You may have to enlarge the following image... It says:

"Pentagon Biolaboratories in 25 countries. (The following is stunning)."

"... around Russia, China, Iran, under DTRA and Cooperative Biological Engagement Program (CBEP) Source: DoD"



This government maps admits that the US government is not only maintaining bioweapons labs in Ukraine, but they are doing so in 25 different countries. The most disturbing revelation points to the fact the US is doing bioweapons research in facilities "with Russia, China, Iran...etc."

This point cannot be overstated. Back in 2014, 2016, 2018 and 2020, I published articles which put the aforementioned Victoria Neuland

Dilyana Gaytandzhieva recently published an article in which she validates what I have suspected and later discovered was true all along. The article was entitled *Is Fauci Up to the Same In Ukraine?* Up to the same what? What is this author talking about? She is alluding, and then proves that Fauci is engaged in biolabs research in the same manner that he was in Wuhan.

In a radio interview, Paul Preston

Here is an excerpt from Dilyana's article:

America's Biological Threat Reduction Program (BTRP) established Ukraine as its major partner:

"The U.S. Department of Defense's Biological Threat Reduction Program collaborates with partner countries to counter the threat of outbreaks (deliberate, accidental, or natural) of the world's most dangerous infectious diseases. The program accomplishes its bio-threat reduction mission through development of a bio-risk management culture; international research partnerships; and partner capacity for enhanced bio-security, bio-safety, and bio-surveillance measures. The Biological Threat Reduction Program's priorities in Ukraine are to consolidate and secure pathogens and toxins of security concern and to continue to ensure Ukraine can detect and report

outbreaks caused by dangerous pathogens before they pose security or stability threats."

**Lviv Diagnostic Laboratory  
Lviv Oblast Laboratory Center  
27, Krupyarskaya Str. Lviv**

**Fact Sheet**

**Technical Assistance Project** - Technical Assistance Plan for Designated Recipients of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine. Registration card #2225-04 dated 21.05.2012.

**Donor** – the Department of Defense of the United States of America

**Beneficiary/Executive Agent** – the Ministry of Health of Ukraine

**Recipient** – Lviv Oblast Laboratory Center (former Oblast SES)  
Address: 27, Krupyarskaya Str. Lviv  
POC: Dr. Lubamira Evgenivna Shepelenko, Acting Director of Laboratory Center

**Contractor Team** - Integrating Contractor: Black & Veatch. Ukrainian Subcontractors: Central Design Institute - Lviv (Designer) & RK-Center (Construction) & Mediamax (equipment supply).

**Design Oversight (Avtonadzor)** – Central Design Institute, Lviv - Evgenii Vasilevich Svetlichnyi

**Construction Oversight (Technadzor)** - Bogdan Ivanovich Ostrovskiy

**Expert Examination of Design Approval** - The Conceptual Design was approved by MoH Central Regime Commission on August 11, 2011. The Working Design was approved by Lviv "Ukrbuddzhexpertise" on August 12, 2011.

**Construction permit** - The Declaration for start to construction was signed by the Chief Doctor of Lviv Oblast SES (Dr. Roman Mikhailovich Pavliv) and registered at GASK (State Architectural Construction Inspection in Lviv oblast) on July 13, 2010

**State Acceptance** - "Construction Ready for Operation Declaration" was signed by the Acting Chief Doctor, Dr. Mikola Vasilevich Urbanovich, and registered at GASK (State Architectural Construction Inspection in Lviv oblast) on December 25, 2012

**Transfer of Custody and Sustainment Memorandum of Understanding** - The TOC and S&T MoU were signed by the Chief Doctor of Lviv Oblast SES, Dr. Roman Mikhailovich Pavliv, on July 24, 2012.

**EDPs Permit** - The permit for working with Pathogens was issued by Regime Commission of MoH on July 2, 2012.

**USG Investment** - Total cost of laboratory: **USD\$1,927,158** (USD\$1,523,080 for Design & Construction; USD\$404,078 for lab equipment, furniture, and installation)

**Dnipropetrovsk State Regional Diagnostic Veterinary Laboratory  
(Dnipropetrovsk RDVL)  
48, Kirova ave., Dnipropetrovsk**

**Information Summary**

**Technical Assistance Plan** - Memorandum for technical assistance to designated recipients of the State Committee of Veterinary Medicine of Ukraine and the National Academy of Agrarian Sciences of Ukraine. Registration Card # 2225-04 on 21.05.2012.

**Donor** – the United States Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA)

**Beneficiary/Executive Agent** - State Committee of Veterinary Medicine of Ukraine (currently - State Veterinary and Phytosanitary Service of Ukraine)

**Recipient** – Dnipropetrovsk State Regional Laboratory of Veterinary Medicine, 48, Kirova ave., Dnipropetrovsk. Malimon Oleksandr Grygorovych, Director

**Contractor Team** - Integrating Contractor: Black & Veatch Special Projects Corp. Ukrainian Subcontractors: Project Technical Center (Designer) & Mediamax (Construction & Equipment Supplier).

**Design Oversight** – Project Technical Center, Sergey Volodymyrovych Mutulin

**Construction Oversight** – Georgii Petrovych Granich

**Design-project Expert Assessment** - Draft project was approved by the Central Regime Committee of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine on March 27, 2012. Working design-project was approved by the Decree of the Director of Dnipropetrovsk SRL/VM on June 21, 2013

**Construction permit** – Declaration for construction works was signed by the Director of Dnipropetrovsk Regional State Veterinary Laboratory (Oleksandr Malimon) and registered in the State Architectural Construction Inspection in the Dnipropetrovsk region on July 19, 2012.

**Operational readiness** - Declaration of facility operational readiness was provided to the Director of the Dnipropetrovsk State Regional Veterinary Laboratory to sign and submit to the State Construction Inspection. Veterinary Working Group inspected the facility on May 23, 2013. The Black & Veatch has received the comments and sent the answer on July 7, 2013.

**Transfer of Custody (Acceptance Act) and Memorandum of Understanding** – The TOC was signed on April 17, 2013

**EDPs Permit** – The obtaining of the Permit for working with pathogens is in process.

**Certification of Attestation / Accreditation** - Certification of Attestation / Accreditation process will be started after obtaining Permit for working with Pathogens.

**USG Investment** - Total cost of laboratory: **\$1,810,547 USD** (\$1,298,805,19 for Design & Construction; \$511,742 for lab equipment and furniture)

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Dnipropetrovsk Diagnostic Laboratory  
Dnipropetrovsk Oblast Laboratory Center  
39/A, Filsofs'ka str., Dnipropetrovsk

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**Technical Assistance Project** - technical assistance plan for relevant recipients of Ministry of Health of Ukraine.

**Donor** - the Department of Defense of USA

**Beneficiary/Executive Agent** - Ministry of Health of Ukraine

**Recipient** - Dnipropetrovsk Oblast Laboratory Center (former Dnipropetrovsk Oblast SES)  
Address: 26, Sniidta /39/A, Filsofs'ka Str., Dnipropetrovsk.  
POC: Dr. Valeriy Grygorovych Kapshuk, Chief Doctor

**Contractor Team** - Integrating Contractor: Black & Veatch, Ukrainian Subcontractors: Dnipropetrovsk Domus-Proekt (Designer) & RK-Center (Construction) & Mediamax (Equipment supply).

**Design Oversight (Avtomadzor)** - Dnipropetrovsk Domus-Proekt

**Construction Oversight (Technadzor)** - D.V. Zyrnianov

**Expert Examination of Design Approval** - The Conceptual Design was approved by MoH Central Regime Commission on August 11, 2010. The Working Design was approved by Dnipropetrovsk "Ukrbuddzhexpertise" on December 01, 2010.

**Construction permit** - The Construction Permit was signed GASK (State Architectural Construction Inspection in Dnipropetrovsk oblast) on December 21, 2010.

**State Acceptance** - "Construction Acceptance Act" was signed by the Chief Doctor Kapshuk Valeriy Grygorovych on October 03, 2011 and registered by GASK (State Architectural Construction Inspectorate) on October 03, 2011.

**Transfer of Custody and Sustainment Memorandum of Understanding** - The TOC and S&T MoU was signed by the Chief Doctor, Dr. Valeriy Grygorovych Kapshuk on January 18, 2012.

**EDPs Permit** - The permit for working with Pathogens was issued by Regime Commission of MoH on February 15, 2012.

**USG Investment** - Total cost of laboratory: **USD\$1,935,557** (USD\$1,531,479 for Design & Construction; USD\$404,078 for lab equipment and furniture)

Back in April 2021 Newsweek Reported on “Vladimir Putin’s Adviser Says U.S. Is Developing Biological Weapons Near Russia”

Interestingly, the BTRP has a direct connection to the EcoHealth Alliance. That’s the same EcoHealth Alliance connected to Dr. Anthony Fauci.

It doesn’t take much to add all of this up. Ukraine is at the forefront of the US Department of Defense’s Biological Threat Reduction Program that essentially is another form of a Wuhan lab, which means the US DoD is researching bioweapons right across the border from Russia. Putin may be brutal, but given what came out of Wuhan, these bioweapon research facilities in the Ukraine appear to be an existential danger to Russia. Why would he want to take a chance with an increasingly brazen NATO on his doorsteps and the threat of bioweapons? (End Quote).

### Damage Control by the Biden Administration

The lap dog mainstream media got wind of Tucker Carlson's impending report, along with Rubio's questioning of Nuland about the biolabs and an apparent and alleged cover story has emerged. Please note the following AP release from this morning which suggests that the Russians may use chemical weapons in Ukraine (ie accuse your enemy of doing what you are doing):

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Biden administration publicly warned Wednesday that Russia might seek to use chemical or biological weapons in Ukraine as the White House rejected Russian claims of illegal chemical weapons development in the country it has invaded.

This week, Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova — without evidence — accused Ukraine of running chemical and biological weapons labs with U.S. support. White House press secretary Jen Psaki called Russia’s claim “preposterous” and said it could be part of an attempt by Russia to lay the groundwork for its own use of such weapons of mass destruction against Ukraine.

“This is all an obvious ploy by Russia to try to justify its further premeditated, unprovoked, and unjustified attack on Ukraine,” Psaki tweeted Wednesday. “Now that Russia has made these false claims, and China has seemingly endorsed this propaganda, we should all be on the lookout for Russia to possibly use chemical or biological weapons in Ukraine, or to create a false flag operation using them.”

The U.S. for months has warned about Russian “false flag” operations to create a pretext for the invasion. Wednesday's warning suggested Russia might seek to create a pretense for further escalating the two-week old conflict that has seen the Russian offensive slowed by stronger-than-expected Ukrainian defenders, but not stopped.

Dmitry Chumakov, a Russian deputy U.N. ambassador, repeated the accusation Wednesday, urging Western media to cover “the news about secret biological laboratories in Ukraine.”

We have officially entered the Ukrainian false flag zone in which the war will be used to cover the criminal behavior of several bad actors in perpetrating the coronavirus upon the world via Wuhan.

Please note that as Paul Preston and myself previously reported that the virus, developed in Ukraine, was shipped via Air Force 2 with Devon Archer and Hunter Biden (on behalf of Burisma) on board. According to Paul Preston, none of the flight crew is alive today. To provide a degree of separation for the Biden crime family, Devon Archer was just sentenced to a year in prison as another means to cover up these crimes. I do not expect Archer to leave prison alive.

### Conclusion

The compilation of this research validates what Paul Preston and myself has said for years in that the Coronavirus was developed in Ukraine and was shipped to Wuhan's lab in 2015 for safekeeping and future use. Why Ukraine? My best guess is that China wanted plausible deniability and did not want to get pinned for gain-of-function research in a manner that would implicate their leaders for future war crime hearings.

Isn't it interesting to note that the US was working with Russia, China and Iran in Ukraine. This means that the plot to release the government-destroying, civil liberties evisceration was an internal plot and I would expect that Soros and the World Economic Forum was providing direction. The research continues.

### End of Report

## Cyberattacks are Coming



The Ukrainian conflict is now over a month. On March 19, Garry Kasparov world-renowned chess grandmaster and longtime critic of Russian President Vladimir Putin, tweeted the following “joke” which has been floating around the Russian internet.

“We are now entering day 24 of the special military operation to take Kyiv in two days.”

In other words, the Russian people get it... Putin's assault on Ukraine is an all-out disaster.

Indeed, that "two-day special operation" has well passed one month.

In mid-March the Pentagon estimated that as many as 10,000 Russian soldiers were killed, including five or six generals. The human tragedy that Russia has created for itself and for Ukraine is indisputable.

The U.S. and Western intelligence communities knew this would happen...

They've been spot-on for years in predicting Putin's moves. As Trish Regan of *American Consequences* wrote in February, intelligence officials knew as far back as 2004 that Putin had dangerous territorial ambitions.

Three months before Putin fired missiles at Ukraine, the Biden administration reportedly gave China a heads-up... China then allegedly encouraged Russia to wait until after the Olympics to launch its attack. (but China disputes that report.)

Then, in late January, President Joe Biden told reporters that he believed Putin did not want a "full-blown war." Instead, he wanted to test the U.S. and NATO. Biden predicted that Putin would probably act in ways the Kremlin would eventually regret. "My guess is he will move in... "

Regan warned her readers about this in June 2021 just days after the

cyberattacks on Colonial Pipeline and JBS Foods, one of the world's largest meat producers...

Russia could attack the U.S. through cyberspace.

The cyberwarfare that may soon kick off would only be the beginning of a new arms race...

If you've been paying attention to the news, you know cyberattacks are the new battlefield of the 21st century. And just like the Cold War arms race, the U.S. (and its global rivals) will spend billions of dollars in the coming years to develop the tools that can undermine our enemies' computer systems and defend our own.

On March 9, a story came out in NEWSTARGET (Uncensored and Independent Media News) informing that in early March the Russian government announced that it will disconnect from the global internet in order to defend against external cyberattacks.

That decision has led some to believe Putin may be planning on launching his own cyberattack against Western nations including the U.S.

“Russia will completely disconnect from the global internet on March 11,” notes the website Strange Sounds, adding: “No later than March 11, all servers and domains must be transferred to the Russian zone (.ru). In addition, detailed data on the network infrastructure of the sites is being collected.”

At the same time, the World Economic Forum has removed Cyber Polygon from its website — which describes a large-scale cyberattack that essentially sends the entire world back into the 1800s before electricity and modern modes of communication.

Also, data was released showing the Russian navy's spy vessel Yantar, which is known for spying on undersea fiberoptic and internet cables, left its base in early March. “In Russian sources the Yantar is described as a ‘Special Purpose Ship’ or ‘Oceanographic vessel’. In the West however it is regarded as a spy ship. Its forte is surveying undersea cables and possibly tapping, delousing or sabotaging them.

There can really only be a couple of reasons why the Yantar set sail in early March: 1) To conduct legitimate spying on behalf of the Russian government; or 2) to begin sabotaging or even cutting undersea fiber optics cables to deny internet access to the West. Once Russia completely internalizes all of its own internet services, Moscow will have no further need for outside access.

A New Warning to Companies: Lock Your (Cyber) Doors!

On March 21 the White House issued a new warning about Russian hacking...

There is now evolving intelligence that Russia may be exploring options for potential cyberattacks.

## Does Putin have a Terminal Illness?

But this is nothing new...

Cyberattackers have been combing through the dark corners of the Internet, seeking vulnerabilities in company networks and systems for years.

And they're becoming quite skilled in their offense.

In fact, ransomware attacks have soared in recent years... With the rise of difficult-to-trace cryptocurrency and millions of employees working from home, new IT vulnerabilities emerged... and hackers took full advantage.

The problem is that companies often don't take these threats seriously enough until it's too late.

Maybe this is our new wake-up call...

### Beefing Up Cybersecurity

In 2021, the number of publicly reported breaches increased by at least 17% from 2020, according to the Identity Theft Resource Center, a nonprofit focused on mitigating identity theft.

In response, some U.S. companies have stepped up their cybersecurity defenses through increased spending and cutting-edge technology...

According to the Modern Intelligence technology company, businesses spent about \$133 billion on cybersecurity in 2021. A 2022 PricewaterhouseCoopers survey indicates that 69% of companies intend to increase cybersecurity spending... In fact, spending in this sector could top \$350 billion by 2026.

Yet, these estimates came before the disaster in Ukraine and before the White House sounded the alarm on March 21.

Smart companies are now working overtime to make sure they're prepared and secure...

Many are harnessing innovative technology, like next-generation firewalls and threat-detection software using artificial intelligence.

After all, if last year's cyberattacks on SolarWinds, Colonial Pipeline, and JBS Foods signal what could happen to our energy and food supply, it's critical that Americans wake up to this new reality.

And don't forget the threat to our banking system... Nearly 91% of Americans are worried about security breaches that could compromise their funds, according to a study by the Pearson Institute at The University of Chicago.

This is very concerning stuff... The U.S. government and American companies need to understand the gravity of these cyberattacks and

prepare for them well in advance. That means getting into place the tools and technology to protect our computer systems, infrastructure, and data...or else.

D. Miyoshi

## Does Putin have a Terminal Illness?

**R**ight after the invasion of Ukraine varied stories were released in the media questioning or claiming Putin is suffering from a terminal illness. Because of the timing of the story and that it was not featured in the main stream media, the story's validity needs to be questioned. Nevertheless, for the most part the claims made in the various accounts ring valid and it's possible Putin can be suffering some type of malady that is affecting his behavior. Stories like this in secondary media sources (i.e. National Enquirer and the like) have turned out to be true more times than expected. Thus, perusing them with a grain of salt can be warranted. Previous videos of Putin appearing at official ceremonies show him consistently walking with a stiff right arm. Speculation has been spreading this can indicate either the onset of Parkinson's disease or an ingrained habit of a prior KGB officer to be ready to grasp a shoulder holster weapon. On March 7, the following story appeared on the *WalesOnline* channel and I present it here for your reading consideration. D. Miyoshi

## Does Vladimir Putin have health problems and why do people think he has cancer?



Some have speculated that Russian leader Vladimir Putin may have cancer (Image: Kommersant Photo Agency/REX/Shutterstock)

Many people have been speculating about the health of Russian dictator Vladimir Putin, with some suggesting he may have cancer.

Though he has been a prominent leader on the world stage for over two decades, his illegal and horrific war on his neighbor Ukraine has thrown him into the spotlight more than ever.

## Putin feels “cornered like a rat”

Hundreds of civilians have already died, along with thousands of combatants, with countries around the world bringing in sanctions to try and deter an escalation of the conflict. With Vladimir Putin appearing more often on our screens some people have started to speculate that the Russian leader may not be in the best of health with some suggesting he may have cancer or Parkinson's disease.

It should be stressed that there is no hard evidence to confirm these rumors but given the prominent, and frankly terrible, impact he is having on world events at the moment it is worth at least looking at what people are saying.

'Putin's puffy eyes may indicate cancer'

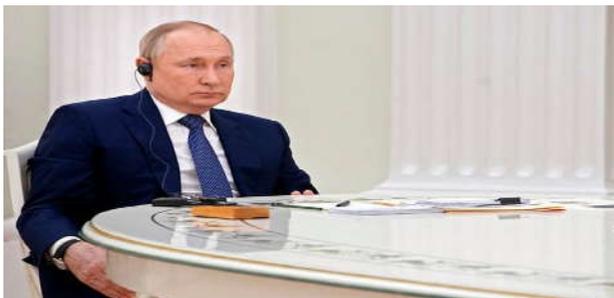
In recent TV appearances, Vladimir Putin has appeared noticeably more bloated around the face and neck. The Telegraph suggested that this could be because " he may be undergoing treatment with steroids". Back in November 2020 the Russian leader had a severe coughing fit on television which the Kremlin later edited.

The Telegraph quoted Fiona Hill, the British former senior White House expert on Russia, who said: "He's been rather puffy-faced. We know that he has complained about having back issues. Even if it's not something worse than that, it could be that he's taking high doses of steroids, or there may be something else. There for this [invasion] that may be also driven by personal factors."

The Daily Star has quoted an "ex-military intelligence officer now working at the Pentagon" as saying they think Vladimir Putin is living in pain which may be a result of cancer, with his face being a sign he is taking chemotherapy drugs or steroids and his unsmiling expression showing he is in constant pain.

The source said: "In the past we have seen him smile, but in 2022 there are few pictures of him looking happy. His look suggests he is in pain and our people suggest his angry look is most likely as a result of him being in agony. Our people are confident he is ill – he is concerned about Covid as he keeps his staff at a distance."

Why the long table?



Some have suggested that the reason for the strict distancing is that Mr Putin is immunocompromised and would be at substantial risk if he was to catch Covid or another illness.

Does Vladimir Putin have Parkinson's disease?

This rumour has been circulating for several years after historian Professor Valery Solovei claimed that Putin had the degenerative disease.

"If anyone is interested in the exact diagnosis, I'm not a doctor, and I have no ethical right to reveal these problems," he said, The Sun reported. "Parkinson's does not threaten physical state, but just limits public appearances. But there is a fatal diagnosis."

The claim was vigorously rejected at the time by Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov who said: "It's absolute nonsense, everything is fine with the president."

What other hints are there about Putin's health?

Some commentators have pointed to comments made by the Republican senator Marco Rubio, who suggested "something is off" with the Russian leader.

Mr Rubio sees classified intelligence and has been on the record saying: "I wish I could share more, but for now, I can say it's pretty obvious to many that something is off with Putin."

It should be stressed that none of this amounts to definite proof. However, given the misinformation machine that the Russian state has become it makes attempts to dispel these rumours by Putin's administration hard for many to swallow as much of what they say is viewed with skepticism (Putin was denying the fact he had any plans to invade Ukraine until right before he did).

End of Story

## Putin feels “cornered like a rat”



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According to a report published on March 12 by Conservative Research Group, Russian President Vladimir Putin feels “cornered like an animal” as the Ukrainian invasion continued into its third week. And based on his personal history and past it suggests he will continue to fight for his position.

Rebekah Koffler, an ex-Agent of the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency and author of “*Putin’s Playbook: Russia’s Secret Plan to Defeat America*”, told Fox News Digital that a portion from Putin’s 2000 autobiography entitled “*First Person*” can be used to examine Putin’s record as a leader of Russia and his current invasion in Ukraine.

Putin writes in his book that he had to cross several rat-infested floors in order to reach his childhood apartment. One day, he said that he grabbed his stick and chased the large rat into a corner. The rat realized that he was trapped and attacked Putin, forcing him to flee. This incident apparently had an impact on the future Russian president.

Koffler stated that Putin’s childhood story about the rats and other stories about his personal life are part of a deliberate effort to show the West that he will always fight back against being trapped.

Koffler stated to Fox News that he wanted people to understand that if he is cornered, he will fight. “He won’t be surrendering.”

Putin was quoted in another biography, “*Vladimir Putin – Life History*”, as saying that he learned from neighborhood fights as an infant that you must fight until the end of every fight and that there is no escape.

According to Koffler’s account, Putin was in trouble when he “miscalculated” two key issues in invading Ukraine. He didn’t consider the Ukrainian people’s willingness to fight or the role technology would play to bring the images of destruction to homes around the world. He clearly miscalculated, and now he feels trapped. He must execute this operation to reach his goal.

Koffler said that Putin was horrified at the U.S.’s overthrow of the Libyan and Iraqi regimes and that he fears the same fate. This is especially true when he hears American leaders claiming that he is a madman and calling for his assassination.

Putin feels the pressure, regardless of any short-term victories he may have on the battlefield. This is because the Russian leader sees this battle with Ukraine as a fight to save his country.

Zbigniew Brzezinski, author of “*The Grand Chessboard*”, writes that “he who controls Eurasia control the world.” Koffler states that Putin believes that idea and that the United States also believes the same. (The Bible supports that very principle. The Garden of Eden was in Eurasia and the final battle and the second coming of Christ will also be in Eurasia).

Koffler stated that “they know it’s about not who controls Ukraine at all.” It’s not about who controls Eurasia or who controls the entire world. Putin is fighting for his survival, and this is why you can see him fighting.

Koffler also mentions the proximity of NATO forces and Russia’s major cities as factors to be considered when discussing Putin’s feelings of pressure. Koffler explained how, during the Cold War the distance between St. Petersburg (and NATO forces) was approximately 1,000 miles. Today, it is approximately 100 miles.

Koffler stated that “Russian military calculations show they can’t afford this kind of thing, it’s a threat to their military power.”

Koffler said that Putin is feeling trapped by all of these issues and will try to escape. He may use his nuclear weapons if necessary.

Koffler stated that he would run his troops to the ground and that he would “level Kyiv” as he felt it was “what he needed to do.”

This is not a good omen for the world. Let’s hope something changes soon to dispel this forecast.

D. Miyoshi

## The Militia and a Contract on Zelensky



An article appeared in the *Daily Mail.com*. It was written by Rory Tingle for Mailonline and published on Feb 28, 2022. Its message is upsetting albeit neither surprising nor unexpected. It’s about a contract to kill the Ukraine president Volodymyr Zelensky. I present it here for your reading consideration.

D. Miyoshi



## The Militia and a Contract on Zelensky

### Putin's 'thugs for hire' militia with orders to kill Zelensky: Shadowy Wagner mercenaries who have been flown in from Africa with 23-strong hit list including Ukraine's president and the Klitschko brothers

- Wagner Group is seen by military experts to be at the beck and call of Vladimir Putin - although he denies this
  - Its fighters have been linked to a string of rapes, robberies, murders, and alleged war crimes across Africa
- Force has already been heavily involved in supplying weapons, and fighters in Ukraine, military sources say

The 400-strong squad of bloodthirsty mercenaries flown in from Africa with orders to kill Volodymyr Zelensky are part of a notorious private militia linked to a string of rapes, robberies, murders, and alleged war crimes.

The Wagner Group - which is believed to have a hit list of 23 key figures including the Klitschko brothers - is considered by military experts to be at the beck and call of Vladimir Putin, although the Kremlin has repeatedly denied this.

The force has already been heavily involved in supplying weapons, experienced special operations personnel, and military training to pro-Russian militias in eastern Ukraine, according to military sources.

Some of its operatives have been embedded on the Ukrainian border after training at a base run by the GRU - the Kremlin's military intelligence unit - near the southern Russian city of Krasnodar, the sources - speaking to Reuters - said.

Sending the Wagner Group into Ukraine would fit in with its use by the Russian state elsewhere in the world. It has previously been deployed to Africa, where it has carried out black ops operations that the Kremlin wants done while avoiding direct responsibility.

The army-for-hire, allegedly run by oligarch Yevgeny Prigozhin - a close ally of the Russian president who is often dubbed 'Putin's chef' - was flown in five weeks ago and is being offered a huge sum for the mission, according to The Times.

The highly trained operatives are said to be waiting for the green light from the Kremlin to pounce, with their hit list also including Ukraine's prime minister, the entire cabinet, mayor of Kyiv Vitali Klitschko and his brother Wladimir - both boxing champions who have become iconic figures on the front lines of the capital.

However, their plans were rumbled after they reached the upper echelons of the Ukrainian government on Saturday morning (Feb

26).

It prompted Kyiv to declare a 36-hour 'hard' curfew, ordering everyone indoors so that soldiers could sweep the streets for Russian saboteurs.

Citizens were warned that they risked being 'liquidated' if they were spotted outside during the curfew hours, as they may be assumed to be the enemy.

For Western observers, Wagner Group's links with the Kremlin are in little doubt. Putin himself has been pictured at a Kremlin function with Wagner troops including lieutenant colonel Dmitry Utkin, the group's suspected founder.

In 2020, investigative news site Bellingcat uncovered records revealing Wagner's reputed boss, Yevgeny Prigozhin, had made 99 calls to Vladimir Putin's chief of staff in eight months and frequently spoke to top officials at the Kremlin.

Wagner Group has been involved in fighting across Africa, including in Syria, Libya, Mozambique and the Central African Republic - with observers noting the close correlation between their actions and the Kremlin's own policy aims.

In 2019, a man who filmed the torture and beheading of a Syrian prisoner was identified as Stanislav D, a soldier who was known to have been employed by Wagner in the country to help prop up its Kremlin-backed dictator, Bashar Assad.

The victim was identified by independent Russian newspaper Novaya Gazeta as Mohammed Taha Ismail al-Abdullah, a Syrian national, who was accused of deserting from an army unit loyal to Assad.

In the clip, a man can be seen laying on the ground and is surrounded by a small group of four men all dressed in camouflage.

The group break the victim's legs with a sledgehammer before crushing his chest, beheading him, and cutting off his lower arms. They then hang his corpse by his legs and set the body on fire.

In Libya, the BBC obtained a Samsung tablet owned by a Wagner fighter which revealed the group had been leaving unmarked mines in civilian areas - a war crime.

The investigation also uncovered a 'shopping list' of weapons and military equipment, including four tanks, hundreds of Kalashnikov rifles, and a state-of-the-art radar system.

A military analyst said some of the equipment could only have come





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from the Kremlin.

Shocking revelations also emerged about the conduct of Wagner fighters, with one former member openly admitting to killing prisoners because 'no-one wants an extra mouth to feed'.

Meanwhile, one Libyan villager described how he played dead as his relatives were killed around him.

Wagner's appearance in Mali was one of the reasons given by French president Emmanuel Macron for his decision to pull out 2,400 troops from the country, where they had been fighting jihadists.

Mr Macron suspected the mercenaries had struck a deal with Mali's ruling junta.

He said Wagner was 'arriving in Mali with predatory intentions, but why?'

'Because the junta which is in power after two coups d'états considers them to be the best partners they can find to protect their power, not to fight against terrorism.'

Wagner fighters were welcomed into the Central African Republic (CAR) by President Faustin-Archange Touadéra to assist in his fight against rebels.

Over the course of the campaign, both the UN and France said they had been responsible for raping and robbing unarmed civilians in the country's rural areas.

In total, the UN documented more than 500 incidents in the country during the year from July 2020, including sexual violence, extrajudicial killings and torture.

Although inspectors accepted some of the violence had been carried out by rebels, CAR's Justice Minister Arnaud Abazene acknowledged for the first time that some abuses had been carried out by 'Russian instructors'.

Wagner has also been involved in operations against ISIS in Syria and Mozambique.

In Mozambique, seven mercenaries were killed by ISIS-linked militants - including four who were shot and then beheaded.

Both attacks were ambushes in Mozambique's northern Cabo Delgado state, according to sources in the country's military.

The Times reported that between 2,000 and 4,000 Wagner Group

mercenaries arrived in Ukraine back in January, but with different missions.

Some were sent to the rebel-held regions of Donetsk and Luhansk in the east of the country - while the 400 tasked with taking out Zelensky headed to Kyiv from Belarus.

The group are now said to be tracking Zelensky and his colleagues via their mobile phones - claiming to know where they are at all times.

Another source claimed the killers-for-hire have been told to put on the brakes while Putin holds 'peace talks' with Zelensky this week.

But they have allegedly been informed that the Russian leader has no desire to reach a deal, branding the meeting on the Belarus border as 'smoke and mirrors.'

News of their assassination plans has not seemed to faze Zelensky, who admitted he was 'target number one' during an address to the nation, telling them Russian special forces were hunting him.

When the US offered to extract him, he told President Joe Biden: 'I need ammunition, not a ride.'

Wagner has conducted covert operations across Africa and the Middle East, including in Syria, and they have most recently been on the ground in Ukraine to guide Russian tanks to the capital.

General Sir Richard Barrons, a former commander of Joint Forces Command, said: 'They are very effective because they are hard to pin down.'

'They can appear from the shadows, do very violent things and then disappear again, without it being obvious who was responsible. They are not directly linked to the Russian government and therefore they are plausibly deniable.'

Sources said the militia were briefed about Putin's plans against Ukraine back in December, long before the Russian army was told. Soldiers and generals were feared to oppose the invasion plans, and several have been executed for doing so, it is claimed.



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The Wagner Group (pictured in Syria) has conducted covert operations across Africa and the Middle East, including in Syria, and they have most recently been on the ground in Ukraine to guide Russian tanks to the capital

Businessman Yevgeny Prigozhin (pictured left) is nicknamed 'Putin's chef' because of his catering business which supplies services to the Kremlin



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Vladimir Putin poses with four alleged Wagner officers at a function at the Kremlin - which denies any involvement with Russian mercenary groups



The army-for-hire, run by oligarch Yevgeny Prigozhin - a close ally of the Russian president (pictured) who is often dubbed 'Putin's chef' - was flown in five weeks ago

#### Who is on Wagner Group's kill list?

Prime Minister Volodymyr Zelensky

All of his Cabinet ministers

Vitali Klitschko, mayor of Kviv

His brother, Wladimir, who is also a popular figure involved in fighting the invaders.

Brothers Vitali and Wladimir Klitschko are two popular figures on the Wagner Group's kill list



## Should China Sever Ties with Russia?



Brothers Vitali and Wladimir Klitschko are two popular figures on the Wagner Group's kill list

Ukraine war: The latest

Ukraine's MoD says Russia has lost 5,300 soldiers, 29 planes, 29 helicopters and 151 tanks

Russia's MoD has for the first time acknowledged suffering losses, but refused to say how many

Russian economy entered freefall as Western sanctions put in place over the weekend took effect, with ruble sliding to its lowest level ever

Moscow's central bank has more-than doubled the interest rate to 20 per cent

Russia orders people and companies to sell 80 per cent of their revenue in foreign currencies, forcing them to buy the ruble to help prop it up

Moscow stock exchange won't open until at least 3pm in an attempt to head off all-out crash

Zelensky has allowed Ukrainian prisoners to be freed if they join defense forces to 'repay their debt'

Ukraine president also announced creation of 'international brigade' for foreign volunteers wishing to join military, after 'thousands' applied

Spain's foreign minister called Putin's order to put nuclear forces on high alert 'one more sign of [his] absolute irrationality'

Former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe says his country should be open to hosting nuclear weapons

Germany announced a \$112million fund to rebuild the country's armed forces, more-than double its current self-defense budget

EU announced, for the first time in its history, that it will send funds to Ukraine for weapons - including fighter jets

Russia appears to have used banned cluster munitions to indiscriminately shell civilian areas in Ukraine's east

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## Should China Sever Ties with Russia?

**A**s the Ukrainian war (or as Putin describes it a special operation and peace keeping mission) drags on resulting in mounting casualties for both Ukraine and Russia, but especially Russia, the question is coming to the fore, did China error in giving support to Russia?

On March 20, Ukraine's ambassador to Japan Sergiy Korsunsky said that China made a mistake in lending its support for Russia's war against Ukraine that will result in a loss of face for President Xi Jinping, and if Xi continues to back the Russia invasion, China will pay an even higher price.

Korsunsky stated "Major Chinese state-owned banks and companies are already having to reconsider exposure to Russia, and any advantage extracted from the devaluation of the ruble and the plummeting Russian equities could be tainted by any affiliation with Putin. Russia has helped China draw U.S. attention away from Asia, but starting a war in Europe is surely not helping Beijing."

To give you complete coverage of Korsunsky's opinion, I present the full text of his report here for your reading consideration. I think you will find it illuminating. D. Miyoshi



Sergiy Korsunsky

## It is time for China to decide whose side it is on

Costs of supporting Russia's war far outweigh any potential gains



A maternity hospital that was damaged by shelling in Mariupol on Mar. 9; the Ukraine war has changed global geopolitical considerations. © AP

## Should China Sever Ties with Russia?

Vladimir Putin arrived in Beijing on Feb. 4 for his most important and possibly his last visit abroad.

Invited by Xi Jinping as a special guest at the opening ceremony of the Winter Olympic Games, Putin knew exactly what he was doing - would not leave the seclusion of the Kremlin just to attend a sporting event. No, Putin went to Beijing to set a trap, one carefully designed to ensnare China. The deeper Russia dives into the abyss of its inhuman war against Ukraine, the better our understanding of the initial plot.

Putin's participation in the opening ceremony was really just a form of misdirection. His real business was to cement President Xi Jinping's support for all the endless atrocities he was about to unleash against Ukraine. And such support had to be guaranteed.

During the war's first week, a cache of documents found on a Russian officer who had been arrested by Ukrainian intelligence indicated that the invasion had been approved as early as Jan. 18.

Still, by the end of January, media outlets in the West were flooded with warnings that at the time seemed hard to believe that Russia is preparing for a full-scale invasion on Ukraine. When Putin met Xi on Feb. 4, a full 20 days before the invasion, everyone was listening, but few people actually heard.

Putin had several reasons to do what he did in Beijing. First, he had to secure China's support to cushion Russia against the impact of a new wave of Western sanctions.

Second, as Russia had by then moved most of its forces in the Far East to the Ukraine border, Putin needed to be sure that China would not undertake any surprise maneuvers of its own. Putin trusts nobody, not even Xi.

Third, Putin wanted to show to Russia's brainwashed citizenry and the U.S. that Russia acting in concert with China is still a power to be reckoned with that must keep its place at the head table.



Vladimir Putin attends the opening ceremony of the 2022 Winter Olympics on Feb. 4: Putin went to Beijing to set a trap. © AP

In the lead-up to the Winter Olympics, Beijing's frustration over the U.S.-led diplomatic boycott of The Games made it an easy target for Putin who knew that Xi badly wanted to show off the Russian president as a special guest at the opening ceremony.

With Xi singularly focused for the rest of this year on securing a third term as president, every international event, every agreement signed matters. Even for those events that seem comparatively trivial, China's well-trained media have been quick to explain their importance.

Putin and Xi signed a lengthy declaration that was clear about the two leaders' plans for new world order. What was missing from the declaration was balance.

Taiwan was mentioned, while Ukraine was not. So was the issue of how Japan is disposing of contaminated water from the Fukushima nuclear disaster -- long a source of irritation for China -- as was strong criticism of NATO and the West. The first time China has spoken out against NATO in this way, this part of the declaration was definitely something that Moscow wanted.

Looking at it through the lens of the war against Ukraine, the declaration is mostly meaningless except for one thing: by making a show of signing it, Xi put himself in a position of unwavering support for Russia.

Now, just a month and a half later, Xi needs to explain why China supports a war where crimes against humanity are being committed. Admitting his Feb. 4 mistake may mean a loss of face for Xi, but he will pay a much higher price if he continues to support Russia's actions in Ukraine.

Economic sanctions imposed on Russia will hurt China too. Major Chinese state-owned banks and companies are already having to reconsider exposure to Russia, and any advantage extracted from the devaluation of the ruble and the plummeting Russian equities could be tainted by any affiliation with Putin.

Russia has helped China draw U.S. attention away from Asia, but starting a war in Europe is surely not helping Beijing. China needs stability in Europe, not people worrying about the start of World War III and the use of weapons of mass destruction. China also needs Asia on its side, yet Japan, South Korea, Taiwan and Singapore have all signaled their strong opposition to Russia's actions.

Xi must recognize that his partnership with Putin is toxic. He has to decide and quickly on a better course of action if he wants to successfully transition to a third term as president and guarantee long-term peace and prosperity for China. Surely it would be better for Beijing to sever ties with Moscow rather than continue its association with this Russian dictator with blood on his hands, who now leads a pariah state whose only other real friends are Syria, North Korea, Eritrea, Iran and Belarus.

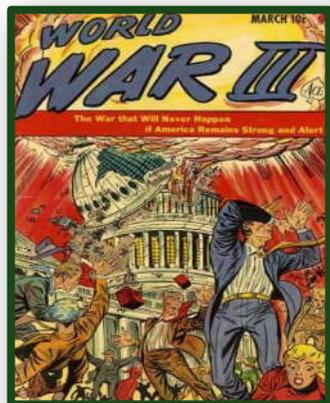
### Truth - the First Casualty of War

The Ukraine war has already changed global geopolitical considerations, and it must be allowed to drive further change. Allowing Putin the freedom to threaten the use of weapons of mass destruction, to bully other European states, to nationalize the assets of foreign companies operating in Russia cannot continue. Because of Putin's actions, world energy markets will be severely disrupted and food shortages loom. He is doomed to end his rule in a bunker.

China is on a completely different trajectory. Beijing's superpower status gives China the power to speak plainly and directly. It should do the right thing before all other choices are exhausted. It is time for China to decide.

End of Opinion Report

### Truth - the First Casualty of War



The following information was taken on March 19, 2022 from *ArmstrongEconomics.com*. I submit it here for your reading consideration. D. Miyoshi



The pressure to start World War III is on. NATO now expects that there will be a major war with Russia and the confrontation may come even in a few weeks. The NATO Secretary-General announced an increased war alert for hundreds of thousands of soldiers. Stoltenberg issued a joint statement with US Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin, stating that hundreds of thousands of NATO troops were placed on high alert along with 100,000 US troops.

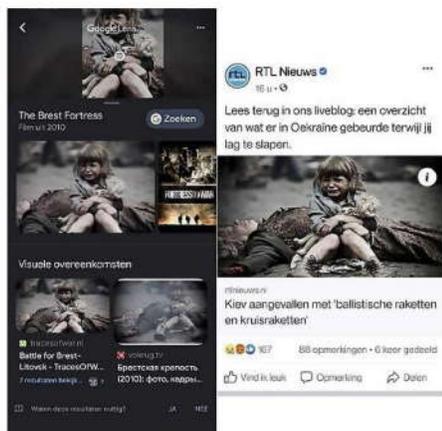
The problem with war is that BOTH sides lie and twist the facts to support their own agenda. They paint their adversary as evil to stir up the troops to go fight and risk their lives typically for fake stories and agendas.

*A picture of an explosion in Gaza years ago, is published as if it just happened in Ukraine...*



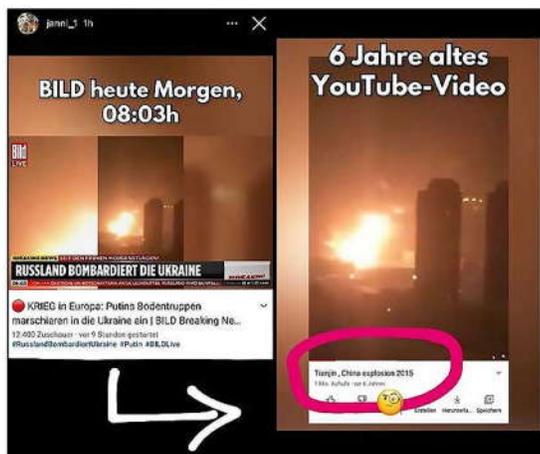
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An image from a 2010 movie is published as if it was taken in Ukraine...



The Press is deliberately trying to create World War III and is engaged in using photos of children hurt and others from events unrelated to Ukraine. This is all to beat the war drums to create World War III without any honest understanding of what that will mean.

An explosion in China from 2015 is published as if it happened in Ukraine, just now...



Despite the hatred and demonization of Putin, he has been trying to take the high road. Zelensky has been following his orders and refusing to compromise on anything.

# Truth - the First Casualty of War



As a WEF Young Global Leader, he is showing the same authoritarian approach as Trudeau in Canada as well as Australia and New Zealand who are all on board with this Great Reset.



Bretton Woods Monetary Conference

Pray for civilization for we have madmen leading the West into World War III all so they can Build Back Better as they did following World War II with Bretton Woods II, but this time we are facing a completely different war with biological and nuclear weapons.



Albert Einstein (1879-1955)

"I know not with what weapons World War III will be fought, but World War IV will be fought with sticks and stones."

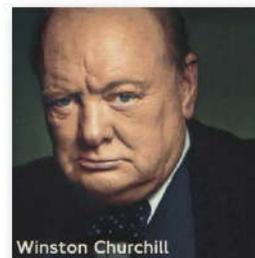
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Unfortunately, the press will NEVER tell us the truth or explain just why people are expected to lose their lives for some noble cause that is always some propaganda to support a political agenda. This time, the bombs will be wiping out American cities unlike World War I and II not to mention Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan, or other clandestine operations. You may not be watching it on TV but out your own window.



Some men change their party for the sake of their principles; others their principles for the sake of their party

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Winston Churchill

November 30th, 1874 - January 24th, 1965

We may see this crisis turn into a confrontation as soon as the week of April 18th going into the first week of May based upon our computer models. But the real crisis may come in August and turn global in 2023. I am glad I spent a fair portion of my life in Europe to see all the historical monuments before these people feel the need to destroy the world over two provinces in Ukraine. I fear this time, the monuments will not survive.

Well, we get what we deserve. America voted for Biden, Britain for Johnson, Canada for Trudeau, and Ukraine for Zelensky. There is no peacemaker and certainly no statesman among the crop of world leaders today. To even question what is going on they cancel you now as a Putin supporter to once more not have to explain the truth. There is NEVER truth to be found in the propaganda of war for either side.

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## Why does Russia want the Ukraine and why does it matter?

To answer that interesting question, the following article was shared with me by a veteran friend. I think you will find it interesting and informative. D. Miyoshi



For those who ask: “Why does Ukraine matter?”

This is why Ukraine matters.

It is the second largest country by area in Europe and has a population of over 40 million - more than Poland.

Ukraine ranks:

1st in Europe in proven recoverable reserves of uranium ores;

2nd place in Europe and 10th place in the world in terms of titanium ore reserves;

2nd place in the world in terms of explored reserves of manganese ores (2.3 billion tons, or 12% of the world's reserves);

2nd largest iron ore reserves in the world (30 billion tons);

2nd place in Europe in terms of mercury ore reserves;

3rd place in Europe (13th place in the world) in shale gas reserves (22 trillion cubic meters)

4th in the world by the total value of natural resources;

7th place in the world in coal reserves (33.9 billion tons)

Ukraine is an important agricultural country:

1st in Europe in terms of arable land area;

3rd place in the world by the area of black soil (25% of world's volume);

1st place in the world in exports of sunflower and sunflower oil;

2nd place in the world in barley production and 4th place in barley exports;

3rd largest producer and 4th largest exporter of corn in the world;

4th largest producer of potatoes in the world;

5th largest rye producer in the world;

5th place in the world in bee production (75,000 tons);

8th place in the world in wheat exports;

9th place in the world in the production of chicken eggs;

16th place in the world in cheese exports.

Ukraine can meet the food needs of 600 million people.

Ukraine is an important industrialized country:

1st in Europe in ammonia production;

Europe's 2nd and the world's 4th largest natural gas pipeline system;

3rd largest in Europe and 8th largest in the world in terms of installed capacity of nuclear power plants;

3rd place in Europe and 11th in the world in terms of rail network length (21,700 km);

3rd place in the world (after the U.S. and France) in production of locators and locating equipment;

3rd largest iron exporter in the world

4th largest exporter of turbines for nuclear power plants in the world;

4th world's largest manufacturer of rocket launchers;

4th place in the world in clay exports

4th place in the world in titanium exports

8th place in the world in exports of ores and concentrates;

9th place in the world in exports of defense industry products;

10th largest steel producer in the world (32.4 million tons).

Ukraine matters. That is why its independence is important to the rest of the world.

Now you know the rest of the story.

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## Russian Generals are Being Killed in Ukraine



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The following report on the loss of Russian Generals was published by the Daily Wire on March 26. The very next day March 27, Yahoo News reported that a Russian Colonel Medvechek commanding the 37<sup>th</sup> Rifle Brigade was reportedly run over by his own soldiers who had grown frustrated by his unit's heavy losses. Russia is believed to be sending top leaders to the frontlines in a bid to bolster low morale among the troops. Apparently, this tactic is not working. D. Miyoshi

### 7th Russian General Killed In Ukraine, Highest Ranking Military Officer Killed

**A** seventh Russian general has reportedly been killed in combat during his country's invasion of Ukraine, according to reports.

"Ukraine's defence ministry says another Russian general, Lt Gen Yakov Reztantsev, was killed in a strike near the southern city of Kherson. Reztantsev was the commander of Russia's 49th combined army," the BBC reported. "A western official said he was the seventh general to die in Ukraine, and the second lieutenant general – the highest rank officer reportedly killed."

The report said that intercepted communications between Russian soldiers indicated that his soldiers were not happy with his leadership because he had claimed that the war would be over within hours just a few days after it had started.

"Ukrainian media reported on Friday that the general was killed at the Chornobaivka airbase near Kherson, which Russia is using as a command post and has been attacked by Ukraine's military several times," the report added. "Kherson was the first Ukrainian city to be occupied by Russian forces, although there are reports that daily protests are held there against the Russian occupation."

The development comes after news broke late this week that a Russian brigade commander was allegedly killed by his own troops in response to the staggering number of losses the unit had suffered during its invasion of Ukraine under his leadership.

"A Russian brigade commander has been killed deliberately by his own troops after his unit suffered many losses in Ukraine," Sky News reporter Deborah Haynes reported. "Colonel Medvechek, commander of 37 Motor Rifle Brigade, was run over by his soldiers."

"The brigade commander of one of the units was killed by his own troops... we believe, as a consequence of the scale of loss that had been taken by his brigade," a Western official reportedly told Haynes. "That just gives an insight into perhaps some of the morale challenges that Russian forces are having."

"We believe he was killed by his own troops deliberately," the official reportedly added. "Indeed we believe he was run over by his

own troops and I believe he was the commander of the 37 Motor Rifle Brigade."

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) revealed this week that it believes that the Russian military has suffered up to 40,000 casualties during its invasion of Ukraine, which began one month ago.

The figure — which includes troops that have been killed, wounded, taken prisoner, or are missing in action — was calculated using figures provided by Ukraine, information obtained from Russia, and intelligence from open sources.

"The senior NATO official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said that the organization believes between 7,000 and 15,000 Russian soldiers have been killed, and that the 30,000 to 40,000 estimated casualties are "based on the assumption that for every soldier killed, three are wounded," The Washington Post reported. "Death tolls have been hard for independent observers to verify during the conflict, with the fog of war making solid information difficult to obtain and the ferocity of the conflict impeding efforts to count the dead. Earlier this month, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said 1,300 members of the Ukrainian forces have been killed, but The Washington Post has been unable to verify that figure. Russia has not updated its official figure of 498 dead and 1,597 wounded since announcing it one week into the invasion."

#### End of Report

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**T**he following article appeared in The April 2022 edition of the *Philadelphia Trumpet*. It was written by Josue Michels and Philip Nice. The article is both a cautionary message and a rather foreboding prospect of mankind's future from a Christian perspective. I present it here for your serious reading consideration. D. Miyoshi

## Are We Living in an Experiment?

### You Are Living in an Experiment

Global experimentation in mandates, lockdowns, vaccines and manipulated viruses is part of an even larger exercise in trial and error.

The last two years of human history have been changed by an experiment. It most likely began with a laboratory biologist grafting proteins from one type of coronavirus onto another to observe whether it would bind to certain receptors in a mouse that are also found in humans. It did—inside the lab and far, far beyond it.

What is certain is that humanity's response to the virus has been a gigantic experiment composed of multiple experiments: in masking, in distancing, in treatment, in business, in economics, in information sharing, in vaccine formulation, in live vaccination testing, in restaurants, in schools, in nursing homes, on the elderly, on the middle-aged, on children. Governments tested drugs on millions of people and, more importantly, examined their test subjects' receptivity to losing their rights. They forced millions of people into history's largest scientific experiment, and it's not over yet.

After 18 months of these radical, often bizarre, mass life-and-death decisions, the Biden administration stated, "[T]he United States must lean forward and catalyze the advances in science, technology and core capabilities required to protect the nation against future and potentially catastrophic biological threats, whether naturally occurring, accidental or deliberate" (Sept. 3, 2021). More experimentation is coming, in America and beyond, on your health and your rights.

The world is a giant trial-and-error lab. But this didn't start in March 2020.

### The Information Experiment

One leading scientist wrote in 2012 that "the benefits of such experiments and the resulting knowledge outweigh the risks. It is more likely that a pandemic would occur in nature, and the need to stay ahead of such a threat is a primary reason for performing an experiment that might appear to be risky." That same scientist funded gain-of-function research at the exact same lab where the covid-19 outbreak almost certainly occurred.

And that same scientist, Dr. Anthony Fauci, has been entrusted to lead America's attempt to counteract how that virus functions.

Fauci was among the chorus of government-approved doctors in the U.S. and elsewhere who have experimented quite radically with the truth. Virologists discussed the possibility early on that the virus originated in a lab. But after a January 2020 meeting, they condemned the concept. A Dutch scientist wrote that "further debate about such accusations would ... do unnecessary harm to science in general and science in China in particular."

The orthodox doctrine became: It came from a bat next to the lab, not the lab. Any other explanation could "harm science." Scientists, politicians and executives in news media and social media collaborated to define (and redefine) "the science" and to censor such heretics to preserve people's faith in their medical "saviors." Only then could the experiment continue.

The experiment quickly "jumped species" from the purely biological kingdom to the political kingdom. It started with the hypothesis, advanced by the World Health Organization and Imperial College London, that multitudes could die from covid-19. But rather than compare the actual results to the hypothesis and adjust the hypothesis, public health officials adjusted the results to match the hypothesis. They counted everyone who tested positive as a covid-19 case, regardless of the efficacy of the test, and, unbelievably, everyone who died with covid as if they had died from it. (In January, the total in Britain was 17,000 people had died from covid-19, and 150,000 had died with it.) They observed then ignored the evidence that most covid-19 deaths occurred among the elderly and others who had health conditions. They observed then ignored the evidence that the "pandemic" largely equated to a bad flu season. The medical, social and political experimentation continued.

And what was the result of splicing radical social, financial and governmental coercion onto our societies? Undoctored information is hard to come by, but a February analysis of numerous international studies by Johns Hopkins University estimated that all the onerous and costly interventions that upended society only reduced the coronavirus death rate by a paltry 0.2 percent.

### The Vaccine Experiment



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The last two years have been a crossfire of financial and political motivations branded as “science.” Many of those pushing the vaccine are the same people who benefit professionally, politically and financially from it.

Development and approval of three vaccines in particular were rushed through at warp speed. Governments proclaimed that approved vaccines, including the never-before-used mRNA vaccines, were safe, were no longer “emergency use,” and were certainly not experimental. The development was proclaimed one of humanity’s greatest modern achievements.

The government granted “emergency use authorization.” Drug companies were shielded from lawsuits. Doses were administered at the cost of indebted taxpayers. Millions were induced to get vaccinated, informed that this would provide almost absolute protection. Then they were informed that they might suffer a breakthrough case but would not spread it. Then they were informed that they might spread it and experience a breakthrough case, but would be spared serious symptoms themselves. Now it’s increasingly apparent that natural immunity is the strongest protection.

But information came out that healthy people were suffering unusual, even fatal side effects from the vaccine. Evidence kept coming. More people suffered. More died. Athletes mysteriously collapsed on the field. Children became handicapped. The U.S. Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System, which usually receives hundreds of reports per year, suddenly received tens of thousands. (This is on top of the estimated 4 million Americans annually who go to emergency rooms due to adverse effects from other drugs.)

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention now admits that those who have had the Johnson & Johnson vaccine should probably not get a booster from the same company due to serious risk of blood clots. But it still advocates getting boosters from Moderna and Pfizer. The potential medium- and long-term negative effects from these companies’ serums we must leave, in faith, to be studied some other time. The CDC admits it is withholding information on COVID-19 vaccines and boosters. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration, which reviewed the information and approved the vaccines in 108 days, says it won’t finish releasing the last of that information until 2096.

Meanwhile, the experimentation continues. Politicians—and pharmaceutical CEOs—want to see what will happen if we start giving these injections to children under age 5.

We are well through the hypothesis phase and the experimentation phase of the scientific method. The phase of analyzing data is being hotly contested. But the final phase, reporting your conclusions, has already been decided by the scientific-political elite. Despite the data showing that vaccines are killing people in the short term and the obvious impossibility of knowing the effects longer term, “After COVID-19 Successes, Researchers Push to Develop mRNA Vaccines for Other Diseases,” as *Nature Medicine* summed up in its May 2021 issue. Scientist Drew Weissman said, “We are working on about 30 different mRNA vaccines, including ones for influenza, HIV, hepatitis C, malaria, tuberculosis and many others.” The experiment plows forward.

### The First Experiment

But the origin of this radical, deadly frenzy of wild experimentation with human lives doesn’t trace back to Dr. Anthony Fauci or Pfizer or the Biden regime or even our generation. Sickness, and our way of dealing with it, originated many generations ago.

Before the CDC, before the bureaucratic state in America, before eugenics in Germany, before socialized health care in Europe, before even the modern era, human beings began an experiment.

In Babel, one of the earliest civilizations, a leader arose who is identified with the Babylonian deity Marduk, who “held the power to overcome all disease” (Félix Martí-Ibáñez, *The Epic of Medicine*). He was also a political tyrant—but the people trusted him with their safety. The *Physician Throughout the Ages* states, “There is no doubt that the Egyptians studied medicine and surgery in the medical colleges of Babylonia and in parts of Mesopotamia, and acquired a complete knowledge of all the Oriental medical practices.”

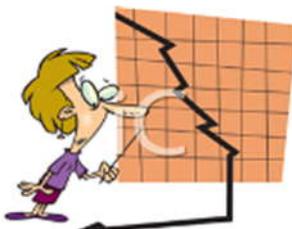
Assyrian copies of Babylonian texts reveal that “Babylonian health care relied on magic and incantations as much as, if not more than, natural treatment and prescriptions,” as *Health & Fitness History* points out. “Most of the materials used were likely chosen based on



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Advancing in a Time of Crisis



Financial Crisis Report



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a combination of trial and error with guesswork."

This was the foundation of civilization, established by the same man who erected that infamous tower to stand as a monument to mankind's own ability to solve his own safety, medical, political and other problems. The tyrant Nimrod led mankind in attempting to solve its own problems in defiance of God, completely rejecting reliance on Him.

Thousands of years of experiments, at unconscionable cost, have advanced understanding of the human body and diseases. But medicine today is still "a combination of trial and error with guesswork." We call it the "scientific method." Doctors discuss the "half-life of knowledge": the amount of time it will take before half of the treatments, prescriptions and other medical knowledge of today proves, through hard experience, to have been as false as the magic and incantations of old.

The fundamental theory then, as now, is: "The sufferer has in his body one poison, so we add another poison in the form of medicine," the late educator Herbert W. Armstrong wrote in *The Plain Truth About Healing* (see article, page 16).

But the origin of the grand human experiment traces back even further, back to the very first human beings. They were presented with a choice. They could choose to rely on God for information, for law, for correction, for protection, for safety, for healing, for blessings. Or they could choose to rely

on their own minds and five senses to experiment. They could, as Mr. Armstrong enumerated, 1) reject revelation, 2) use observation, 3) use experimentation, and 4) use human reasoning. "And that is precisely the 'scientific' method used by modern science today!" (*The Missing Dimension in Sex*).

They chose the latter. We have been self-willed, ignorant and law-breaking ever since. Suffering the inevitable consequences, we seek solutions through self-will, ignoring God and breaking His laws further. God still characterizes our modern civilization as "Babylon"—and He exhorts us to come out of it (Revelation 18:4). That means thinking differently. That means recognizing that our human civilization is as foundationally unsound as that long-obliterated tower of Babel. Our experiment has produced an inescapable result, and we must stop trying to escape it. We do not and never have possessed the ability to solve our health problems or any other problems apart from God. That is a scientific fact. Recognize it, and you will see this dark and confusing world completely differently: for the first time, clearly.

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