

Invasion of Ukraine

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Articles on Ukraine

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Soviet Union Leaders

- Vladimir Lenin 1922 – 1924
- Joseph Stalin 1924 – 1953
 - Gorbachev born in Stavropol – 1931
 - Siege of Leningrad – Sep 41 to Jan 44
 - Putin born in Leningrad – 1952
- Nikita Khrushchev 1953 – 1964
- Leonid Brezhnev 1964 – 1982
- Yuri Andropov 1982 – 1984
- Konstantin Cherenkov 1984 – 1985
- Mikhail Gorbachev 1885 – 1991

Cold War

- End of World War II - 1945
- Iron Curtain speech by Churchill - 1946
- Neither side wanted war
- Russia created buffer states
- Nuclear race
- Bay of Pigs/Cuban Missile Crisis
- Reagan and Pope John-Paul II
- Gorbachev reforms
- Failed coup

Rise of Putin

- Lieutenant Colonel in KGB when failed coup occurs
- Leaves KGB and returns to St. Petersburg (Leningrad)
- Quick rise to Russian Prime Minister
- Revolt in Chechnya and terrorism
- 2001 replaces Yeltsin as president
- Brings KGB mafia with him
- Alternates between President and Prime Minister (1999-2000) (2008-2012)

Corruption within Russia & Gov't

- Disintegration of Soviet KGB resulted in agents going to respective governments or Russian Mafia - Putin did both
- Oligarchs in business and critical infrastructure – source of Putin's current wealth
- Murder, Inc. (Partial List): Boris Nemtsov, Natalia Estemirova, Stanislav Markelov, Anastasia Baburova, Sergei Magnitsky, Anna Politkovskaya, Alexander Litvinenko, and Sergei Yushenkov.

U.S. Presidents during Putin's Rise

- Bush 43 – “I looked the man in the eye. I found him to be very straight forward and trustworthy and we had a very good dialogue. I was able to get a sense of his soul”
- Obama – Red lines with disappearing ink, “Reset relations with Russia,” open microphone comment to President Dmitry Medvedev “After my election, I have more flexibility”
- Trump – Unpredictable, threat to withhold military support to Ukraine

Putin – The World is Not Enough

- Georgia - Invaded in 2008
- Crimea - Invaded in 2014
- Syria - Assad/Mediterranean port
- Africa
 - Egypt – US supported Morsi over Sisi
 - Libya – UN fiasco with General Hifter
- Armenia - Supported in war with Azerbaijan
- Ukraine – Fueled break away regions (similar to Hitler with Sudetenland)

Putin's Twisted Justifications

- Putin: “Ukraine is not a real country”
 - Truth: Fits all definitions of a real country
- Putin: “Ukraine is controlled by NAZIs”
 - Truth: President Zelensky is Jewish and family victimized by Nazi Germany
- Putin: “NATO is aggressor pact”
 - Truth: NATO has never started an attack

NATO Treaty

- Approved April 4, 1949
- Article 5: “Parties agree that an armed attack against one or more of them in Europe or North America shall be considered an attack against them all...”
- Special Note – Governments and citizens of NATO nations and Moldova are providing humanitarian aid to Ukrainian refugees

Battle Domains - Ukraine

- Land - Contested
- Air – Contested
- Sea – Russia dominates
- Space – Russia dominates
- Cyber Space – Russia dominates
 - Computer Network Operations
 - Computer Network Defense
 - Computer Network Exploitation
 - Computer Network Attack



Volodymyr Zelensky

- Born 1978 to family of Holocaust survivors
 - Father computer scientist and college department head
 - Mother engineer
- Kyiv National Economic University Law School graduate
- Established television production company
- Starred in sitcom “Servant of the People”
- Elected president in 2019 to replace Petro Poroshenko
- Inherited massive government corruption
- I don't need a ride, I need more ammunition

Biden's Responses

- Afghanistan withdrawal
- Early responses to Putin's aggression on Ukraine
 - Wandering rhetoric: Pre-announces no US ground troops, early relocation of embassy, minor incursion, continual comments about not escalating
 - US withheld intelligence from Zelensky
- Weapons systems sent, better late than never
 - Stinger, javelin, ammunition
- Issue of Polish MIGs
- White House working damage control

Putin's Mistakes

- Plan of invasion too complex
- Overestimated own military capabilities
- Waited too long to invade
 - March mud in Europe has stopped more armies than Russian winters
- Underestimated Ukrainian forces and people
- Underestimated global response
- High tech terrorism against civilian population
- Bringing in foreign fighters – professional terrorists from Syria and Chechnya
- Violated every aspect of Weinberger/Powell Doctrine

Powell (Weinberger) Doctrine

- Is a vital national security interest threatened?
- Do we have a clear attainable objective?
- Have the risks and costs been fully and frankly analyzed?
- Have all other non-violent policy means been fully exhausted?
- Is there a plausible exit strategy to avoid endless entanglement?
- Have the consequences of our action been fully considered?
- Is the action supported by our own people?
- Do we have genuine broad international support?

Putin's Future Aggression

- If successful in Ukraine, expect military assaults and annexation of:
 - Moldova
 - Georgia
 - Azerbaijan
- Continue to repress Russian people and assassinate opposition
- Computer Network Exploitation and Attack
- Nuclear missiles never off the table

Permanent Solution to Putin

- Must come from within Russia
 - Much of Russia rural and Third World
- Will take the Russian military generals to step-up and do the harder right
 - Longer they participate in war crimes, the less they will be willing to remove Putin
 - Must stop Putin if nuclear option exercised
- Senator Graham's continuing comments of assassinating Putin is wrong many times over

What We Can Do

- Always increase knowledge and understand media sensationalism distorts the truth
- Use social media, examples:
 - <https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=arnold+schwarzenegger+ukraine&docid=13848061575540&mid=1816DD0E0971F7E6F4C31816DD0E0971F7E6F4C3&view=detail&FORM=VIRE>
 - https://www.upi.com/Top_News/World-News/2022/03/20/vatican-city-pope-francis-calls-russian-invasion-ukraine-senseless-massacre/6341647788635/
 - <https://issuesinsights.com/2022/03/10/an-open-letter-to-russian-generals/>
- Do not tolerate bigotry and hate crimes

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