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Tanková válka se vyvinula. Velké obrněné bitvy, které byly charakteristickým znakem velké části druhé světové války, arabsko-izraelských konfliktů, které sloužily jako základ operační doktríny pro NATO i Sovětský svaz (a které byly v plném rozsahu implementovány Spojenými státy během operace Pouštní bouře v roce 1991) již proběhl.

Stejně jako většina vojenských technologických inovací byla schopnost přežít moderní hlavní bitevní tank překonána nasazením obranných systémů určených k překonání takové obrany. Pokud by se moderní vojenská síla pokusila zahájit rozsáhlý útok s převahou tanků proti dobře vybavenému protivníkovi na stejné úrovni vyzbrojenému moderními protitankovými střelami, výsledkem by byla rozhodující porážka pro útočící stranu poznamenanou kouřícími hromotluky. vyhořelé nádrže. Nechápejte mě špatně: tanky stále hrají zásadní roli na moderním bojišti. Jejich status mobilního bunkru je neocenitelný v druhu opotřebovacích konfliktů mlýnků na maso, které definovaly současnou fázi rozsáhlých pozemních bojů. Rychlost a pancéřování stále přispívají k přežití a hlavní dělo tanku zůstává jednou z nejsmrtelnějších zbraní na moderním bojišti.

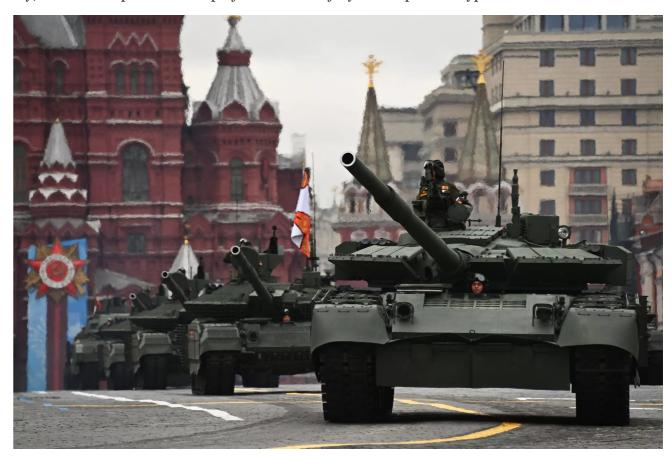
Moderní tank však nejlépe funguje jako součást kombinovaného týmu zbraní, podporovaného pěchotou (namontovanou i nesenou) a velkým množstvím podpůrných zbraní (dělostřelectvo a vzdušná podpora). Jako součást takového týmu, zvláště dobře vycvičeného. v umění boje zblízka zůstává tank základní válečnou zbraní. Pokud je však tank provozován izolovaně, je prostě drahá mobilní rakev.

Hodně se udělalo o nedávném rozhodnutí NATO a spojeneckých států poskytnout Ukrajině hlavní bojové tanky Západu. Politika tohoto rozhodnutí je samostatným tématem. Tento článek se bude zabývat operačními praktickými aspekty tohoto rozhodnutí, konkrétně tím, zda byla vojenská schopnost Ukrajiny posílena poskytnutím těchto nových zbraňových systémů.

K zodpovězení této otázky je třeba prozkoumat tři základní otázky: školení, udržitelnost logistiky a provozní zaměstnanost.

Výcvik

Výcvik základního člena americké posádky M1 Abrams trvá 22 týdnů. Tento výcvik jen dává vojákovi velmi základní sadu dovedností, aby byl funkční. Skutečné operační odbornosti lze dosáhnout pouze během měsíců, ne-li let, dodatečného výcviku nejen v samotném systému, ale také jeho zaměstnáváním jako součást podobně vyškoleného týmu kombinačních zbraní. Jednoduše řečeno, ani ukrajinská tanková posádka, která má zkušenosti s provozem tanků T-72 nebo T-64 ze sovětské éry, nebude schopna okamžitě přejít na hlavní bojový tank západního typu.



Hlavní bitevní tanky T-72B3M od 1. gardového tankového pluku na Rudém náměstí

Za prvé a především, velikost posádky tanku ze sovětské éry je tři, což odráží skutečnost, že sovětské tanky využívají automatický nakládací mechanismus. Západní tanky mají čtyři členy posádky, protože nabíjení děla hlavního tanku se provádí ručně. Přizpůsobení se této dynamice vyžaduje čas a vyžaduje rozsáhlý trénink.

Školení je drahé. NATO v současné době poskytuje Ukrajině tři typy západních hlavních bojových tanků: britský Challenger 2, německý Leopard 2 a americký M1A2. Neexistuje žádný jednotný <u>školicí kurz</u> – každý tank vyžaduje svůj vlastní jedinečný prospekt školení, který nelze přímo převést na jiný systém.

Decentralizované tréninkové procesy vytvořené tímto různorodým přístupem podporují neefektivitu a generují nesrovnalosti ve výsledcích – jedna posádka nebude jako druhá, což je v boji, kde se předpokládá, že jednotky jsou zaměnitelné, aby podporovaly předvídatelné výsledky, pokud všechny ostatní okolnosti zůstanou stejné, obvykle fatální.

Tyto problémy navíc jen posílí důraz, který bude kladen na rychlé výsledky. Realita je taková, že jakýkoli výcvikový program, který vyvinuly a dodaly státy poskytující tanky, nebude pro tento úkol dostačující, což vede k tomu, že špatně vycvičené posádky berou extrémně komplikované zbraňové systémy do nejnebezpečnějšího prostředí na světě pro tank – zuby tanku. Ruská armáda navržená a vybavená k zabíjení těchto stejných tanků.

Logistická udržitelnost

Tanky patří mezi technicky nejnáročnější zbraňové systémy na moderním bojišti. Neustále se porouchají, zvláště pokud nejsou správně udržovány. U <u>M1 Abrams</u> jsou na každou hodinu, kdy je tank na poli, potřeba tři hodiny údržby. Tento problém se v boji jen zvětšuje.

Normálně je obrněná jednotka vybavena vysoce specializovanými posádkami organické údržby, které dokážou opravit většinu drobných problémů, které mohou tank odstavit. Vzhledem k požadavkům na školení pro výrobu této úrovně vysoce kvalitního mechanika je nepravděpodobné, že Ukrajina bude mít tento druh podpory údržby.



Ukrajinský dělostřelec hází prázdnou 155mm nábojnici, zatímco ukrajinští vojáci 23. listopadu 2022 střílí z houfnice M777 směrem k ruským pozicím na frontě východní Ukrajiny.

To znamená, že tanky, které jsou poskytovány Ukrajině, budou muset být vráceny zemím NATO pro jakékoli významné opravy zařízení, které je poškozeno prostým používáním nebo skutečným bojem. Stručně řečeno, je vysoce pravděpodobné, že západní hlavní bojový tank v ukrajinských rukou se v určitém okamžiku během jeho operačního použití Ukrajinou porouchá, což znamená, že celkový počet tanků, které má Ukrajina k dispozici, bude mnohem menší než počet poskytnutých tanků.

Provozní zaměstnání

Vrchní velitel ukrajinských ozbrojených sil, generál Valerij Zalužnyi, řekl *The Economist* minulý měsíc, že potřebuje 300 tanků, 500 bojových vozidel pěchoty a 500 děl, pokud má mít nějakou šanci porazit [Rusko].

Po schůzce kontaktní skupiny Ramstein dne 20. ledna a následných diskusích o poskytnutí tanků se NATO a jeho spojenečtí partneři dohodli poskytnout méně než 50 % požadovaného počtu tanků, tedy méně než 50 % požadovaných bojových vozidel pěchoty a méně než 20 % požadovaného dělostřelectva.

Kromě toho je harmonogram dodávek tohoto zařízení nesouvisle rozložen na období, které se táhne na mnoho měsíců a v některých případech se prodlužuje až do příštího roku. Nejenže to komplikuje otázky školení a logistické udržitelnosti, které jsou pro Ukrajinu již tak nepříznivě nakloněny, ale je téměř nemožné začlenit tento materiál do soudržného operačního plánu zaměstnanosti. Stručně řečeno, Ukrajina bude nucena nasadit poskytnuté vybavení – zejména tanky – do boje po částech. Pravda o tancích je taková, že NATO a jeho spojenecké státy dělají Ukrajinu slabší, nikoli silnější, tím, že jí poskytují vojenské systémy, které jsou příliš komplikované na provoz, mimořádně obtížné na údržbu a které nelze přežít, pokud nejsou používány přesvědčivým způsobem a podporovány rozsáhlí partneři v kombinovaných zbraních.

Rozhodnutí poskytnout Ukrajině hlavní západní bojové tanky je doslova sebevražedný pakt, něco, co by ti, kdo tvrdí, že hledí na nejlepší zájmy Ukrajiny, měli zvážit, než bude příliš pozdě.

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1. Tranceislife says:

January 29, 2023 at 5:34 pm GMT • 5.7 days ago • 100 Words 1

No, the issue of providing tanks is to fulfill the need to completely destroy the German arms industry when the leopard variants are just burning pieces of metal while America never gets around to providing it's Abrams – This move is to capture the arms industries of Europe after this war, not before

• Agree: Tom Welsh, YetAnotherAnon, brostoevsky

• **Disagree**: neutral • Thanks: Cking

• LOL: Ann Nonny Mouse

• Troll: <u>Tranceislife</u>

2. Notsofast says:

January 29, 2023 at 6:23 pm GMT • 5.7 days ago • 200 Words 1

i've said from the beginning that the u.s. is just sending their equipment to ukraine to be blown up. first cleaning out the old soviet equipment of the eastern vassals and now forcing the germans and brits to send in their obsolete, poorly designed tanks to be destroyed and humiliated by the russians, while promising to send the abrams in a year or two, maybe three.

but ukraine will fall long before the abrams are delivered and the take away will be that all of nato needs to rearm with u.s. weapons, no more home made junk and they will need severe austerity programs to pay for the new war time economy, sacrifices must be made.

any who feels that ukraine will prevail, please concider this: while the west is fielding cobbled together, used car lot equipment from all over the world, the russians have a fully integrated netcentric modern force, that they have not fully begun to use. imo the outcome of this war is a foregone conclusion and there will be no nuclear exchange because you can't sell weapons afterwards.

• Agree: RoatanBill, Kratoklastes, Johnny LeBlanc, brostoevsky, TheTrumanShow, Joe Levantine, Son of a Jedi

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3. Wokechoke says:

I laughed at the movie at the time but Vin Diesel's Babylon AD could be a documentary given 2022.

https://m.imdb.com/title/tto364970/

Almost everything in the film came true.

• Replies: @Doug Ryler

4. Emil Nikola Richard says:

Ask the Iraqi Information Minister about tanks.



• Replies: @SOL, @Lurker

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5. Mr Chow Mein says:

<u>January 29, 2023 at 9:50 pm GMT • 5.5 days ago</u> • 200 Words ↑

So NATO lied to us? Lies are the staple of any Empire, its just this Empires reach due to modern technology is larger and more pernicious to social cohesion than any before.

So what to do?

You can only control yourself so the first thing to do is set examples to others and do not sermonize because its a sure way to turn people off.

The first thing anyone can do is to stop eating the poison that masquerades as food, this is especially true for males because it has a feminizing effect on male physiology. If anyone has ever seen the rat experiments with sugar they would never touch the stuff again, it really has an detrimental effect on clear thinking.

Make your life a success and others will follow.

The signs of change will be a plummet in process food sales and mass media consumption.

You start from fundamentals and build your way up until you reach the noose around the criminals necks.

Remember these people are trying to wipe you out...feel no pity for them because they have none for you.

• Thanks: Emslander

6. Wokechoke says:

January 29, 2023 at 11:11 pm GMT • 5.5 days ago • 100 Words 1

In case it wasn't clear why he was a "political prisoner" in Belarus. pic.twitter.com/EIwuNNBoAb

— Denis Rogatyuk (@DenisRogatyuk) January 29, 2023

I'm just thinking forward to the spectacle of Leopard II tanks marked with the Balkan or Maltese Cross getting brewed up and jeering Ruskies posing with the Charred Hulls and Double Headed Eagle banners. And You know... I weep, because I did support the overall idea of Barbarossa. The USSR was a mistaken dead end. But now the current crop of Neo-Nazi fools have been tricked into fighting the Russians as Russians, by Jews. You could not make this up. A German-Slav guy with a ww2 Stahlhelm and SS runes going to help prop up Kiev's Jew King, Zelenskyy and Blinken, Nuland & Austin.

It's beyond tragedy and farce, it's a cosmic joke.

• Thanks: Brosi

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7. Notsofast says:

@Wokechoke

too bad he wasn't old enough to grow a charlie chaplin mustache. i wonder if he wrote about his struggle while he was in jail?

• LOL: Levtraro

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8. Notsofast says:

January 30, 2023 at 12:35 am GMT • 5.4 days ago • 100 Words 1

apparently there are some strings attached to the 14 challengers, the brits are asking their ukranazis not to use them where they might be captured and are teaching them how to tow off the burning remains so the russkies don't steal the "secrets" of their design. lol, that ought to inspire a lot of confidence.

https://sputniknews.com/20230129/uk-reportedly-kiev-to-restrict-use-of-challenger-2-tanks-to-prevent-russia-from-capturing-1106802324.html

• Replies: @Wokechoke, @Commentator Mike

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9. Wokechoke says:

@Notsofast

It's almost like the British are making it up to double bluff the Russians. Or they are prompting the Ukies to give up in frustration.

If the Ukies get F16 or F35s will the US allow those to be flown over Russian positions for fear of the spectacle of Russian's parading trophies?

10. JR Foley says:

Canada —4 Leopard tanks being delivered and 2,000 Afghanistan action crew now in Lavia—500 per tank prancing through Galicia accompanied by blaring bugles and bagpipes —such grandeur !!

• Replies: @Australia Infelix, @Curmudgeon

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11. John Johnson says:

<u>January 30, 2023 at 3:51 am GMT • 5.3 days ago</u> • 200 Words ↑

The truth about tanks is that NATO and its allied nations are making Ukraine weaker, not stronger, by providing them with military systems that are overly complicated to operate, extraordinarily difficult to maintain, and impossible to survive unless employed in a cogent manner while supported by extensive combined arms partners.

That doesn't make any sense. Would giving them nothing make them stronger?

Ukrainians will post drone videos of themselves killing Russians with M1s within a month of delivery. They'll be using simulators before they are delivered. It doesn't matter if they run them into the ground.

They will kill a few thousand Russians with them and it will be a success. Who gives a frig if they break. They are killing machines and they cost the Ukrainians \$0.

NATO didn't lie about tanks. The US didn't want to send Abrams for a variety of reasons and maintenance was actually one of the stated concerns. But Biden gave into Germany so Ukraine is getting what they want. Too bad for Putin and his bootlickers like Scott Ritter.

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12. John Johnson says:

<u>January 30, 2023 at 4:13 am GMT • 5.3 days ago</u> • 100 Words ↑ @Wokechoke

But now the current crop of Neo-Nazi fools have been tricked into fighting the Russians as Russians, by Jews. You could not make this up. A German-Slav guy with a ww2 Stahlhelm and SS runes going to help prop up Kiev's Jew King, Zelenskyy and Blinken, Nuland & Austin.

It's beyond tragedy and farce, it's a cosmic joke.

What would be even funnier is if Jew blamers signed up to defend a manical dictator who turned his Jewish chef into a warlord that commands the main front. Then they cheer what they claim is a war is against the Jews while putting their hope in a Jewish chef.

Oh wait that's reality.

 $\underline{https://www.businessinsider.com/who-is-yevgeny-prigozhin-russian-tycoon-and-vladimir-putin-confidant-2022-10}$

• Replies: @Wokechoke, @anon

13. <u>January 30, 2023 at 4:19 am GMT • 5.3 days ago</u> • 200 Words 1

Tanks are designed with a heavily armored frontal arc, but modern missiles and drones can strike from above, the sides, or rear. It's just not practical to armor the entire tank. Also, as much larger 120mm and 125mm tank guns appeared over the last few decades, the massive gun blast can knock out or even kill nearby infantrymen. The tank/infantry team from World War II is no more.

This problem can't be solved by new tech as promised. Here is a detailed overview of the problem from 2017.

https://www.g2mil.com/Anti-armor.htm

In Ukraine as in Syria, Russian tankers have learned they can't lead the way, lest they get blown up by cheap missiles. Let the UAVs find the enemy and use artillery to pound them, while they stay back to stay safe and provide long distance direct fire support. Here is video of this new tactic used in Ukraine, and note that no infantry are near the tanks with their big guns, but a mile in front.

Video Link

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14. Wokechoke says:

<u>January 30, 2023 at 4:27 am GMT • 5.3 days ago</u> • 100 Words ↑ @John Johnson

The Germans are understandably worried about replicating what happened to Chamberlain in 1939 with Britain being shoved into a war to protect Polan...Ukraine by the American administration.

A public pledge to send boots on the...I mean tanks on the roads...by the Americans means that they can go to their electorate and say the American's promised us this support, of course even if nothing comes of it and it ends in a massacre.

https://www.jstor.org/stable/40201112

American presidents as "an unreliable windbag"* in charge of countries that make both demands and hold out promises that are not fulfilled.

*Donald Watt

• Replies: @Curmudgeon

15. Alrenous says: • Website

January 30, 2023 at 4:30 am GMT • 5.2 days ago • 200 Words 1

It's called 'armour' but the armour on the tank is not even remotely worth the cost. At best it restricts the elevation and turning speed of the main turret, actively making your fighting vehicle worse at its primary role.

Tanks are probably worth more deployed on the battlefield rather than torn down for scrap. Probably.

Building a new one is flatly insane.

There was vaguely an argument for tanks before guided artillery existed. Now you can kill a tank with a laser pointer, and it costs less than 1% of what the tank cost even if you miss the first shot. You don't have to breach cover or even directly risk the laser – use a periscope.

Yes, please field as many tanks as possible, thanks in advance. They're great for our army's morale.

If you're restricted to using the RPG and its evolutions for some reason, then yes a tank without an infantry screen is a sitting duck, and a tank with an infantry screen is surrounded by soft targets for you to play with. E.g. a tank will probably resist a "saturation" barrage from unguided artillery, but none of its buddies will. E.g. if your tanker has popped the hatch so they can see more than nothing, then you can snipe the groundhog who might spot your RPG ambush. Remember they are hardened against ATGs to some extent, so shoot twice. It will still cost 0.1% of what the tank cost.

Sure you want big guns mixed into your infantry platoons, but they should be artillery that happens to be able to fire at a flat arc. Trying to harden the artillery against direct hits is nothing but a waste of money and especially fuel.

• Replies: @Emslander

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16. Wokechoke says:

<u>January 30, 2023 at 5:47 am GMT • 5.2 days ago</u> • 100 Words ↑ @Carlton Meyer

The hugely interesting video does suggest that the challengers and Leopards will have a defensive role to overwatch smaller tanks and infantry. plugging gaps.

one thing that we forget about ww1 was that the airforces were used as very accurate artillery spotters. The UAV swarm with thermal cameras linked to a gun, MLSR, Tank, IFV or pickup vehicle cluster looks like the immediate future. It feels very Scifi. Infantry will need to cloak their individual heat signature.

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17. Phibbs says:

The article needs a proofreader. The word "Ukraine" is used twice when the writer meant Russia.

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18. Phibbs says:

@John Johnson

Johnsonstein, Ukraine is losing the war. Western tanks won't make any difference. Oy vey!

• Agree: PUTINFAN

• Thanks: Chuck Orloski

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19. Wokechoke says:

@John Johnson

Israel is covertly and openly supporting Ukraine according to the German minister quoted here.

https://www.morgenpost.de/politik/article237483879/Botschafter-Presor-Israel-hilft-Ukraine-hinter-den-Kulissen.html

Hang your Trilby and Brooksbrothers raincoat on Progozhin though.

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20. Anoner Friggin Lawyer says:

Tanks and vehicles being sent out as aid was ludicrous as this article states. However, it would not surprise me if those tanks are sent in for the sole purpose of lobbing depleted uranium rounds to troll the Russians into a nuclear escalation.

• Replies: @nokangaroos

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21. <u>nokangaroos</u> says:

<u>January 30, 2023 at 12:22 pm GMT • 4.9 days ago</u> • 100 Words ↑ <u>@Anoner Friggin Lawyer</u>

I'd say USrael knows the war is lost and all the Ozelot (or sumpin) brouhaha are preparations for leaving Germany holding the bag when the music stops; Abrams are not much of an export article (except for some former allies at the Gulf rapidly becoming Persian again) but the inevitable embarrassment of watching them lose a death battle against moist dirt might rub off on the F-35 and other real money items.

22. James White says:

January 30, 2023 at 2:00 pm GMT • 4.9 days ago • 200 Words 1

Scott Ritter is a brilliant military strategist and a fine writer. This article is yet another news source that affirms how the U.S. is playing to lose in Ukraine. That approach is and always has been completely nonsensical. As is the suicidal decision for Ukraine to have engaged this conflict when they should have accepted any of Russia's terms for avoiding it. Up to and including the end of Ukraine as a sovereign nation and the reclamation of Ukraine into Russian territory. Instead, Zelensky chose suicide for Ukraine. Not a single Ukrainian death has been worth this senseless act. The U.S. and NATO led Ukraine down the primrose path, promising entry in the E.U. and NATO. That would only ever have been possible over Putin's dead body. Instead, it will happen over the bodies of hundreds of thousands of Ukrainians. Once Putin made the decision to launch, I knew he would never stop until Ukraine was surrendered without conditions. Russia has already paid the cost that the US and NATO have charged. He has absolutely nothing to gain by stopping until all of Ukraine is once again Russian. Anyone who objects to that will be welcomed to leave the territory.

- Agree: martin 2, Son of a Jedi
- Replies: @MLK, @follyofwar, @martin_2

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23. RoatanBill says:

January 30, 2023 at 2:37 pm GMT • 4.8 days ago • 200 Words ↑ @Notsofast
Agreed.

Anyone with any critical thinking ability should know that this conflict has already shown that tanks are last century's weapon, just as any future conflict involving surface ships will show that no one learned the lessons from the Falklands war that surface ships are floating coffins. The recent Azerbaijan / Armenia conflict shows conclusive proof that drones were taking out tanks one after the other. The likely future conflict with China will show that those aircraft carriers and their fighter jets were a bad idea once they all hit the ocean floor.

The 'west' knows that tanks are relatively useless in a major war and are now getting rid of this obsolete junk to concentrate on drones, missiles and rockets. The US has and the Chinese announced a drone 'wingman' aircraft to substitute for a piloted one. The drone can carry more munitions and is more maneuverable since there's no pilot life support system on board and no weak link human body to protect from excessive G forces. The military is getting rid of humans as quickly as possible because they require too much support and produce negative attitudes toward wars when loaded bodybags start showing up. The fact that enlistment is way down also suggests they need another avenue to keep up their killing adventures.

Wait for it – submarines, drones, missiles and rockets will get increased funding; surface ships, fighter jets meant for dog fights, tanks, artillery, all manner of wheeled vehicles will get cut back.

• Agree: RichardDuck

24. James White says:

<u>January 30, 2023 at 2:51 pm GMT • 4.8 days ago</u> • 100 Words ↑ @Carlton Meyer

This is the first video footage I have seen of modern video game technology in actual use on a real battlefield. It is breathtaking in it's effectiveness in killing your adversary from a safe distance. Defending against it is akin to fighting a robot army like the one in Terminator films. No chance whatsoever.

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25. nokangaroos says:

<u>January 30, 2023 at 6:35 pm GMT • 4.7 days ago</u> • 100 Words ↑ @Carlton Meyer

Thanks ...

IIRC the Strix came out in the early '80s, and the Israelis used something like it on a large scale against Syria 1982 (APC-mounted 120mm "Soltam", American "Assault Breaker" technology).

- The 120mm mortar has been a Red Army mainstay since WWII, and the Ruskies are very enamored with their Nonas (seemingly every necessary fire in an exceedingly handy package):

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2S9 Nona

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26. Realist says:

January 30, 2023 at 7:08 pm GMT • 4.6 days ago • 100 Words ↑

Don't get me wrong: tanks still have a vital role to play on the modern battlefield.

You are wrong. They are used because they have always been since their invention...it's convention...old-think. Tanks can be destroyed by the thousands with the push of a button. They are as outdated as surface ships. Aircraft carriers and fighter planes are only useful to powerful nations against little or third-world countries. A bonus to the power elite is they provide trillions in profit through graft and corruption. Subsurface delivery systems and hypersonic missiles are the current and near future.

Wars are always horrible but should be fought to win quickly and decisively.

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27. Notsofast says:

<u>January 30, 2023 at 7:10 pm GMT • 4.6 days ago</u> • 100 Words ↑ @RoatanBill

agree, generals are always fighting the last war. the most ironic part is that the zioneocon geniuses with their idiotic sanctions on iran, forced them to develop in house, military solutions such as their drones that they then licensed to russians, who renamed them geraniums. soon all weapon systems will be a.i. and operated remotely, by mindless, millennial, multigender,

sociopath's, playing videogames in the multiverse.

• Agree: RoatanBill

• **Replies:** @Anonymous

28. John Johnson says:

<u>January 30, 2023 at 7:11 pm GMT • 4.6 days ago</u> • 300 Words ↑

@Carlton Meyer

Tanks are designed with a heavily armored frontal arc, but modern missiles and drones can strike from above, the sides, or rear.

If the enemy has them. It is the Ukrainians that have fancy anti-tank missiles.

Drone still have to be pretty powerful to take out a tank. Ukrainians have only taken out tanks with their hobby drones when the hatches were open. They seem able to disable a BMP but not a tank.

I don't deny the golden age of the tank is over but the Ukrainians are in a position to take advantage of them for what could be the last time. Russia isn't well equipped with anti-tank guns and built their military under the assumption of air power.

A single tank can also do an incredible amount of siege damage before it is taken out. An M1 can stay pretty far back and just lob shells at an enemy emplacement.

It's just not practical to armor the entire tank. Also, as much larger 120mm and 125mm tank guns appeared over the last few decades, the massive gun blast can knock out or even kill nearby infantrymen. The tank/infantry team from World War II is no more.

Yea I think fast striking vehicles with enough armor to shield from small arms make more sense. If they are destroyed then oh well. They don't cost millions to make.

The other problem with the tank is that the operators have to come out at some point. They're also still vulnerable to molotovs and liquid attacks that blind them. Infantry traditionally protects them from such attacks but drones make that difficult.

By the end of WW2 both sides were pretty good at taking out tanks in urban areas. The panzerfaust was so simple yet very effective in urban combat.

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29. Realist says:

@RoatanBill

Boy, oh boy, I wrote my reply (above) before I read yours. I don't know how to say this without appearing vain, but here goes. Your comment is brilliant.

• Thanks: RoatanBill

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30. Arnieus says:

<u>January 30, 2023 at 7:17 pm GMT • 4.6 days ago</u> • 100 Words ↑

First paragraph under **Operational Employment** has a rather obvious and embarrassing typo. No charge for proof reading.

Ukraine's commander in chief of the Armed Forces, General Valerii Zaluzhnyi, told The Economist last month that he needed 300 tanks, 500 infantry fighting vehicles, and 500 artillery pieces, if he were going to have any chance of defeating *Ukraine*.

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31. John Johnson says:

<u>January 30, 2023 at 7:23 pm GMT • 4.6 days ago</u> • 200 Words ↑ @RoatanBill

Anyone with any critical thinking ability should know that this conflict has already shown that tanks are last century's weapon

It was Putin that rolled tanks into Kiev under the assumption that NLAWs and javalins would somehow not be a factor even though the Ukrainians where showing them off on international news. My favorite story is from a Russian tank commander who was told to not worry about the javalins. Within 15 miles of crossing the border the tank in front of him blew up.

Russia doesn't have a stockpile of such weapons and has been using human wave attacks.

Such attacks are very vulnerable to tanks.

The 'west' knows that tanks are relatively useless in a major war and are now getting rid of this obsolete junk to concentrate on drones, missiles and rockets.

The 'east' sends in human wave attacks of conscripts with BMP protection at the most. Once in a while they send a T-72.

Perfect targets for a tank.

Ukrainians will post videos of these junk machines killing thousands of Russians if Putin wants to continue this stupid war.

And Ritter will come up with his next article for Copium Times.

• Replies: @RoatanBill, @Eudion2, @Rich

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32. Realist says:

@Notsofast

Agreed. Please take a look at my comments above.

33. RoatanBill says:

<u>January 30, 2023 at 8:00 pm GMT • 4.6 days ago</u> • 300 Words ↑ @John Johnson

Someone once said something to the effect of that you fight with the weapons/army you have. All the major mafias have tanks and those stupid enough to be inside or alongside them. It's a way of using up the old junk to make way for the new technology. The mafias of all nations don't give a shit about their grunts since they are the stupid and otherwise worthless in their societies or else they wouldn't be in their respective militaries.

Military men are dumb, stupid animals to be used as pawns for foreign policy. Henry Kissinger

Although Kissinger is a POS, when he's right, he's right.

To the best of my knowledge, no Russian tanks rolled into Kiev. They were parked near Kiev but never entered the city. I speculated at the time that it was a ploy to get the criminals in Kiev to recall their murderers in the east to protect their sorry asses. If Putin wanted Kiev subdued, he would have simply bombed the shit out of it.

That a tank shell can destroy human flesh doesn't require much imagination. Once both sides of any conflict had tanks, they were used primarily to destroy the other guys tanks and crews. To use tanks to purposely go after grunts as a primary mission makes no sense; that's what artillery barrages are for.

As for the rest of your post, it's some alternative reality you've concocted to support your fantasy that Russia is losing. I keep wondering if you'll have the balls to keep visiting this site once the conflict is over and Ukraine no longer or hardly exists. I suspect you will, but under a different handle spouting a new line of rubbish.

- Agree: Realist, Notsofast, Kratoklastes, brostoevsky, Emslander
- LOL: YetAnotherAnon

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34. Legba says:

Thanks. Before I read this, I only assumed sending the tanks was a stupid idea

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35. Nobody too important says:

@Mr_Chow_Mein

I never liked Chow mein but I sure loved what you wrote!

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36. Wokechoke says:

The Soul of Russia: Mr Mushnik Prigozhin v Strelkov de McGavin.

Vicious Zhid Sausage King of Leningrad, against LARPy Colonel of the Commandos.

https://www.newsweek.com/putin-cracks-down-igor-girkin-prigozhin-wagner-group-1776992

The class conflict of a grasping street Jew and the unrecognized Aristocrat of the Imperial Russian Army.

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37. John Johnson says:

<u>January 31, 2023 at 1:27 am GMT • 4.4 days ago</u> • 100 Words ↑ @RoatanBill

Someone once said something to the effect of that you fight with the weapons/army you have.

Yes but you need to right leadership to properly utilize it all.

To the best of my knowledge, no Russian tanks rolled into Kiev. They were parked near Kiev but never entered the city.

They entered the city limits.

https://www.newsweek.com/russia-kyiv-putin-troops-fall-tanks-invasion-1682589

If Putin wanted Kiev subdued, he would have simply bombed the shit out of it.

His plans were leaked. He planned on taking Kiev and expected to take the whole country in 2.5 weeks. That matches a comment he made in 2014 where claimed that Ukraine could be his in 2 weeks if he wanted it.

He expected Zelensky to flee or be killed and the government would collapse.

The 40 mile column of armor and supply trucks headed towards Kiev was not a ruse and could be seen from space.

https://news.yahoo.com/menacing-40-mile-long-russian-200305612.html

- LOL: Rich
- Replies: @RoatanBill, @Biff

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38. John Johnson says:

<u>January 31, 2023 at 1:35 am GMT • 4.4 days ago</u> • 100 Words ↑ @RoatanBill

As for the rest of your post, it's some alternative reality you've concocted to support your fantasy that Russia is losing. I keep wondering if you'll have the balls to keep visiting this site once the conflict is over and Ukraine no longer or hardly exists.

I never said Russia is losing. But I also wouldn't describe them as winning. It's more of a draw at this point.

I am calling out your bullshit on the tanks being obsolete and your claim that the West is merely getting rid of them as if they are useless junk.

Ukraine will utilize them and you and Scott will have to watch videos of them killing Russians.

Moscow MacGregor also made similar comments about HIMARs. He depicted them as complicated and that we couldn't just hand them over.

Well we did just that and they utilized them right away.

• Replies: @RoatanBill

39. RoatanBill says:

January 31, 2023 at 2:14 am GMT • 4.3 days ago • 300 Words ↑ @John Johnson
Newsweek? Really?

His plans were leaked? Really? Did you get that from CNBC or WaPo?

Putin was stupid in allocating a minor force to start a police action. He should have taken out the Kiev gov't and every military base with massive air power over a weekend and that would have largely started and ended the war inside of a month or two. You don't take a knife to a gun fight and that's exactly what he did. As the mafia don of Russia, I don't think he cares about how many civilians he has to roll over to get what he wants. The go slow reasoning that was proffered due to the Ukrainians being 'brothers' was bullshit.

No one would be stupid enough to think he could take all of Ukraine with the limited amount of men and equipment he initially allocated. The police action was ostensibly to help out the Donbas, but I don't believe that rationale. I believe he wanted at least the east of Ukraine along the Black Sea and was testing to see what it would take. Not a move I would recommend, but plausible.

You must admit that Russia certainly has the air power alone to decimate the major infrastructure in Ukraine without ever putting boots on the ground. He could certainly have taken out the Ukraine gov't if he had a mind to do that. This is Russia, not Granada.

What I haven't figured out yet is why the 'west' still has transportation routes into Ukraine to move all that military junk they want to get rid of.

• Replies: @H. L. M, @John Johnson

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40. RoatanBill says:

<u>January 31, 2023 at 2:29 am GMT • 4.3 days ago</u> • 200 Words ↑ @John Johnson

Ukraine will receive the tanks, etc and a mercenary contingent that understands the equipment will use it to kill Russians up until the time Russians destroy that gear as they've destroyed everything else. To think the Ukraine troops could just jump into this equipment like you or I jump into a rent-a-car is ludicrous. The radio traffic has shown numerous languages being used, not just Ukrainian and Russian, so NATO is already involved but not to the extent that Russia wants to make a stink about it – yet.

Of course, there will be Russian casualties, but those losses will be a fraction of Ukraine losses. The pattern has already been established and this is now a contest to see who runs out of men and materials first, mostly men. Europe is about out of spare junk and the pentagon isn't going to give their secret sauce gear to a losing effort, so it won't be long before this goes to the next level involving NATO directly or it winds down.

Zelenskyy is pissing off Europe by biting the hand that feeds him and he's wearing out his welcome. His latest demand is for fighter jets that his pilots have no experience in. If they show up, then the Russians will know they are being piloted by NATO mercenaries. That could change the dynamic.

Agree: <u>brostoevsky</u>

• **Replies:** @Anonymous

41. H. L. M says:

@RoatanBill

Putin's not stupid. He's in on it.

He's a stooge for jew money just like everybody else.

And if he doesn't do as he's told, he knows they'll kill him.

• Replies: @Unintended Consequence, @RoatanBill

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42. Anonymous[291] • <u>Disclaimer</u> says:

January 31, 2023 at 5:21 am GMT • 4.2 days ago • 100 Words 1

More pointedly, Russia won this on the first day of the war, when they took out the Ukie air force and all radio communications above battalion level (HF band radios — VHF is line-of-sight only and doesn't work at brigade and higher levels due to the distances involved).

Japan lost WW2 at the Battle of Midway, June 1942. Surrendered August 1945. Germany lost WW2 at Stalingrad, January 1943. Surrendered May 1945.

Ukraine has NEVER had a realistic hope of winning this conflict ... it's merely a matter of how long they will press on before finally surrendering.

• Replies: @RobinG

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43. Unintended Consequence says:

@H. L. M

Good grief. Are you some failed writer of spy novels who can no longer distinguish truth from fiction? So you think Putin is a slave. Who do you think runs Russia if not Putin?

44. RoatanBill says:

<u>January 31, 2023 at 10:59 am GMT • 4.0 days ago</u> • 300 Words ↑ @H. L. M

Putin isn't stupid. No one gets to be mafia Don by being stupid. What he started in Ukraine was a stupid move, an error in judgement on his part that is now causing death and destruction of civilians and their property on a scale equal to the savagery the US is famous for. The halo that lots of people want to place on his head has slipped to reveal just another killer head of state.

Every mafia Don has access to all the resources of the territory he controls. I doubt any of them are motivated by money alone. These people are sociopaths that imagine themselves to be above everyone else and therefore can function as they please. The people of the world agree with these cretins and create a different set of rules for them to function under, largely no rules at all, as long as their crimes are done under the auspices of some flag.

Because I do it with one small ship, I am called a terrorist. You do it with a whole fleet and are called an emperor.

A Pirate, From St. Augustine's "City Of God"

Killing civilians becomes collateral damage. Destroying homes, farms, etc is expected and excused by people that claim to be religious or spiritual because the activities are part of the word 'war' as opposed to the word 'crime'. Somehow just using different words to describe the same activities makes everything not only respectable but honorable. I have no doubt that statues of Putin will be created.

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45. H. L. M says:

I didn't say money alone.

In the aggregate, it's the same old isht. Putin is going along to some extent with the jews that want to rule the world because it's the best thing for him.

Remember, he went along with the utterly ridiculous "operation covid".

• Replies: @Garden of Eveline Braun

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46. anonymouseperson says:

<u>January 31, 2023 at 10:38 pm GMT • 3.5 days ago</u> • 100 Words ↑ A few key points.

- 1) Tanks break down all the time. A good crew of tank mechanics are worth their weight in gold on the battle front.
- 2) Tanks need to be used in mass. Never in isolation. You want to have a great number of them to smash through an enemy's front lines.
- 3) As experience in WW2 showed, the simpler the tank is the better. This results in less maintenance issues.

• Replies: @Wokechoke

47. John Johnson says:

<u>February 1, 2023 at 12:12 am GMT • 3.4 days ago</u> • 400 Words ↑ @RoatanBill

Newsweek? Really?

His plans were leaked? Really? Did you get that from CNBC or WaPo?

Oh so you just disregard everything in the MSM and don't even bother to determine what is true not? If the MSM says it will rain tomorrow do you put on shorts? Mindlessly rejecting everything from the MSM is no different than believing something must be true cause Don Lemon said so.

3 sets of plans have been leaked since the invasion.

Here is the latest one:

https://www.express.co.uk/news/world/1728281/putin-plans-ukraine-war-russian-documents-leaked-spt

The actual leak was on Telegram:

https://t.me/s/vchkogpu/36113

The original leak is easy to find if you look for it. It was taken from captured soldiers.

It's pretty difficult to hide the plans of a massive invasion that requires the coordination of tens of thousands of people.

Putin was stupid in allocating a minor force to start a police action. He should have taken out the Kiev gov't and every military base with massive air power over a weekend and that would have largely started and ended the war inside of a month or two.

Shoulda coulda woulda. Everyone is good at planning a war in hindsight.

Putin said in 2014 that he could take Ukraine in 2 weeks. Well he had plenty of time to plan.

You must admit that Russia certainly has the air power alone to decimate the major infrastructure in Ukraine without ever putting boots on the ground.

Russian air power is still a mystery to everyone. Military analysts around the world expected the fight to be short due to Russian air dominance. They didn't imagine the current battle with tanks and armored vehicles on both sides. Analysts expected Migs and Hinds to destroy them all and at best Ukraine would fight through partisan warfare.

The original plan was to kill Zelensky and collapse the government. Basically a decapitation attack.

That is how Putin planned on dealing with sanctions. He planning on quickly taking Ukraine and setting up a puppet government before the West could react. Then he expected the West to say "oh well" and move on to other matters. His pal Lukashenko leaked the plan to keep going on to Moldova.

Talking the West into dropping sanctions wouldn't work if he just carpet bombed everyone into oblivion. Putin is aware that his country depends on Western cash for oil. He was trying to avoid permanent sanctions by attempting an overnight coup.

48. John Johnson says:

<u>February 1, 2023 at 12:29 am GMT • 3.4 days ago</u> • 300 Words ↑ @RoatanBill

Putin isn't stupid. No one gets to be mafia Don by being stupid.

No but smart people can be really stupid and especially when they leave their area of expertise.

This is in fact a common flaw of smart people.

They build up a false sense of confidence from success and then overextend themselves into areas where there is more talent required than raw intelligence.

Doctors are notorious in this regard. I knew someone that did computer repair and he said doctors were the worst. They would screw up their computers by trying to fix them and then come up with all kinds of stories about what happened. Other medical professionals would simply drop them off and trust his expertise.

Killing civilians becomes collateral damage.

Well it isn't collateral damage when you openly target civilian areas in an effort to terrorize them. Trying to freeze a population to death by attacking infrastructure is a war crime.

Claims made by Putin in 2022:

There will be no war, it's just a training exercise

It's not war, it's just a special military operation

Infrastructure will not be targeted

Civilians will not be targeted

There will be no conscription

There will only be limited conscription

Only men with military experience will be conscripted

Still think it is a good idea to defend this guy? He can't even go 2 weeks without telling a lie.

I have no doubt that statues of Putin will be created.

Really the funniest comment you have made this month. Putin's support is actually tied to Russia's reality denying baby boomers that watch State News all day. Basically the equivalent of Fox/CNN watching boomers that don't use the internet to question what they are told.

I highly doubt that any statues will be built and Russians under 30 would tear them down anyways.

• Replies: @RoatanBill, @borris

49. RoatanBill says:

<u>February 1, 2023 at 12:59 am GMT • 3.4 days ago</u> • 100 Words ↑ @John Johnson

You completely misinterpreted my comment.

I think Putin is a thug and have said so on numerous occasions. He should be hung along with the rest of his military. Same goes for the entire Ukraine mafia. I have no dog in this fight since there are no good guys. Both sides are killing civilians and destroying people's lives and property as collateral damage. That's a euphemism used by war mongers to not call it what it actually is, murder and mayhem.

You have picked a side to root for. I find that disgusting behavior, regardless of which side. Both mafia's are killing civilians and should pay with their lives.

The statue reference was to show how stupid and amoral most people are to elevate a murdering criminal to sainthood because he is a super criminal and not the ordinary kind.

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50. Wokechoke says:

@anonymouseperson

Massed tanks may or may not be used in that way in this conflict going forward. Also, they may not have even been used like this in reality in the most famous battles involving large numbers of tanks.

Infantry have plenty of ATGMs now.

• Replies: @Fiendly Neighbourhood Terrorist

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51. Wokechoke says:

@RoatanBill

The Ukie attack through from Zap to Melitopol is about as obvious as the German attack into the Kursk Salient in 1943.

I hope that the NATO and Ukies do attack right there.

• **Replies:** @RoatanBill

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52. RoatanBill says:

<u>February 2, 2023 at 1:27 pm GMT • 1.9 days ago</u> • 100 Words ↑ @Wokechoke

I hope that the NATO and Ukies do attack right there.

I hope that sanity will miraculously prevail and all the killing of civilians and destruction of infrastructure stops. This entire war serves no purpose but to enrich the merchants of death and grind up the little people in the process.

53. Zachary Smith says: Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 5:57 am GMT • 1.2 days ago</u> • 300 Words ↑ @Tranceislife

No , the issue of providing tanks is to fulfill the need to completely destroy the German arms industry when the leopard variants are just burning pieces of metal while America never gets around to providing it's Abrams – This move is to capture the arms industries of Europe after this war , not before

The viewpoint you express is becoming ever more common.

The way the US has arranged matters, the German Leopards will show up on the battlefield first. Because the Ukrainians no longer have the capacity for the "combined arms" operations, those Leopards are going to be destroyed. This will be a VERY bad advertisement for selling German tanks in the future.

The US tanks will arrive much later, maybe after the war is over. If they do happen to see action, we'll be hearing the chant about 'Export Models used by barely trained Ukrainian tank crewmen.' For the US tanks will be destroyed too.

The milbloggers I follow say the tanks are being released because NATO is out of other alternatives – the member nation no longer have the capacity to ship enough artillery shells. In other words, they're desperate not to allow the war to wind down with an early defeat of Ukraine.

Obviously nobody in Russia is sending me secret inside information about their war plans, but the Russians have a number of options which look pretty obvious from here. Possibly they're not rushing matters to allow NATO to become resigned to a massive Ukraine defeat. Otherwise that organization might be tempted to escalate to the most extreme weapons.

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54. Odyssey says: Next New Comment

February 3, 2023 at 6:02 am GMT • 1.2 days ago • 100 Words

On the occasion of the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Stalingrad, Putin said:

Those who are dragging Germany into a new war against Russia mistakenly believe that we will fight it with tanks.

He pointed out that those who drag Germany into a new war and expect victory on the battlefield do not understand that the modern war with Russia will be different:

"Those who are dragging European countries, including Germany, into a new war with Russia expect to defeat Russia on the battlefield, but they obviously do not realize that the modern war with Russia will be completely different for them. We are not sending our tanks to their borders, but we have something to respond to, and the use of armored vehicles will not end things."

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55. RobinG says: Next New Comment

@Tranceislife

You labeled yourself a troll? Interesting.

• LOL: Rogue

56. Fiendly Neighbourhood Terrorist says: • WebsiteNext New Comment

February 3, 2023 at 6:56 am GMT • 1.1 days ago • 100 Words

"Western" tanks don't necessarily have a loader crewman and a four person crew. The French LeClerc has an autoloader and a 3 man crew (as do Japanese

tanks). Meanwhile the (already obsolete while still being designed, but bought anyway to justify the enormous amount of time and money spent) Indian Arjun has a four man crew. And the latest projected Abrams design will have a diesel engine and an autoloader.

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57. <u>Fiendly Neighbourhood Terrorist</u> says: • <u>Website</u>Next New Comment @Wokechoke

Massed tanks have very rarely been used against each other. The one example I can think of is at Kursk. Most tank battles have been ambuscades and/or hit and run attacks as practiced by Katukov at the Battle of Moscow.

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58. GomezAdddams says:Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 7:22 am GMT • 1.1 days ago</u> • 100 Words ↑ @Tranceislife

Russia is going to be "done in". Canada is sending 4 Leopard tanks with 2,000 currently stationed troops in Latvia (recent combat duty includes evening executions of Afghan single parent families (sans father) and children playing outdoors -unarmed) and the play begins when these 4 tanks and 2,000 prime fighters slide though Ukraine and later "hold down" Moscow !!! Chystia Freeland knows that Victoria Nuland Knows her facts —-"Fuddle duddle Europe" —and hard !!!!!!!!!!!!!

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59. Commentator Mike says:Next New Comment

@Tranceislife

You're trolling yourself. LOL. There is no need to press a button after your own comments.

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60. Australia Infelix says: Next New Comment

@JR Foley

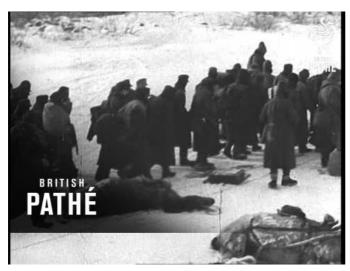
We in Canada of the South hear you.

61. RobinG says:Next New Comment

@Anonymous

It's 60 years since Stalingrad. Here's how the German generals looked on the day they surrendered. (H/T smoothiex12.)

Liberation Of Stalingrad – Epic Report (1943) British Pathé



Watch Video At: https://youtu.be/WfjjTSqAXms

• Replies: @Rogue

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62. Eudion2 says: Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 7:56 am GMT • 1.1 days ago</u> • 100 Words ↑ @John Johnson

Russia doesn't have a stockpile of such weapons and has been using human wave attacks.

Russia allegedly has a stockpile of 35,000 Kornet antitank missiles. So either you're lying or they're lying. I think you're lying, because I havent trusted any US military cheerleader since learning Saddam had no WMDs.

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63. <u>Commentator Mike</u> says:Next New Comment

@Notsofast

The Ukrainians are not even picking up their dead and they're going to pick up the destroyed tanks.

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64. antitermite says: Next New Comment

They'll be manned by NATO crew in Ukie uniforms.

Actually they needn't bother with the uniforms, since any casualties will be burnt to a crisp. Built-in plausible deniability.

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65. j2 says:Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 8:25 am GMT • 1.1 days ago</u> • 400 Words ↑ @John Johnson

"NATO didn't lie about tanks. The US didn't want to send Abrams for a variety of reasons and maintenance was actually one of the stated concerns. But Biden gave into Germany so Ukraine is getting what they want. Too bad for Putin and his bootlickers like Scott Ritter."

Yest. This time Scott Ritter goes even below his normal low level. Let us consider the facts. Leopard 2 tank crew can be trained for combat readiness in six weeks. Maintenance crew requires more time, but those tanks can be prepared e.g. in Poland in the time before Ukraine maintenance crew can learn the job. Ukraine seems to get 68 Leopard 2 tanks. This is not as much as they need, but tanks are not anymore used as they were used for main tank attacks, they are basically for breaking fortified positions, and then Leopards can, being fast tanks, advance the attack to new positions fast. Challenger crew can be taught in five weeks. As for Abrams, they will not be especially useful and Ukraine will not manage to use them as the USA uses them, but they can be applied to breaking fortified positions just like the other two tanks. Bradleys will be more useful because of their four missiles, probably effective against T-72s, and the autocannon for infantry. Ukraine gets by mid April a quite good striking capability. It is sufficient for starting a counteroffensive, as they want to do. They equip now four new brigades with these weapons. They will be trained abroad and come in mid April. As for artillery, Ukraine has old Soviet artillery, 152 mm. They should boost up ammunition productions, as they have already done. Western artillery is for a different usage, for better targeting and precision strikes.

Ukraine gets less than it asked, but still enough, if it correctly uses the weapons. Of Russian tanks probably the best analysis is here:

Analysis of Russian tank stocks at storage bases in the Urals from RussiaUkraineWarNews

Russia has lost about 3000 tanks (according to Ukraine 3200, according to Oryx 1700, Ukraine estimate seems to be close to the truth)

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66. Tom Welsh says: Next New Comment

@Wokechoke

The photograph on the left just needs a toothbrush moustache. No?

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67. Jim Richard says: Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 9:40 am GMT • 1.0 days ago</u> • 100 Words ↑

@Mr Chow Mein

Agreed. I'd call it the Health Care Industrial Complex. Designed to maximize ones exposure to "health care" and poor health. Educate yourself about what is the right way to properly nourish your body, the very old saying is you are what you eat. I'd include drink with that. There is a lot of info out there on the gut/brain/emotion axis. The government approved nutrition programs are designed to make us stupid. Public school lunch programs help create the human sheep they want.

68. Contraviews says: Next New Comment

@Carlton Meyer

I hear them speaking Russian, not Ukrainian.

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69. Gonzo US says: Next New Comment

@RoatanBill

Add the vile US empire in there too. War mongering imperialists who lust for more-hustlers and hucksters

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70. H. L. M says: Next New Comment

@RoatanBill

This is rich:

https://www.sgtreport.com/2023/01/nasa-kubrick-moon-buggies-murder-bart-sibrel/

• Replies: @RoatanBill

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71. Levtraro says: Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 11:00 am GMT • 23.5 hours ago</u> • 100 Words ↑

@Notsofast

Correct assessment.

The USA will deteriorate its allies defence industry (in this case the EU) in order to export more USA-made things and thus help float the value of the US\$ once de-dellorazition accelerates once again after 2022.

But selling weapons to the EU will not be enough. Deeper and more painful sacrifices of the EU and other attachments will have to be secured.

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72. <u>Biff</u> says:Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 11:12 am GMT • 23.3 hours ago</u> • 100 Words ↑

@John Johnson

He planned on taking Kiev and expected to take the whole country in 2.5 weeks. That matches a comment he made in 2014 where claimed that Ukraine could be his in 2 weeks if he wanted it.

Maybe so, and maybe he planned the 'Winter offensive' for last December when he realized:

"Never interrupt your enemy when they are making mistakes" Sun Tzu

Since Washington/NATO is pouring their wealth down a corrupt sewer hole of a country, maybe Putin doesn't want to interrupt that kind of stupidity. If Putin puts an early end to it, then of course NATO will stop funding/arming a losing battle.

Agree: Notsofast

73. OhhBrad says: Next New Comment

"..the Arab-Israeli conflicts..", aka the j ew genocide of Palestinian civilians, j ew attack on the USS Liberty, et al..

or,

Bullwinkle: "Well, if you can't believe what you read in a comic book, what can you believe?"

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74. Сергей Гончаров says:Next New Comment

February 3, 2023 at 11:40 am GMT • 22.8 hours ago • 300 Words

"Tank warfare has evolved. The large force-on-force armored battles that were the hallmark of much of WWII, the Arab-Israeli conflicts, which served as the foundation of operational doctrine for both NATO and the Soviet Union (and which was implemented in full by the United States during Operation Desert Storm in 1991), has run its course."

No it did not. What happened is degradation. Both in Russia and elsewhere. From everything that's going on it is obvious that warring sides returned to pre WW2 failed approach which costed French so dearly. The right approach was that by Wermacht and subsequent Soviet army. Unfortunately the system that allowed that kind of warfare, cadres and ideology is not there. If one wants a historical parallel it would have been demise of Roman legion system in 3d century after the background system that was allowing legions to function in standard way was destroyed during civil wars which unlike previous ones lasted decades. Were tanks and other weapons systems and troops used effectively together with decisiveness and proper planning of reserves and numbers needed and good supplies and especially with computerized control and battle management systems we would have been talking about Ukraine as independent state in past term. Unfortunately, Russia is too weak in every aspect required to prosecute war in the manner USSR could. Hence we see this never ending battle for hen house. I advice that you check Soviet exercise The West 1981 and not this pathetic Putin's shows. That exercise showed pretty well what modern warfare is all about and it is how decisive war must be prosecuted. Russia simply has no means to do that and cadres of poor quality which has been shown by almost a year of this war.

• Replies: @anon

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75. RoatanBill says:Next New Comment

@H. L. M

Put it on the Newslinks.

• Replies: @H. L. M

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76. The Truman Show says: Next New Comment

@Mr_Chow_Mein

"You start from fundamentals and build your way up until you reach the noose around the criminals necks.

Remember these people are trying to wipe you out...feel no pity for them because they have none for you."

Could not agree more. Great post.

77. Shamu says: Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 12:25 pm GMT • 22.1 hours ago</u> • 100 Words ↑ @Tranceislife

Just like the Jew, the Yankee trader is a very slick, devious, vicious monster.

And don't doubt that many of the Neocons hawking this evil proxy war want as many Ukrainians as possible to die, preferably die horrifically. They just love dead Slavs, especially when those Slavs have been stupid enough to trust Anglo-Zionists.

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78. Rogue says: Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 12:34 pm GMT • 21.9 hours ago</u> ↑ @RobinG

It's 60 years since Stalingrad

80 years.

• Replies: @RobinG

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79. anon[152] • Disclaimer says: Next New Comment

February 3, 2023 at 12:47 pm GMT • 21.7 hours ago • 300 Words 1

I don't know much about tank warfare other than as a lone infantryman a tank will scare the shit out of you. Having said that, as far as the bigger picture goes I stand by my earlier comment that Ukraine is being depopulated for a reason. What could that reason be? To recreate Kazaria. We know that the the multinational behemoths are already buying up the farmland. Simply get Russia and the US to cancel each other out and presto, with their hightech and China's manpower its gameover. With the US and Russia taken out of the picture, who else will stand up to the NWO? Cambodia? Zimbabwe? Honduras? These things are gamed well in advance. Iran and North Korea are wildcards but I don't think they are suicidal. If I'm wrong, then tell me why else Ukraine is being depopulated? Rich farmland, natural resources, access to the sea. Do you think the Kazarians want to be stuck in the fucking desert surrounded by millions of arabs forever? No, a return to their former homeland would be a natural desire. Except this time they won't be dependent on the British empire. China wants siberia and America is turning into a third world shithole. Is this not by design? The American people sure as hell didn't vote for this nightmare, our government took sides against us long ago. You know they have had a grudge against Russia for a long time. Get both countries to cancel each other out and presto, world domination. Again I must ask, why else is Ukraine being depopulated?

Thanks: <u>GMC</u>Replies: <u>@Shamu</u>

80. Cking says: Next New Comment

February 3, 2023 at 12:58 pm GMT • 21.5 hours ago • 200 Words

Ukraine, proud, dumb, and stupid, bears most of the responsibility. Ukraine's Billionaire Battalions were over before they started. US leadership led by shameless, neocon, geopolitical geniuses, in the employ of the MIC, made the war possible; thinking a good PSYOP would work until the West organizes for actual WWIII. This scenario was unrealistic from the get-go, but people made money; so there's nothing more to say but where's the peace table?

I can't help but feel that Israel, despite her protests, recklessly risked their very existence in this disaster. For humanitarian priorities alone Ukraine must sue for peace. The 'peace process', the Minsk Agreements, were never genuine. In order to mollify the Russians, Z must be removed quickly, like now. Get to the peace table, Create East and West Ukraine. Ukraine can only hope they will keep Kiev and the rest of West Ukraine, that can be absorbed by Poland, which has its own geopolitical issues and minefields.

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81. Anonymous[169] • Disclaimer says: Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 1:20 pm GMT • 21.2 hours ago</u> • 100 Words ↑ @Notsofast

Way back when, 500 BC or so, the Spartans followed a heuristic: Do not make constant small attacks on neighbors. Small attacks teach the neighbors how to fight. Either leave neighbors completely alone, or destroy their works, take their territory, and enslave the survivors.

When Sparta violated this heuristic (Peloponnesian war) by forming a confederation and tackling another confederation that was too big to assimilate by destroying works, populating territory, and enslaving the survivors, Sparta won the war and destroyed itself trying to govern the territory it had gained, rather as the US has.

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82. Garden of Eveline Braun says: Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 1:21 pm GMT • 21.1 hours ago</u> • 100 Words ↑

@H. L. M

Possibly your pov and Roatan Bill's can be seen as equivalent if you make the following algebraic substitution:

Sociopath = Jew,

and

Jew = Sociopath.

Yes that's primitive and cruel, but in an operative sense it's valid. A Jew doesn't think other people are even human, just as the sociopath doesn't think they amount to chewing gum on the sidewalk, if that.

• Agree: Lurker

83. Garden of Eveline Braun says: Next New Comment

February 3, 2023 at 1:31 pm GMT • 21.0 hours ago • 100 Words

@RoatanBill

No kidding. See the busts of Stalin unveiled yesterday in Volgograd. Stretching the idea just a bit — see monuments to George Floyd and (not stretching at all) naming an Ivy League University after Geoffrey Amherst who distributed smallpox amongst the natives of north America. There are statues of Ghengis Khan also. And numerous emperors.

• Replies: @Notsofast

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84. Mike Tre says: Next New Comment

February 3, 2023 at 1:33 pm GMT • 20.9 hours ago • 100 Words 1

With the development of precision guided rockets and missiles, combined with a majority of battles taking place in urban areas, the main battle tank concept is plainly obsolete.

When a single 4 man fireteam can carry as much tank busting firepower as a tank itself, with more mobility, versatility, and ability to cover and conceal, combined with the tremendous amount of resources required to support (fuel, maintenance, transportation, and all the personnel necessary) a single MBT, it's pretty simple math.

Countries like the US keep building them, because hey, the board of directors for General Dynamics have to eat (caviar) too.

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85. Silesian 3 says: Next New Comment

February 3, 2023 at 1:35 pm GMT • 20.9 hours ago ↑

One is left with the conclusion that no Ukrainian will ever be inside these tanks — rather, it will be NATO personnel operating, maintaining, and supplying these vehicles.

Which means, it will be NATO personnel returning home in body bags.

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86. Garden of Eveline Braun says: Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 1:39 pm GMT • 20.8 hours ago</u> ↑

@John Johnson

Marvelous insight in your last sentence. Thanks.

87. MLK says: Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 1:51 pm GMT • 20.6 hours ago</u> • 500 Words ↑ @James White

Once Putin made the decision to launch, I knew he would never stop until Ukraine was surrendered without conditions. Russia has already paid the cost that the US and NATO have charged. He has absolutely nothing to gain by stopping until all of Ukraine is once again Russian. Anyone who objects to that will be welcomed to leave the territory.

We shouldn't get ahead of our analytical skis.

What's fascinating about this US/NATO vs. Russia confrontation is how well-telegraphed it was. Any cursorily informed middle schooler would have predicted this turn of the screw. Yet with few exceptions — and, to his credit, Ritter is one of them, the governing class professed to be shocked, surprised and outraged when Russia kicked off its SMO.

Then the citizenries of the US and the rest of West were subjected to relentless gaslighting by their own governments and their fake news subsidiaries. I'm game as the next guy for some war time propaganda, but these information operations couldn't have been more of an insult to the intelligence of anyone who knows how to fog a mirror, or more demoralizing and worrying as to who the f*ck was driving the bus, then if it were designed that way.

My point is that while Russia has been laying the predicate for achieving its objectives, say by focusing on minor things like assembling an offensive force numbering 700K, we've spent the last year spinning our wheels. Burden as we no longer can deny we are with a political/governing class dominated by freaks, fools and psychopaths.

Ukraine is kaput. Russia will achieve its objectives there. The contours being, a landlocked, rump Ukraine that is neutral, demilitarized and denazified.

Believe me, Russia has zero interest in Galacia. Not to put too fine a point on it — Because Galacians. Really, occupying any of the rump from Lvov to Kiev, complicates and degrades Russia's strategic position. If the USG is finally getting it together then its trying to goad/force Russia into taking these territories in west Ukraine.

Here's the long term strategic project of the US that Russia just threw a monkey wrench into:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Three Seas Initiative

A rump Ukraine along the above lines throws the plan from the frying pan into the fire as the US is left trying to manage now divergent objectives, if not impulses of the national suicide variety, of the member states. With the lone exception to my eye being Hungary.

We're now entering the phase of this saga in which the country (and people) on the hot seat is Poland. Unless it gets it together, the EU will regime change its ruling party out, ending any semblance of Polish sovereignty.

• Replies: @Curmudgeon

88. Da's Reich says: Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 1:54 pm GMT • 20.6 hours ago</u> • 100 Words ↑

@RoatanBill

All wars are dreadful occurrences of course, however why not at least place the blame for it where it belongs,

Did the Russians really want to be embroiled in this?

I'm also surprised to hear you parrot the 'Putin is a thug' line, I understand that nobody reaches a position of power without being ruthless but ruthlessness and outright thuggery are very different things,

Whether it be Putin, Zakharova or Lavrov they sure as hell come across as vastly more intelligent and educated people than anything the west has to offer,

The whole thing is a failure of diplomacy, western diplomacy.

- Agree: Director95, Director95, MarkU
- Replies: @RoatanBill, @Rurik

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89. Emslander says: Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 1:59 pm GMT • 20.5 hours ago</u> • 200 Words ↑ @Alrenous

When it comes to warfighting, I'm against it. Analysis of the leadup to any war fought by the USA since the Revolution shows that all of them could have been avoided and that avoiding them would have made our nation stronger and more mature.

However, as I remember, the tank was invented as an offensive counter-technology to the machine gun. It allowed a stronger force to execute an attack on an entrenched defensive force that was considerably weaker. It was to correct the balance of a situation that made wars into meatgrinders. War had simply pitted the sizes of the populations of young men of the combatting nations against each other. The side with the most men to be killed eventually won. That's why the entry of the USA into WWI was a game-changer. It increased the potential number of men to be killed for the glory of Woodrow Wilson and the London bankers.

The tank revived offensive operations, shortening war.

Anti-tank weaponry, which came about after Korea, as I understand it, reestablished the bad old equilibrium, and tanks were pretty dangerous places to be in combat. What makes them so much loved by modern armies, however, is that they're massive income generators for arms manufacturers and Congressmen with tank factories in their districts.

War, again, is not only hell. It's stupid.

• Replies: @MarkU

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90. anon[158] • Disclaimer says: Next New Comment

February 3, 2023 at 2:04 pm GMT • 20.4 hours ago ↑

@John Johnson

Lol so true... pretty sure Putin is by blood Jewish even if they were baptized

91. anon[158] • Disclaimer says: Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 2:10 pm GMT • 20.3 hours ago</u> • 100 Words ↑

<u>@Сергей Гончаров</u>

I can believe this degradation explanation, since it's rare to even see military history taught in American Universities for example. Was watching a series of lectures at Yale by a famous professor. All he said about the military history was "we used to teach military history more, and terrain matters."

• Replies: <u>@Сергей Гончаров</u>

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92. Emslander says: Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 2:21 pm GMT • 20.1 hours ago</u> • 100 Words ↑ @RoatanBill

Because I do it with one small ship, I am called a terrorist. You do it with a whole fleet and are called an emperor. A Pirate, From St. Augustine's "City Of God"

I sometimes question the validity of your boldface quotations, Bill. In this case, I'm sure it's bogus.

Augustine wrote "City of God" in the fourth century in Latin. The word "terrorist" was invented in about 1962 by the Israeli government. I read the book and I don't remember any discussion of boats and fleets in it anywhere. It was about the struggles of Christians under the Roman Empire and their ultimate victory over it.

• Replies: @RoatanBill, @Kapyong

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93. Commentator Mike says: Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 2:27 pm GMT • 20.0 hours ago</u> • 100 Words ↑ @j2

I don't know who is correct but one day someone is going to wake up and realise that everything they've been told was a pack of lies.

jj used to promote the Big Pharma and MSM narrative on vaccines most vehemently here on UR against all detractors snd now that they have been shown not to prevent Covid-19 and may even be dangerous he's switched to promoting the Ukrainian and MSM propaganda on the war.

• Replies: @Wokechoke

94. Pork Chops and Flatus says: Next New Comment

February 3, 2023 at 2:30 pm GMT • 20.0 hours ago • 200 Words

"The Werewolf Complex." it is very impt for the US empire to believe that there is some 'dangerous' beast out there, threatening to destroy the USian way of 'life.' Which is the key to US foreign policy for centuries. Central to this delusional constellation is the lack of interest in, or ability for, any self-transparency. USians do not self reflect or realize the pieces of excrement they are.

It's a major factor in US empire disintegration (following the Roman pattern), and it is a rare American who understands what the US is really up to. (Walter Lippmann: "Our imperialism is largely unconscious.") More than 99% of them live in a fog of bullshit, illusion, denials, and self-deception—a situation that is not likely to change any time soon.

The result is that we are stuck in USian crap, as Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan, and now the Ukraine are demonstrating. USian failures stare us in the face, and yet we learn o from them. We are being punished for our stupidity, yet all we can seem to do is shift the werewolf model to a different venue. Ultimately, as in the case of Rome and imperial overstretch, the model will do us in. sure of that as the existence of gravity. And as we go down the drain, we can be found hysterically waving the American flag as they wolf down more corn syrup. Bozos, one and all.

• Agree: Emslander

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95. Renoman says: Next New Comment

February 3, 2023 at 2:33 pm GMT • 19.9 hours ago 1

Welcome to Unz Scott, I'm a long time follower, glad to see you getting published here.

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96. John Henry says: Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 2:34 pm GMT • 19.9 hours ago</u> • 100 Words ↑ Scott:

I may have missed it, but I've not heard it discussed by you, Col. MacGregor or any others, Russia's reaction to delivery/attempted delivery of these tanks. I cannot believe they will not be attacked and destroyed before or at the point of delivery. A ship delivering them to Odessa will be allowed to unload them? Trains and/or truck convoys from Poland or wherever will be allowed to arrive with their cargos? They will remain unmolested in the in-country training areas, marshalling areas, staging areas?

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97. RoatanBill says:Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 2:36 pm GMT • 19.9 hours ago</u> • 400 Words ↑ @Da's Reich

When Putin decided to go into the Donbas to stop the killing engineered by the Ukraine mafia headed by Zelenskyy, I was on his side. I realized that innocent people would probably get killed along the way, but I suspected the numbers would end up being less than allowing Ukraine to continue their genocide unchallenged.

Then Putin screwed up big time. He decided on a police action instead of a shock & awe doctrine. I've stated previously that he should have used his superior air power to take out the gov't facilities with all their criminals in attendance as well as destroy every military facility in a blitz that would leave Ukraine largely unable to prosecute an actual war. His timid response, now almost a year old has led to the continuous escalation of hostilities on both sides that have now involved the rest of the Ukraine population as collateral damage.

Instead of Putin saving lives in the Donbas, he has now cause, via his stupidity, the enlargement of the conflict with far more civilians dead, injured, financially decimated, etc than before his entry into the conflict. Putin's miscalculation has caused more death and destruction than before. This is undeniable and is why I think he should be hung. The entire Ukraine gov't should be hung. All the morons in the various militaries doing the killing should be hung.

To place some arbitrary point of initiation to this conflict can be argued forever. Was it the Maidan uprising? Was it election interference in Ukraine? Was it the Biden crime family's doings? The list is endless. Russian and Ukraine intelligence services surely have the goods on lots of people but did they announce to the world that Biden is a crook, for example? All the gov'ts of the world are nothing but the most sophisticated mafia operations the planet has ever witnessed with excellent public relations to cause the idiots in their various gov'ts to vote to continue their reign.

If you and your family were in Ukraine, would you be so detached? Would it matter to you what caused the death and destruction around you or would you be cursing your fate engineered by forces much larger than you?

• Replies: @MarkU

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98. JimDandy says: Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 2:48 pm GMT • 19.7 hours ago</u> ↑

@Notsofast

Great comment on a great article, but if you're in a hurry:

Tanks For Ukraine Will Only Prolong War & "Line Pockets Of Gun Barons": Erdogan

99. Timur The Lame says: Next New Comment

February 3, 2023 at 2:59 pm GMT • 19.5 hours ago • 100 Words

Agree with your post but with a few quibbles. The tank, in my understanding was designed to overcome primarily trenches which of course maximized the effects of machine guns. Without the trench system, artillery could crudely blast machine guns away or they would be simply overrun as they still were.

Tanks did not shorten WW1, but as you note the Americans with bodies and materiel did.

As for anti-tank weapons only coming about in Korea, look up the panzerfaust and to a lesser extent the bazooka.

Cheers-

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100. Trumpeter says: Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 3:03 pm GMT • 19.4 hours ago</u> • 100 Words ↑ @John Johnson

John Johnson,

"Oh so you just disregard everything in the MSM and don't even bother to determine what is true not? If the MSM says it will rain tomorrow do you put on shorts?"

Well that is close. I mostly don't pay any attention to sources who have been SO wrong on SO many subjects. But you sound like you watch enough mainstream sources to be both vaxxed and boosted. Tell me, how many boosters? Have you had the new bi-valent booster? Don't forget to get your bi-valent flu shot and shingles and monkey pox vaccines on the same visit

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101. Doug Ryler says: Next New Comment

February 3, 2023 at 3:04 pm GMT • 19.4 hours ago 1

@Wokechoke

But here's the real truth about the Ukraine conflict.

http://biblicisminstitute.wordpress.com/2015/03/17/the-truth-about-the-conflict-with-russia/

102. Rogue says: Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 3:10 pm GMT • 19.3 hours ago</u> • 200 Words ↑ @j2

This time Scott Ritter goes even below his normal low level

When Bush Jr and Blair were beating the drums for war against Iraq 20 years ago, Scott Ritter stuck his head above the parapet and very bravely stated that Iraq had *no* WMD's.

He was vilified by both the US media and the political establishment. Of course, we know full well now that he was also right. And while the sexual shenanigans he got into were obviously wrong – I'm quite prepared to believe him when he says that he was deliberately set-up because of his anti-war stance.

How pathetic of you to call into question his moral character, when the ruling class in the West – and the MSM generally – are crawling with moral rot out of every nook and cranny.

So, tell me, what brave stances have you taken in public where your character is subject to constant assassination by the usual suspects?

• Replies: @j2

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103. Old and Grumpy says: Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 3:12 pm GMT • 19.3 hours ago</u> • 100 Words ↑

As Chinese balloons are flying overhead and a full force invasion of primarily foreign men is being welcomed on the American homeland, could all this tank theater in Ukraine just be an intentional slow drip drain to ultimately destroy both the west and Russia? There is one breed of human who'd like to see the end of the white Christendom and replace it with a hybrid (mutt) human that is smart enough to do its slave tasks, but not bright enough to challenge.

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104. MarkU says: Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 3:19 pm GMT • 19.2 hours ago</u> • 100 Words ↑ @Emslander

I mostly agree, except for...

Anti-tank weaponry, which came about after Korea, as I understand it

Anti-tank infantry weapons have been around almost as long as the tank. Anti-tank rifles were a thing until WW2, when tank armour increased sufficiently to render them obsolete (though they were still effective against some light tanks and armoured cars) The bazooka and the panzerfaust were used in the latter part of WW2, their hollow charge projectiles could defeat the armour of even the heaviest tanks, at least from the sides or the rear.

105. RoatanBill says: Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 3:20 pm GMT • 19.2 hours ago</u> • 100 Words ↑ @Emslander

I don't know how many times I have to post this, but I don't give shit who said it. Someone said it and it happens to be attributed to St. Augustine. I didn't make the attribution. I didn't create the sentence. I just found it and it fits under certain circumstances. I provide the common attribution only to indicate I didn't say it, someone else did.

That you doubt it's pedigree also doesn't mean shit to me. That you find it necessary to come at me personally for some nit tells me you have a personal agenda against me because you haven't the intellectual wherewithal to counter my many arguments on this site and that pisses you off. Am I right?

 $\underline{https://quotefancy.com/quote/905963/Saint-Augustine-Because-I-do-it-with-one-small-ship-I-am-called-a-terrorist-You-do-it}$

• Replies: @Emslander

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106. Political Science 101 says: Next New Comment

February 3, 2023 at 3:26 pm GMT • 19.1 hours ago ↑

Agreed. I have said it many times too. You can ditto this for large Navy ships as well. There have been torpedoes around for 20 years now that can cut an aircraft carrier in half in 1 minute. Like we are really going to defend Taiwan?

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107. Anon[200] • Disclaimer says: Next New Comment

February 3, 2023 at 3:32 pm GMT • 19.0 hours ago • 300 Words 1

Well, Scott Ritter hit the nail on the head on every aspect of this stupid tank business. Training, Logistics and Operations were the key issues addressed and there is not much more to add.

However, some video game idiots here on UR (like John Johnson) still behave and argue like juveniles. Whatever you tell them they have some silly "But" and "However" comment to make.

In his latest, little Johnny is talking about drone tank killers. Johnny Boy, in WW2 the Stuka Tank Buster with 3.7 cm auto guns firing armour piercing rounds typically demolished the Russian T34 and heavier tanks. Their bombs, when scoring a direct hit, overturned tanks. That skill, depended on the skill of the pilot.

These days a drone can put a missile up the arse of a flea at midnight on a moonless night and their weapons make the WW2 Stukas look like squibs. The rear, bottom and top of tanks are thinnest! Regardless, captured tanks are usually carefully examined to determine weak areas and blind spots. It is not even necessary to destroy the tank, just disable it and hose down the crew when they exit. In street fighting, logs and steel pipes can be used to jam up the tracks and rollers and grenades to shatter the tracks. Lowly RPGs fired from a building will penetrate the turret turning the interior into a blender.

Some of the tripe that gets rotated by dummies like Johnson, Zane and a few others is beyond laughable. Ukraine and their sponsors have lost this war. It is as simple as that. No amount of childish counter points is going to change that.

These guys need to realize that this is not a video game where you press reset. Johnson sounds like an old black man from the Ozarks. He should spend his time in his rocking chair smoking home grown tobacco in his corn cob pipe, strumming his banjo and obeying his Mommy. Better that than his stupid comments on this site.

• Replies: @Chinookwind, @John Johnson

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108. follyofwar says:Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 3:42 pm GMT • 18.8 hours ago</u> • 100 Words ↑ @RoatanBill

While I have no idea whether or not tanks are obsolete in modern warfare it seems that many socalled analysts must believe they are game changers for the Russians. Otherwise, why were they saying for months that, just wait until 'General Winter' arrives and the ground hardens, so that the tanks can start rolling, plowing down anything that get in their way?

Now that it's already February, have the Russian tanks started to roll yet? Has the much-awaited 'knock out' offensive commenced? I haven't read too much about it, though Mr. Ritter has said that the Zelenskyyy Regime is crumbling. Maybe the winter has been too mild and the ground, especially in the south, didn't harden at all (though Col. MacGregor said it did, finally). Spring is just around the corner, though yesterday was Groundhog Day, and the groundhog forecasted 6 more weeks of winter.

• Replies: @RoatanBill, @nokangaroos

109. Shamu says: Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 3:55 pm GMT • 18.6 hours ago</u> • 100 Words ↑ @anon

Your scenario is certainly possible.

And I think it makes it easier to grasp when you know that Mein Kampf features far more talk about inferior Slavs that must be removed than it does about inferior Jews that must be removed. It is a very old Germanic (not just 1 Germanic tribe or nation, but pan-Germanic) faith that Slavs are weakling inferiors that deserve to be raid into utter poverty and then made slaves. Jews know that, and that means Jews know that that can get any Germanic people (which includes everything Anglo) to play war games that can pit Slavs against Slavs, so that Jews always win.

And the idiot Anglo-Zionists will never figure it out even after they too are starting to enslaved.

As I have said for a very long time, you cannot solve the Jewish problem without simultaneously solving the WASP (or Germanic) problem.

• Replies: @HdC

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110. Anonymous[169] • Disclaimer says:Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 4:01 pm GMT • 18.5 hours ago</u> • 300 Words ↑ @RoatanBill

A pertinent bit of sociological observation:

Jewish beggars in Poland begged from successful Jews. When given alms, the beggars would become abusive and contemptuous. The successful Jew would then given the beggar more. Why? What is the underlying transaction?

The fact is that the Jewish donor cared little whether the beggar lived or died, and the beggar knew this. Donations were given to impress the local synagogue that the donor was rich by, in effect, destroying some of his possessions (compare this with the Pacific Northwest potlach in the early 1800s). The beggar was only a convenient pretext for destroying (not using, donating) goods.

However, the effect of the donation would be considerably diminished if the recipient was spoke freely about his contempt for the donation. The beggar, in effect, was implying that he would tell the synagogue that the donation was contemptible, thus destroying benefit to the donor. This would, presumably, be worse than simply saying that the donor had turned the beggar away. (Note some similarity to the comment streams on unz.com)

The beggar also implied that a suitable bribe (larger donation) would silence the beggar, and a somewhat larger bribe might even make the beggar praise the donation.

In other words, the transaction between the donor and beggar had only superficial similarity with the Western alms for beggars. Gratitude was not involved, nor was benevolence.

So, Zelensky is being true to his tradition. Since he is dealing with Western leaders rather than a synagogue complete with rabbi, his is also wearing out his welcome.

Point: Different cultures are *different*, and they don't mix well.

Thanks: <u>nokangaroos</u>Replies: <u>@RoatanBill</u>

111. Hold My Beer says: Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 4:02 pm GMT • 18.5 hours ago</u> ↑

@John Johnson

I enjoy reading your nonsense for the laughs

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112. MarkU says: Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 4:07 pm GMT • 18.4 hours ago</u> • 200 Words ↑ @RoatanBill

Then Putin screwed up big time. He decided on a police action instead of a shock & awe doctrine. I've stated previously that he should have used his superior air power to take out the gov't facilities with all their criminals in attendance as well as destroy every military facility in a blitz that would leave Ukraine largely unable to prosecute an actual war.

I'm not convinced that is as straightforward as you think. Ukraine is a long way from being a normal country, Its far from clear that a surrender would have resulted from the actions you suggested. When a country is actually being run from outside, knocking out a puppet government achieves very little. The policy of turning towns and cities into fortresses and holding the population hostage makes it very difficult to make progress. You can't just leave lots of enemy strongholds in your rear areas and press on, you have to leave some of your forces behind to contain them. You also have to think about the roads and supply lines which those towns and cities are still obstructing. The Ukrainian army had been trained for such a defensive fight and also for a guerrilla war in anticipation of a military occupation. Sometimes there just isn't a right answer.

• Replies: @RoatanBill

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113. Carroll price says: Next New Comment

February 3, 2023 at 4:10 pm GMT • 18.3 hours ago 1

Advanced missile technology makes tanks and aircraft carriers obsolete.

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114. H. L. M says: Next New Comment

February 3, 2023 at 4:22 pm GMT • 18.1 hours ago ↑

@RoatanBill

I sent it directly to you for a reason.

If you bother to watch it you might notice that the new information contained in it is an extreme and overt indictment of "government".

Consider it a teacher's aid.

• Replies: @RoatanBill

115. CelestiaQuesta says:Next New Comment

February 3, 2023 at 4:23 pm GMT • 18.1 hours ago • 100 Words

I wonder how carbon footprint/climate activists feel about all those burnt out tanks, trains and automobiles littering the Ukraine landscape?

But lo and behold, it's Black Hissery Mumf, and the chimps are chimping and hoes be hoe'n, sumbady call Dashane and Shantarious, I needz mo AfroShine frum Walgreens before dim niggaz loot it all.

Btw, dey needz ta gib dim niggaz tanks in the hoods to protect dim frum white supremacy.

Thanks: Mike TreLOL: RoatanBillReplies: @RoatanBill

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116. katesisco says:Next New Comment

February 3, 2023 at 4:29 pm GMT • 18.0 hours ago • 100 Words

Well, when the article stated that support crews were needed, and the possibility of sending tanks back to the NATO positions in the EU, several thoughts came to mind.

- 1) the training crews will become familiar with the ground, road, rivers, crossings, towns, all landscape features,
- 2) the necessity or returning tanks for maintenance means that the transportation network, particularly rail roads and bridges will be added first-hand knowledge of the terrain.
- 3) this 'tank' issue is a screen for future land attacks possibly as soon as 2025.

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117. RobinG says:Next New Comment

February 3, 2023 at 4:36 pm GMT • 17.9 hours ago ↑

@Rogue

Indeed. I failed insomniac math.

118. RoatanBill says:Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 4:36 pm GMT • 17.9 hours ago</u> • 100 Words ↑ @follyofwar

Opinions are like assholes – everyone has one. MacGregor, Ritter, lots of people have opinions, including you and me, all of it worth next to nothing. The conflict between Azerbaijan and Armenia has empirical video evidence of the effectiveness of drones against tanks. Tanks are vulnerable from above as their on board defense systems are expecting rocket and artillery rounds to come at them relatively horizontal.

Drones are reshaping warfare in real time and is why I suspect the 'west' wants to unload their junk so that they can plausibly tell their gov'ts that they need new stuff to replace them.



Watch Video At: https://youtu.be/C4NmOss83XI

• **Replies:** @CelestiaQuesta, @The Masterwang, @Yukon Jack ReplyAgree/Disagree/Etc. This Commenter This Thread Hide Thread

119. follyofwar says:Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 4:37 pm GMT • 17.9 hours ago</u> • 100 Words ↑ @James White

A few days ago, Mr. Ritter did a livestream on The Duran. I watched most of it, though I was stuck that Ritter may have become a little unhinged. Showing far too much enthusiasm, he's crossed over into being a cheerleader for Russia instead of an objective analyst. Don't get me wrong, I dearly want Russia to wrap this war up as soon as possible – hopefully before the evil US sends warplanes across Ukraine's borders. But I don't presume to be an analyst.

• Agree: RoatanBill

120. Brosi says:Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 4:38 pm GMT • 17.9 hours ago</u> • 200 Words ↑

J2, your calculations and numbers are about as worthless as those of the propaganda mills in the west.

The T34 in 1941 and the Tiger in 1943 both were practically "invincible" on the battlefield in the right environment. The Leopard 2 is not at all "invincible". In fact it can be taken out the equivalent of a panzerfaust at far longer ranges.

Sending fresh recruits pressed into "service" on a dark street in Kyiv or will end up in their deaths. Perhaps they will be able to take out a few more Russians or a few less depending on their luck and their survival instinct.

The incredible reaction of the Russians and the amount of mind control being spewed out by all the media by all sides makes me think that this is all a show. Endless pictures of "Nazis" and discussion over WWII Tanks, plus the wailing about the holocaust, means this is psyop.

The Gen-Z's, Millenials and many low information NPC's have not been soaking up the Holofraud, All the billions spent on creating Holofraud Museums than Starbucks is not bearing fruit. Judea really needs needs something to grab the attention of Gen Tic-Toc, even if just for a few moments.

What could grab the attention of this world of social media prostitutes?

Nazi Tanks and Nazi Officers, preferably carrying a horse whip. Lets face it, the king ping entire black leather fashion movement is Nazis in black leather.

• **Replies**: @j2

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121. Desert Fox says: Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 4:38 pm GMT • 17.9 hours ago</u> • 100 Words ↑

Russia has thousands of tanks and can produce thousands more tanks, in General Heinz Guderian's book Panzer Leader on page 153, at a meeting with Hitler, Hitler said, If I had known that the figures you had given were true, I would not have started this war. This was in regard to Russia's tank production, This book can be had on amazon.

It is the same now, the ZUS and its terrorist army ZNATO have went a bridge too far and will pay the price.

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122. RoatanBill says: Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 4:41 pm GMT • 17.8 hours ago</u> • 100 Words ↑

@Anonymous

The Jews could be put down very plausible as the most unpleasant race ever heard of. As commonly encountered they lack any of the qualities that mark the civilized man: courage, dignity, incorruptibility, ease, confidence. They have vanity without pride, voluptuousness without taste, and learning without wisdom. Their fortitude such as it is, is wasted upon puerile objects, and their charity is mainly a form of display.

H. L. Mencken

• Replies: @RestiveUs

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123. katesisco says:Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 4:42 pm GMT • 17.8 hours ago</u> • 100 Words ↑

Reason why no tank warfare:

- 1) the tanks require strong support indicating long term training to take place on site in Ukraine giving extensive familiarity to the NATO training groups.
- 2) the land infrastructure of rail roads needed for transport, bridges, etc. will have to documented extensively.
- 3) from the article: Moreover, the timetable for delivery of this equipment is staggered incoherently over a period that stretches out for many months, and in some cases extends into the next year. Not only does this complicate training and logistical sustainability issues that are already unfavorably inclined for Ukraine, but it makes any meaningful effort to integrate this material into a cohesive operational employment plan all but impossible. In short, Ukraine will be compelled to commit the equipment provided—especially the tanks—into combat in piecemeal fashion.
- 4). This is merely recon.

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124. Rurik says: Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 4:46 pm GMT • 17.7 hours ago</u> • 1,100 Words ↑ @Da's Reich

The whole thing is a failure of diplomacy, western diplomacy.

western diplomacy amounts to

'Saddam has to go, submit or die.

Gaddafi has to go, submit or die

Assad has to go, submit or die

Putin has to go, submit or die

every single person on this beleaguered planet, should give thanks to God or providence or whatever they pray to, for Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin.

The world's people are being menaced by a drooling fiend. ZOG. An implacable, psychotic, monomaniacal black-hole of insatiable and infinite greed for power. Absolute power.

It will not rest until it has every neck in its iron grip of total submission. The show trials of Saddam, the public torture-lynching of Gaddafi, the smoking ruins of Iraq and Libya and Syria were all intended to send an unmistakable message to the people of the planet, that 'resistance is futile, submit or die'.

Until this man



said 'enough'.

He saw what they did to Iraq. He saw what they did to Afghanistan and Libya and were intent on doing to Syria and others.., when he said 'no more'.

Where would we be were it not for Putin?

Where would Syria be? Where would Iran be? Where would Lebanon or Venezuela or the people of Donbass be, if not for Putin? Either dead or utterly subjugated with a ZOG boot on their necks for perpetuity. They'd be Palestinians, in other words, exactly what they'd like to see happen to us all.

If any fool out there actually believes that ZOG would have been sated with Assad's blood, or even Putin's, then they have zero understanding of ZOG.

ZOG will never be sated, until it has ALL peoples terrorized and menaced and enslaved, in absolute terms. 'It is written'.

That is their nature, and it will never change. It's been their nature for two thousand years, and all they've been doing in that time is honing it, and nurturing it, and feeding it with endless lies of their 'persecution' and endless grievances, until every day that the world isn't their slave, is an intolerable affront to their pig god, and their collective sociopathic narcissism. They are, in a word, *insane*. Driven by an insane hubris and megalomaniacal arrogance of their supposed divinity and 'choseness'. Made all the more emboldened by their serial swindles and ease with which they corrupt the goyim leadership. The entire goyim leadership of the now rotting and dying Western world.

We're in a war of civilizations. If Russia were to fall, then so too would the last shreds of hope for a farming family in rural France, or a community on the coast of Ireland, or some last outpost in the tundra of Canada.

Once ZOG is without obstacles, then you'll see the true side of it's nature. Today they have to play nice in Palestine, because the world is watching. But once the entire western world is under their absolute domination, the gloves will come off. It will be like the Germans after the war. No amount of cruelty or sadism will ever be enough from this tribe. They'll revel in the suffering and humiliation. That is what they do. It's become their defining ethos. Humiliation and suffering. 'Our god tells us to rape their children, and make them watch. Like they did in Iraq to mothers, make them listen to the screams of their sons being raped. That is ZOG, and at Gitmo, it operates a permanent torture facility like SAVAK, only it isn't just for Iran, but for the world as a message, their very own 'Ministry of Love'.

Putin isn't just saving Russia, he's saving us all. I don't care how flawed he may be, flawed or not, Russia is saving the world from a ZOG without constraints. I believe in my heart of hearts, that if any young man or even women, or boy or girl, could have a crystal ball, and see the kind of future that would happen in a world dominated utterly by these people, that every single one of them would be clamoring to suit up in the Russian military and kill or die, if that's what it takes to prevent such an outcome. Much like if the Kulaks had only known, they would have fought to the last breath, to prevent those fiends from torturing their families to a slow and merciless death.

God speed to Putin and Russia and all people of good will. May you not just prevail, but usher in a new hope for the 21st century, unlike the ones the neocons at PNAC had in mind when plotted their 'new Pearl Harbor-like event', in order to enslave the planet to their Satanic domination and lusts.

Today the West is the kind of place where Larry Silverstein is treated like an honored celebrity, and Bibi is given standing ovations by our leaders. What an obscene mockery of us all, does that tell you?

How can an honest man tolerate such a state of affairs? Where a mass murdering scumbag is handed billions for his crimes, but a grandmother with cancer, who's never committed a crime or harmed a soul, is put in prison because she attended the Jan, 6th protest.

They're laughing at you. They're mocking you, as they open your borders to unlimited hordes and armies of hostile invaders of your country, and then demand you pay for it, and suffer any and all crimes and drugs and eventual blood in the streets. They get a huge kick out of that, just as they do the perversion of your culture and the endless hate they manufacture and shove in your children's souls, when they aren't telling your kids to hack off their genitals.

There is no depth of depraved hatred that these people don't harbor towards you. They would burn your children alive in front of your face, if only they figured they could. Exactly like they did at Waco, TX, and then simply lied about it.

Putin is perhaps the most significant figure not just of the 21st century, but he'll probably go down as a kind of Charles 'the Hammer', Martel. Or Saint Isabella I of Castile, who God chose to free His people from Satan's grip and the humiliating slavery they had endured for centuries.

If anyone thinks the same thing could not happen in this century, they'd be foolishly wrong. The exact same players are all involved. The insidious Jew, the gullible Christian, the lascivious invader, are all still playing their parts.

And comes a rider on a white horse...



• Thanks: Passing By, brostoevsky, CelestiaQuesta

• Replies: @Brosi, @brostoevsky, @PUTINFAN

125. Pablo says:Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 4:53 pm GMT • 17.6 hours ago</u> • 100 Words ↑

Sending tanks to Ukraine is a purely cynical move by the US War Machine. The Washington Warmongers know Ukraine is a Lost Cause. But they will never admit that fact; it's too PROFITABLE for them to keep the War in Ukraine going. The Warmongers are currently planning to replace their Puppet Zelensky. It's kind of amusing to watch if you look at it a certain way. If the Warmongers in Washington D.C. back away from Ukraine and admit defeat it will look like the 'Exceptional Nation' has collapsed. And deep down inside, where no one from the outside is looking, the Warmongers know their little 'Party" as a World Hegemon is OVER.

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126. RoatanBill says: Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 5:00 pm GMT • 17.5 hours ago</u> • 300 Words ↑ @MarkU

I don't care about surrender, peace treaties, negotiations for terminating the conflict. I hope Putin is smart enough to NEVER sign anything or negotiate in any way with the 'west'.

If I were in Putin's position, I would have pounded the shit out of the Ukraine gov't and their military to the point that there was next to nothing left and then I would have stopped, never having set a single Russian foot inside Ukraine and issued a warning.

Russia has the ultimate weapon in their nukes and could simply state the obvious to the entire world that they are immune to any reaction because they will use those nukes at the first hint of retaliation. Every nuclear country has this capability but none use it. Nukes make entire militaries obsolete.

The US military is almost completely unnecessary, for example. The US could issue an ultimatum once it gets rid of 99% of the useless eaters in the military that any attempt to touch US territory will be immediate met with nuclear reprisal since the grunts no longer exist as a fighting force. It is the availability of the military morons that encourage war simply because they exist to be used. Once the morons have to find actual jobs and the expense of the military is largely nullified, the US economy would boom and to compete, the rest of the world would have to also get rid of their military expense.

Common sense says you don't go out into the street with a baseball bat to defend your wife if you have a shotgun. You use the shotgun to either kill the bastard or get him to understand that death is his only option if he persists. That is the way to terminate aggression, not the bullshit that's commonly used to make sure lots of grunts die, lots of territory is destroyed so that lots of people can get rich supplying the feedstock to the conflict along with the resupply afterwards.

• Replies: @Realist, @MarkU

127. Сергей Гончаров says: Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 5:04 pm GMT • 17.4 hours ago</u> • 300 Words ↑ @anon

Exactly. One should never listen to all these Western and Westernized Russian "experts" but read learn and use own head. These people are extremely biased. One biased towards USA, another towards Russia and plainly are not capable of seeing things on the ground as is. Outcomes are the best criteria. Before this war aka "special operation" it was possible to argue but now it is pretty much clear. It doe snot mean that NATO military is somehow superior to Russia. I actually think it is worse. But both degraded a lot. The point is that military is a superstructure and economy is basis. Both American economy highly deindustrilized and Russian economy which is not even shadow but a corpse of what it used to be under USSR. It decides everything. Neither country has been making new tanks after end of 80-90s. Armata T-14 that was supposed to be in 2000+ numbers by now is still where it used to be. In plans. I read some opinions as to why and there seems to be costs issues, possible design issues and Russia manufacturing capacity issues. I remember one tank factory in RSFSR, not Uralvagonzavod but probably one located in Leningrad was producing 1300 tanks annually!!!!! Just one. Sure thing USSR could wage wars differently. When you check Russia tanks, they are almost all either deeply modernized Soviet tanks and the newest seems to be T-90 which is also Soviet design. Same with USA now. With all those issues both in Russian and USA military it is obvious that it is hardly possible to fight wars as superior civilization could do. Hence Ritter with this nonsense. it is like old man trying to hide his past virility behind talks about gained wisdom. But the most important question is: Where are results of this evolution or if to use proper language degradation along all lines. I just used tanks but tanks can be substituted for other things too. There is still areas of excellence still based upon past experience and designs but overall the picture is pretty bleak.

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128. nokangaroos says:Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 5:12 pm GMT • 17.3 hours ago</u> • 100 Words ↑ @follyofwar

- It is hard to convey to a denizen of the civilized West what the spring and fall *rasputitza* (lit.: "time without roads") means ... if the ground does not freeze there is *no* movement off well-paved roads (not too many) and for obvious reasons you cannot do offensive *on* the road, tank or no tank. The *tank* may actually be able to move, but not the supply trucks.

• Replies: @nokangaroos

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129. nokangaroos says:Next New Comment

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@nokangaroos

There's a reason Western tanks are almost twice as heavy as Russian ones, and it is not Russian steel scarcity.

130. Joe Wong says: Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 5:22 pm GMT • 17.1 hours ago</u> • 100 Words ↑ @Tranceislife

Training and maintenance of those NATO tanks will not be an issue. NATO will send a tank turnkey package to Ukraine, the package include tank crews, maintenance crews, parts and equipment like the Flying Tiger package the Americans supplied to China(ROC) against the Japs during the WWII.

Crews will be existing service men transferred to contract operators who may retain their military status while on contract.

• Replies: @brostoevsky, @Timur The Lame

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131. <u>Armchair Commando</u> says:Next New Comment

February 3, 2023 at 5:23 pm GMT • 17.1 hours ago ↑ Right on!

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132. martin 2 says:Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 5:25 pm GMT • 17.1 hours ago</u> • 100 Words ↑ @James White

Here's an observation that no-one seems to have made before...

We are told by the Liberal Establishment and their media that we in the West need to support Ukraine with arms and God knows what else because if don't stop Putin in Ukraine then his tanks and his soldiers will be rolling into the Baltic States or Poland next.

But if Western politicians seriously believed that such an invasion is imminent then we would not be frittering away our precious armaments by handing them over to what will inevitably be inadequately trained Ukrainian soldiers, but instead sending our tanks and own tank crews over to places like Poland and massing them on the border in readiness. Otherwise when Ukraine falls the borders will be vulnerable. In short, our politicians are not *serious* about the Russian threat.

• Thanks: Lurker

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133. Folkvangr says:Next New Comment

February 3, 2023 at 5:28 pm GMT • 17.0 hours ago • 100 Words

Truth Vigilante just threatened me to report my behavior to ADL and his rabbi for calling him a Jew.

Be careful, this "Australian" works for PRC and has been sending all your comments about PRC together with your GPS locations straight to the Chinese CIA. He is probably directly communicating with the balloon as I speak. Secretary of State Antony Blinken will reschedule the trip to China as soon all sensitive data about UNZ's commenters will be safely obtained from the spycraft. Australian authorities have already been notified and are cooperating. he-he

• Replies: @Passing By, @mulga mumblebrain

134. Ulf Thorsen says:Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 5:41 pm GMT • 16.8 hours ago</u> ↑

@Wokechoke

Thanks and Agree. Couldn't hit the button.

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135. RoatanBill says: Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 5:41 pm GMT • 16.8 hours ago</u> • 100 Words ↑

@H. L. M

Sorry for the delay in reply, but the site gave me a 1 hour timeout.

I did watch it in its entirety. I typically watch at 1.5 speed or even higher if the speaker's cadence permits and is why you might have gotten the impression you did in the timeliness of my reply.

The man makes logical deductions and sense. I suggest the rest of the site also see it to add further doubt in their minds of the efficacy of having a criminal cabal in DC that they look up to as is evidenced by their voting for that gangs continuity.

The State – a criminal gang with flags. Alan Turin

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136. Realist says: Next New Comment

February 3, 2023 at 5:50 pm GMT • 16.7 hours ago ↑

@RoatanBill

Excellent comments. But some quasi-military group should be formed to ensure no illegals cross the southern border or any border.

• Replies: @RoatanBill

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137. Chinookwind says:Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 5:53 pm GMT • 16.6 hours ago</u> • 100 Words ↑

@Anon

I am in total agreement with your comment about Johns Johnson. At least Ron Unz is providing employment to some of these douche bags. Full time gig for Johns Johnson, oh well, Tel A'viv weather is pleasant and there are plenty of fellow travellers. For now anyway. Israel is gonna heat up in time, believe it. Also it'll happen sooner than they think.

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138. CelestiaQuesta says: Next New Comment

February 3, 2023 at 5:53 pm GMT • 16.6 hours ago 1

@Carlton Meyer

What's really despicable is seeing all those dwellings destroyed and lives displaced because some penis pianist Jew installed by GlobalHomoZioBIGsRxMIC3BLM thugz want to kill a few billion of us in the name of carbon footprints and climate change.

139. Folkvangr says:Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 6:11 pm GMT • 16.3 hours ago</u> • 100 Words ↑

Ukrainian guys remind me of German soldiers during their retreat in 1945. What were they thinking? They were hoping that once they reached the Amis and the Brits, they would join their ranks, turn around and drive the Reds out of Europe back to where they belonged. And who can blame those heroes for their naivete? This is probably what the Ukrainians were hoping for when it all started, and many probably still are. Just wait until whole divisions of elite foreign fighters join their ranks.

Those who talk only about tanks and missiles will never understand the essence of this war.

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140. Kapyong says: Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 6:22 pm GMT • 16.1 hours ago</u> • 200 Words ↑ <u>@Emslander</u>

Gday Emslander, RoatanBill and all,

"Augustine wrote "City of God" in the fourth century in Latin. The word "terrorist" was invented in about 1962 by the Israeli government. I read the book and I don't remember any discussion of boats and fleets in it anywhere. It was about the struggles of Christians under the Roman Empire and their ultimate victory over it."

City Of God, Book IV, Chapter 4 – How Like Kingdoms Without Justice Are To Robberies (Nicene and Post Nicene Fathers):

- ' For when that king [Alexander the Great] had asked the [pirate] what he meant by keeping hostile possession of the sea, he answered with bold pride, "What thou meanest by seizing the whole earth; but because I do it with a petty ship, I am called a robber, whilst thou who dost it with a great fleet art styled emperor." (2)
- (2) Nonius Marcellus borrows this anecdote from Cicero's Republic iii '

Apparently this fragment of Cicero from Nonius' Latin Dictionary in Loeb 24:

'... for when he was asked what criminal urge impelled him to plague the sea with his solitary sloop, he answered "the same urge that makes you plague the world".

• Replies: @Emslander

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141. <u>brostoevsky</u> says:Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 6:24 pm GMT • 16.1 hours ago</u> • 100 Words ↑ @Joe Wong

Then many European tank crew operators will go up in flames. The sad truth for them is that the Ukrainian Armed Forces are basically useless at combined arms operations due to widespread corruption, lack of initiative and individual responsibility. Literally no one in the Ukrainian military wants to be responsible for anything. If you screw up Azov will kindly remove your head. They better be paying said Western servicemen handsomely. Real hazard pay if you know what I mean.

142. Commentator Mike says:Next New Comment

February 3, 2023 at 6:28 pm GMT • 16.0 hours ago • 100 Words

Contrary to the former president of the Philippines Rodrigo Duterte, who was having cordial relations with PR China and upsetting the American and Western political class, the current one, Ferdinand Marcos Jr., is allowing the US military back on the island bases.

https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.aljazeera.com/amp/news/2023/2/2/philippines-set-to-allow-wider-us-access-to-military-bases

This is a very dangerous move for the Philippines, becoming once again a puppet of the US instead of forging a neutral and independent policy in the coming conflict in the Pacific.

• Replies: @mulga mumblebrain

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143. <u>ricpic</u> says:Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 6:30 pm GMT • 16.0 hours ago</u> • 100 Words ↑

Ritter says tanks are all wrong. But he doesn't say what would be the right equipment to provide Ukraine with. Maybe there is nothing that can turn the tide for Ukraine. Or maybe it can't be provided in sufficient numbers. But it would be interesting to hear from a man with a military background as to what Ukraine really needs.

Frankly, I'm hoping for a decisive Russian victory. That said it would be interesting to get some insight on what kind of aid an expert thinks would help Ukraine survive at this point.

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144. Wokechoke says: Next New Comment

February 3, 2023 at 6:33 pm GMT • 15.9 hours ago 1

@Commentator Mike

He writes like a well paid consultant.

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145. Priss Factor says: • Website Next New Comment

February 3, 2023 at 6:42 pm GMT • 15.8 hours ago 1

Sacrifice the blood and soil of Ukraine. Slavs mean NOTHING to the globalist elites and cucks.

Video Link

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146. RoatanBill says: Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 6:42 pm GMT • 15.8 hours ago</u> • 100 Words ↑ @Realist

The only reason illegals are a problem is because gov't exists. Because gov't exists, it shits on private property rights and grabs huge chunks of the contiguous US as it's territory. The property owners everywhere and not just on the border, would make it impossible for illegals to survive, much less thrive on welfare as they do today.

If the entire border were the exclusive domain of the property owners, there would be no illegals crossing their fence line, at least not breathing for long. A few hundred shot up and the whole illegals issue evaporates. It is gov't policy to inflict this scourge on the working population. Left to the property owners, the problem would get corrected in record time.

Agree: <u>Realist</u>Replies: <u>@Yars</u>

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147. <u>Curmudgeon</u> says:Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 6:42 pm GMT • 15.8 hours ago</u> ↑ @JR Foley

Hey! Who said Justine couldn't wait on a US President's table? He's as good or better than any of his predecessors.

148. Brosi says:Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 6:48 pm GMT • 15.7 hours ago</u> • 200 Words ↑ @Rurik

Well said Rurik. This passage

If any fool out there actually believes that ZOG would have been sated with Assad's blood, or even Putin's, then they have zero understanding of ZOG.

ZOG will never be sated, until it has ALL peoples terrorized and menaced and enslaved, in absolute terms. 'It is written'.

That is their nature, and it will never change. It's been their nature for two thousand years, and all they've been doing in that time is honing it, and nurturing it, and feeding it with endless lies of their 'persecution' and endless grievances, until every day that the world isn't their slave, is an intolerable affront to their pig god, and their collective sociopathic narcissism. They are, in a word, insane. Driven by an insane hubris and megalomaniacal arrogance of their supposed divinity and 'choseness'. Made all the more emboldened by their serial swindles and ease with which they corrupt the goyim leadership. The entire goyim leadership of the now rotting and dying Western world.

Made me think of this demon:



• **Replies:** <u>@brostoevsky</u> ReplyAgree/Disagree/Etc. This Commenter This Thread Hide Thread 149. John Johnson says: Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 7:02 pm GMT • 15.5 hours ago</u> • 200 Words ↑ @Anon

Well, Scott Ritter hit the nail on the head on every aspect of this stupid tank business. Training, Logistics and Operations were the key issues addressed and there is not much more to add.

So you think the tanks will be useless then? Is that why Putin is outraged? Is he just being stupid?

However, some video game idiots here on UR (like John Johnson) still behave and argue like juveniles. Whatever you tell them they have some silly "But" and "However" comment to make.

In his latest, little Johnny is talking about drone tank killers.

Why are you being a coward and failing to quote me directly? Here is exactly what I said:

Drones still have to be pretty powerful to take out a tank. Ukrainians have only taken out tanks with their hobby drones when the hatches were open. They seem able to disable a BMP but not a tank.

What exactly did I say is false? Would you like me to provide videos of drones taking out BMPs or T-72s with hatches open? Do you think T-72s are designed to absorb an RPG warhead explosion inside the cabin? That is what the Ukrainians are doing. The Russians leave the hatches open and the drones drop in an RPG warhead from above. It probably doesn't happen as much as it used to since both sides are learning to deal with drones.

You went on some tangent about me and didn't even get what I said even remotely close.

Just pathetic.

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150. Ulf Thorsen says: Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 7:08 pm GMT • 15.4 hours ago</u> ↑ Latest from Ritter on Napolitano's YT channel –



Watch Video At: https://youtu.be/qA7SoH-QmDA

• Replies: @Brosi

151. Timur The Lame says: Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 7:13 pm GMT • 15.3 hours ago</u> • 100 Words ↑

@Joe Wong

Yes, there are ways to put a veneer of non involvement on direct participation to 'technically' not be at war. To my knowledge the largest such example were the 900,000 Chinese 'volunteers' who crossed the Yalu in the Korean Police Action.

Lesser ones would be the blond haired and blue eyed Koreans and Vietnamese who flew MIGS remarkably well during their respective wars.

NATO cannot be that stupid on pure logistics so Ritter's argument on this may be moot.

Cheers-

• Replies: @Joe Wong

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152. Curmudgeon says:Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 7:13 pm GMT • 15.3 hours ago</u> ↑

@Wokechoke

I can't access the document in the link. However, if "appeaser" applies to Rosenfeld, this link would argue against it. https://www.ihr.org/jhr/vo4/vo4p135 Weber.html

You could almost replace "Poland" with "Ukraine" as an update. Otherwise your observations are accurate.

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153. Emslander says: Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 7:15 pm GMT • 15.2 hours ago</u> • 100 Words ↑ @RoatanBill

I could say I don't give a rat's ass what you think, but that's not true.

I must say that I tend to resonate with a good many things you do say. Your tendency to take too many things as personal attacks, however, weakens your overall credibility.

Attributing some modern statement to a fourth century theologian also injures your arguments and I find that personally problematical, because much of what you do write is important.

• Agree: Passing By

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154. Priss Factor says: • WebsiteNext New Comment

February 3, 2023 at 7:22 pm GMT • 15.1 hours ago 1

Jewish Supremacist US regime is so vile and rotten that even skunky lowlife Turkey is telling the US to f*** off.

NATO is unified!

Turkish Interior Minister to the US Ambassador in Ankara: "I say to the American ambassador from here: I know which journalists you wrote to, get your dirty hands off Turkey. I'm telling you very clearly: get your dirty hands off Turkey!" pic.twitter.com/LFqSeZn0kd

— Jackson Hinkle (@jacksonhinklle) February 3, 2023

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155. Brosi says:Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 7:26 pm GMT • 15.1 hours ago</u> ↑

@Ulf Thorsen

Ritter: "nobody believes Ukraine can win".

LOL. j2 does. j2 says that Ukraine is about to invade Russia with their second "million man army".

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156. HdC says: Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 7:31 pm GMT • 15.0 hours ago</u> • 100 Words ↑ @Shamu

I strongly disagree.

Leave Germans alone to do their thing: Design and build superior machinery and chemicals that the world lines up to purchase. That includes economic activity with whomever an equitable agreement can be reached.

With Jews??? They burrow their way into any place where a buck can be made or a war can be agitated for. Ditto for wasps in the USA and Britain.

As I wrote earlier, I see no solution for Germany but to re-arm to the teeth with the most modern weaponry, and advise one and all to mind their own business.

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157. <u>Curmudgeon</u> says:Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 7:35 pm GMT • 14.9 hours ago</u> • 100 Words ↑ @MLK

Believe me, Russia has zero interest in Galacia. Not to put too fine a point on it — Because Galacians.

BINGO!

I have been saying this for years. The Galicians were a problem for whomever ruled them going back 200+ years. They have been a problem, to a greater or lesser extent, wherever they have emigrated in North America. They really don't like anybody. Interestingly, pre-WWI it had a large Jewish population. https://yivoencyclopedia.org/article.aspx/Galicia

Ritter does a great job of laying out the military side of things. However, while not present in this article, he harps on about Bandera and "the neo-Nazis" in Ukraine, failing to understand that these nut jobs do not differentiate between Jews, Russians, and/or communists that took part in the HolomodorTM against "Ukrainians".

158. Carlton Meyer says: • WebsiteNext New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 7:41 pm GMT • 14.8 hours ago</u> • 100 Words ↑

Contrary to the former president of the Philippines Rodrigo Duterte, who was having cordial relations with PR China and upsetting the American and Western political class, the current one, Ferdinand Marcos Jr., is allowing the US military back on the island bases.

Marcos is just milking the USA for billions of dollars in airfield and port improvements. He has no intention of fighting China. If tensions flare, these airfields will be closed and all American ships and aircraft ordered to depart immediately. He's probably told the Chinese this. Same with South Korea. China is a larger trading partner with both nations.

• Thanks: Commentator Mike

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159. Emslander says:Next New Comment

February 3, 2023 at 7:44 pm GMT • 14.8 hours ago 1

@Kapyong

Thank you. Looks like I was wrong, at least in the paraphrasing of Augustine. I have the highest regard for St. Augustine, especially for his capability, in the fourth century, to handle issues in a way that I find incredibly timely.

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160. <u>brostoevsky</u> says:Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 7:46 pm GMT • 14.7 hours ago</u> ↑

@Brosi

This disgusting spineless and soulless whale of a human being deserves to rot in the Russian prison in Norilsk till her last breath. It's a depressing and cold place. If anything it'll keep her icy heart from melting.

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161. Passing By says: Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 7:48 pm GMT • 14.7 hours ago</u> • 100 Words ↑

@Folkvangr

You can be forgiven for being too dumb to grasp sarcasm, but given that you have written the following:

Only a Jew would go and complain about someone's comments to another commenter.

And, notwithstanding the fact that the comment in question hardly can be described as a complaint, given that you are now complaining about someone's quip before all the Unz's readership, in the comment section of a different article, without providing any context, what does it tell us about you?

• Replies: @Folkvangr

162. j2 says: Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 7:50 pm GMT • 14.7 hours ago</u> • 500 Words ↑ @Rogue

"When Bush Jr and Blair were beating the drums for war against Iraq 20 years ago, Scott Ritter stuck his head above the parapet and very bravely stated that Iraq had no WMD's."

Before the Gulf War 1990-1991 Iraq had chemical and biological weapons. You mean the second Gulf War that started 2003. United Nation investigators were told to leave in 1998. Scott Ritter or anybody else could not know exactly whether Iraq had WDM programs after 1998. Ritter made statements that Iraq does not have WDMs in 1999 and 2001. But in 2002 Ritter said, according to the Wikipedia:

"In 2002, Scott Ritter stated that, by 1998, 90–95% of Iraq's nuclear, biological and chemical capabilities, and long-range ballistic missiles capable of delivering such weapons, had been verified as destroyed. Technical 100% verification was not possible, said Ritter, not because Iraq still had any hidden weapons, but because Iraq' had preemptively destroyed some stockpiles and claimed they had never existed. Many people were surprised by Ritter's turnaround in his view of Iraq during a period when no inspections were made."

If you read the text above, you notice that Ritter made a statement in 2002 though he could not know if there were any hidden weapons because there were no investigations. So, this brave stance was Ritter stating something that he could not know. However, it was a generally held view by militaries outside the USA and UK that very likely Iraq does not have WDMs, but though it was considered very likely that there are no WDMs, it was not known. It was also not know how fast Iraq could develop such weapons, especially if it got enriched uranium. Therefore honest people could not have this brave stance of Ritter as there was no way of precisely knowing it.

"So, tell me, what brave stances have you taken in public where your character is subject to constant assassination by the usual suspects?"

I am a scientist and dislike making public statements. Especially I try not to make a brave stance publicly stating something that I do not know. But I have tried to publish several papers that I know are correct, they have been rejected without reason. I strongly suspect that they have been blocked by the usual suspects. For instance, I made a calculation of the Jewish death toll in the Holocaust, it was removed by the moderator in a site that should not remove submitted papers, but they did. I have other personal experience of gate keepers. But as said, I do not make brave statements on things I do not know. That is incorrect.

Scott Ritter may have a good record from his past achievements, but during this war in Ukraine, he has made several predictions which are not sound military analyses and seem to me like made for Russian propaganda purposes, maybe because of some personal vendetta.

• Replies: @Wizard of Oz, @Rogue

163. HbutnotG says:Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 8:00 pm GMT • 14.5 hours ago</u> • 400 Words ↑

Tanks? It's 2023! How can you even call this a "war?" Change the scenery it's 1916.

Give me a fucking break. Nothing new in like (at least) 117 years? Notta? Bowlshit! You can send a space probe to Uranus maneuver it around, and have it send back detailed pics – but you still use tanks? I know the advertising industry has to eat, but this has gotten fucking ridiculous.

This is 100% your 21st century "manufacturing" business in the US (MIC) and the apparently maldirected former Soviet Union which itself, stuck for decades in the Stone Age, would be better off using that technology to make a better French door refrigerator with doors that don't slam shut on you unless set absolutely plumb level or a washing machine that actually cleans clothes and spins clothes dry like the ones did 60 years ago. Or heck, a shithouse with a teflon bowl that pasta leavings don't stick to. *Anything* except some expensive pile of shit with a green nigger inside shooting at another tank containing another green nigger. Pffft. If something is so goddamned important to fight over, wave a few modern "little" nukes around – like, for real – not just leave it some obscure Hollywood thriller theory. They "little nuked" Iraq and my white china plate left out on the doorstep in my Midwest home caught zero fallout. Seasons came & went as usual.

A small bunch of money addicts can't come up with anything better to turn their 40 million dollar bank account into 100 million? (there's always the opium trade) And for what? Your 80 fucking years old! When you go tits up (any day now at that age) what the fuck difference is it gonna make far as you're concerned? I mean what? I want an answer.

Shit or get off the pot!

So sick of this shit.(thank god You Tube brings Red Green and MST3K shows to my 55" flat panel TV – for the cost of that fiber optic line) This tank bowlshit ranks right up there with those God-fearing church goers (of various ilks) shipping African humans across the seas by the thousands to be forced into slavery (we're paying bigly for that these days, eh? Where's your Gawd in all this?)

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164. MarkU says:Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 8:01 pm GMT • 14.5 hours ago</u> • 100 Words ↑ @RoatanBill

I certainly agree that there is no point attempting to negotiate with the west, all of our governments have admitted they have no honour, either by direct confession or by tacit acceptance that it is OK to negotiate in bad faith. They have been exposed as the warmongering whores that they are.

As for the rest, unfortunately you might turn out to be right, I get the impression that the idiots (NATO) are going all the way. If they thought that a nuclear exchange would be limited to Eurasia I honestly think they would do it. The RF are understandably concerned about nuclear materials or bioweapons being used by the fanatics and psychopaths, that is why the long range weapons are particularly provocative. Given that the Zelensky junta have already called for the west to nuke Russia their concern is entirely justified.

• Replies: @RoatanBill

165. RoatanBill says: Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 8:02 pm GMT • 14.5 hours ago</u> • 100 Words ↑

@CelestiaQuesta

Your mimicking of the primitive's speech is always good for a laugh. I read it several times and often pass it on to my wife.

When my wife and I discuss the latest outrage these creatures are involved in we refer to Phelopia and Testicleze instead of your Dashane and Shantarious but given their penchant for ridiculous names I'm fairly certain that all these names exist somewhere.

Thanks for the levity.

Thanks: <u>CelestiaQuesta</u>Replies: <u>@CelestiaQuesta</u>

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166. <u>Curmudgeon</u> says:Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 8:02 pm GMT • 14.5 hours ago</u> • 200 Words ↑ <u>@RoatanBill</u>

"Debating" with Johnny is as fruitful as pissing into a gale wind.

As with any "newsworthy" event, all of the "reporting" for both sides contains lies. The only thing to sort is whose lies are bigger. In this case, Israel's pitbull – NATO – is spewing excrement that would be comical, if it weren't for the carnage taking place.

I agree, there are no "good guys" just as there are no "good wars". This one, however was inevitable. It's not just the weapons industries that have a vested interest, it is the international banking cartel and the fiat US reserve currency. Put the phony political philosophy aside. This, like every other war, is a bankers' war. A competing economic system, whether BRICS, SCO, or other (even Chavez's Bolivarian revolution), is a threat to the current economic model. This is just another in a long list. I have mixed emotions. Russia winning risks collapsing my investment portfolio, because NATO will be shown to be what it has become — a paper tiger no longer capable of doing banker bidding. The banker's winning strengthens their goal to completely goyimize us. It's a lose-lose situation.

• Replies: @RoatanBill

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167. EliteCommInc. says:Next New Comment

February 3, 2023 at 8:04 pm GMT • 14.4 hours ago • 100 Words

"You must admit that Russia certainly has the air power alone to decimate the major infrastructure in Ukraine without ever putting boots on the ground."

This myth has been floating around for fifty years. Air power alone will not bring victory, unless you make it impossible to occupy the territory on the ground.

And no military has proven that is possible. Decimate as one will, eventually you have to physically operate on the ground.

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168. j2 says: Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 8:06 pm GMT • 14.4 hours ago</u> • 300 Words ↑ @Brosi

"J2, your calculations and numbers are about as worthless as those of the propaganda mills in the west."

If you mean that my calculations rather well agree with what Western analysts are claiming, then you are correct. I have basically made my calculations to verity what different analysts are claiming (I am not an analyst and not a propagandist, just want to check what is true what is false, to understand myself, military was my job for 10 years, some professional interest still on pension). It seems to me that Western analysts are much more correct that pro-Russian.

"The T34 in 1941 and the Tiger in 1943 both were practically "invincible" on the battlefield in the right environment. The Leopard 2 is not at all "invincible". In fact it can be taken out the equivalent of a panzerfaust at far longer ranges."

Leopard is not built to be invincible. It is more clear in Leopard 1, where the design decision was not to have strong armor and to invest on mobility. T-72 has much thicker armor, but as you see in this war, anti-tank weapons penetrate any armor and it is a futile goal to add armor. The usage of a tank must be different. For instance Leopard 1, which is an old tank, can still be used as a sniper against IFVs, which probably is why Ukrainians are now buying them and will use them. Leopard 2 also has weak armor and high mobility. It is simply that Western operational usage for tanks is different from Russian. Tank is not an invincible force and you do not attack with many tanks. If you read what Ritter writes, he now admits that the Russian BTG concept was wrong: too little infantry leaves tanks without protection, cannot so so. Today Russia has returned to the old brigade concept. But they still use tanks in a way that too many tanks get destroyed. Tank is still useful, but the operational usage must be different. Leopard 2 can be used correctly and then it can be very effective. But it is not a silver bullet, and not an invincible weapon system. We will see how Ukraine will use them. But clearly you are living in the past.

• Replies: @Brosi, @John Johnson

169. EliteCommInc. says:Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 8:23 pm GMT • 14.1 hours ago</u> • 300 Words ↑

Winning has a couple of formats:

- a. pushing Russia out of Ukraine
- b. preventing Russia from advancing beyond their stated territorial goals which of course means c. Ukrainains will fight Russia whether she advances any further or not because she is occupying Ukrainian territory which a practical matter means minus some peace initiative Russia has to capture or crush of all of Ukraine until she is no longer able to fight.

I don't think Ukraine could win without help. I am not sure if they can win with support only in the form of supply. I do know that Russia will lose if NATO does what it should have done last year when Russia crossed the Ukrainian border. Russia is the aggressor. Russia is the violator. Russia has upset the peace and threatened the others with violence if they interfere. And much to Russia's advantage, the west blinked and is held hostage to Russia threats.

And that is almost as tragic as the invasion itself, because it suggests that Russia will do as she pleases. Anyone looking at a map knows that Russia must take all of Northern Ukraine to have the border — buffer — she desires.

"Marcos is just milking the USA for billions of dollars in airfield and port improvements. He has no intention of fighting China."

You might want to speak to those having to tiptoe around Chinese war vessels in the ecozone allotted/recognized as waters to the Philippines.

UNCLOS violations has been brewing for more than ten years. It is entirely reasonable that the financial interests are calling the shots of who they prefer to do business with.

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170. Folkvangr says:Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 8:40 pm GMT • 13.8 hours ago</u> ↑

@Passing By

Who is "us"? Speak for yourself, you stupid Putin's troll.

171. EliteCommInc. says:Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 8:41 pm GMT • 13.8 hours ago</u> • 200 Words ↑ Laughing that was a very fast three minutes.

At any rate, the problem with Inspector Ritter's perspective — well the foundation anyway — is that Russia is using tanks Ukraine. Which means for the moment Russia considers them more than riding coffins.

There are infantry weapons that can neutralize tanks and other armored weapons systems. And one would hope that those are readily available to Ukraine. Artillery weapons are also effective against armored vehicles. And of course airpower is an effective weapon system. If I recall the A-10 known as the tank killer – send in the hogs. And then of course there is the tank designed to to do battle with armored vehicles, including the tank.

The real problem for Ukraine, has been Russia's invasion preceded the effective training that the Ukrainian military would have need to effectively use the weapons systems available. Merely providing said systems is not enough, one has to know how to operate them — and there Inspector Ritter has some force. But the notion that Tanks are obsolete has yet to dawn on the Russian and as that reality would dictate — tanks are an appropriate response to tanks. The real issue is that

Ukraine and NATO, the EU and the US are thinking too small.

• Replies: @John Johnson

172. RoatanBill says:Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 8:44 pm GMT • 13.8 hours ago</u> • 300 Words ↑ @MarkU

I've mentioned it before, but I keep wondering how these weapons systems are entering Ukraine. Why are there any railroads, highways or airstrips functioning to be able to facilitate the movement of weapons clearly to Russia's disadvantage. It's not like you can strap a 70 ton tank on the back of a pickup truck and run the back roads.

This one absurdity is what gives me pause about the entire narrative. Something isn't quite right when Russia **allows** these systems to enter. They have the satellites, the missiles, the aircraft and armament to guarantee that nothing moves in or out along well known paths that can't be sidestepped. One observer on a major artery is all it takes to communicate the coordinates for destruction. I want to know why that isn't happening. Surely there are Russians or Russian sympathisers in neighboring countries that can monitor the transportation corridors leading into Ukraine unobserved.

This may be a bit over the top, but sometimes I think all the players are in on the con to keep the normies guessing while they loot for personal gain. I think of the republican and democrats forming the uniparty and that leads me to consider an equivalent construct among governments. Probably ridiculous, but I can't dismiss it.

I don't think the US or Russia will initiate a nuclear confrontation. However, with reports that old soviet suitcase nukes have never been accounted for, a rogue element inside Ukraine or the Israelis who can certainly manufacture and miniaturize a modern suitcase nuke could light one off. Rumor has it that Ukraine was/is supposed to be Israel v2.0, so the Israeli involvement is what I worry about, especially since they appear to be not involved at all. It's the dog not barking that should be investigated.

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173. Brosi says:Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 8:52 pm GMT • 13.6 hours ago</u> ↑ @i2

The young "Ukrainian" men, pressed off of some street corner in Odessa, shoehorned into a Leopard, who will die in an inferno in a tiny space surrounded by explosive and electronics of death, salute you j2.

174. RoatanBill says:Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 9:02 pm GMT • 13.5 hours ago</u> • 200 Words ↑ @Curmudgeon

The world's governments are in a rush to produce and implement their CBDC totalitarian dream, our nightmare, and they are well on their way to achieving their goal. As a software developer, I keep tabs on who is doing what and recent events tell me that the central banks are all making deals with the blockchain / hashgraph innovators to replace SWIFT as quickly as possible while ushering in their insurance policy against obsolescence.

While the crypto coins are a scam, the crypto infrastructure companies have produced technology that the major banking and financial institutions are partnering with to put all currency and financial transactions on a digital only platform. We could all be using hardware or software wallets very soon given the number of agreements the Davos cabal signed recently.

The war is a distraction so people aren't focusing on what the central banks are up to. As usual, it's the bankers that are quietly maneuvering to make it impossible to avoid their control.

• Agree: H. L. M

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175. John Johnson says: Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 9:11 pm GMT • 13.3 hours ago</u> • 200 Words ↑ @j2

A Bradley can actually defeat a T-72 if it spots it first.

I think there has been too much emphasis on tanks and not fighting vehicles like the Bradley and CV90 that have anti-tank capabilities.

Both the CV90s and Bradleys will have a demoralizing effect.

That is what Ritter is missing in all this. The Russians are simply not as motivated as their dictator who says back in a bunker. It's bad enough to force demoralized conscripts to take part in human wave attacks on defensive infantry. It's a whole different level to ask them to do it when Bradleys are firing at them from a mile away with thermal optics. The 25mm chain gun on the Bradley will turn conscripts into a red mist.

Ukraine is getting at least 50 CV90s from Sweden. If Putin actually tries a massive human wave attack the resulting battle could be incredibly bloody. Imagine thousands of Russians trying rush Kherson while a few CV90s cut them into pieces.

Putin has watched too many WW2 movies. He thinks this is going to be another Stalingrad. In reality the Russian troops are demoralized and demotivated. WW2 was a war for everything. Hitler made it clear as to what he had planned for the Slavs with Leningrad. So some poor Red Army sap might as well risk it all since there was no way out. In the current war Russia is the aggressor and doesn't have the fighting spirit of the Nazis. You are asking men to die for a war they don't believe in. They don't have an ideology that pushes them forward. That makes them more vulnerable to routs and desertions.

• Replies: @j2

176. John Johnson says: Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 9:24 pm GMT • 13.1 hours ago</u> • 200 Words ↑ @RoatanBill

This one absurdity is what gives me pause about the entire narrative. Something isn't quite right when Russia allows these systems to enter. They have the satellites, the missiles, the aircraft and armament to guarantee that nothing moves in or out along well known paths that can't be sidestepped.

Satellites yes but why are you certain they have the capability? We actually don't know if they have missiles that can reliably hit a train car.

I really doubt the tanks will be shipped in on a single train.

So even if Russia identifies a train with a tank they have to not only hit the train but the tank itself. A derailment isn't going to disable an abrams.

There is also no reason to assume that Putin is any kind of a war strategist. We know that some of the highest level generals were not told about the war until it was happening. That is incredibly stupid. **Oh by the way we are invading Ukraine**. They didn't stop the shipment of HIMARs and that was before they had to import drones from Iran to use in place of cruise missiles.

Putin may be smart but he is also a megalomaniac and doesn't do his homework. From the beginning he has arrogantly assumed that Russia will just win. When he first attacked Kiev the Ukrainians correctly predicted the airport they would take and shelled it after it was taken. His 40 mile column of armor and tanks was a disaster. It never got close to Kiev and had to be disbanded. He is going down the same path as Hitler where he ignores the experience of his generals and expects providence to favor them. The worse it gets the more he deludes himself into believing the experts around him lack courage or conviction. This is a huge problem with dictators. When their ego goes off the rails there isn't a way to stop them.

Putin is no Franco or Stalin. He is more like Nicholas II but without any humility.

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177. PUTINFAN says:Next New Comment

February 3, 2023 at 9:28 pm GMT • 13.0 hours ago • 100 Words 1

RU is much more powerful today than they were in 1812, 1917 and 1942, 3 wars they won easily.

June 1812 Napoleón attacks RU with 500,000 trolls, leaves 450,000 dead and wounded on the field. The united European coumtries led by NAP had 3 times the population of RU.

JUNE 1941 the Axis attacks RU with 2,000,000 all are left on the field during the next 4 years. The Axis had twice the population of RU.

• Replies: @John Johnson, @Lurker

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178. Notsofast says: Next New Comment

@Garden of Eveline Braun

the bust were unveiled in stalingard

• Replies: @Timur The Lame

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179. John Johnson says: Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 9:36 pm GMT • 12.9 hours ago</u> • 100 Words ↑ @EliteCommInc.

At any rate, the problem with Inspector Ritter's perspective — well the foundation anyway — is that Russia is using tanks Ukraine. Which means for the moment Russia considers them more than riding coffins.

A big problem with his point of view is that Russia doesn't have the same fancy NLAWs and javalins. They have some anti-tank weapons but they aren't well stocked like the Ukrainians. The Soviets never invested heavily in such technology even though madpads were used against them in Afghanistan.

So to write off tanks based on watching them blow up from Western gadgets ignores that those gadgets are not equally distributed on both sides.

Abrams tanks were very effective in the Iraq war where they were facing older Soviet models and RPGs.

As I said before this could be the last battle of the Abrams. In future wars both sides will have the gadgets and they will be even more effective.

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180. <u>H. L. M</u> says:Next New Comment

@RoatanBill

You don't have to think about it.

All players are in on the jew con.

https://www.unz.com/pgiraldi/how-jewish-is-the-war-against-russia/

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181. <u>brostoevsky</u> says:Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 9:49 pm GMT • 12.7 hours ago</u> • 200 Words ↑ @Rurik

I've been thinking on this topic for a good long time. Years in fact. And you're right. Russia for all of its faults; the good bad and ugly is the only nation standing up to ZOG. I know the good bad and ugly of Russia as I've lived in Moscow since 2014 as a US citizen. Only twice in all of my time here did someone treat me poorly because of my US citizenship. I can't tell you how many free beers and shots I've had at local pubs. I think my knowledge of Russian as a 2nd language was a part of it. Here in the eye of the storm it's all calm, but I can't help feel like this may be the last battle with ZOG. They're a fatalistic bunch. They must be stopped so all western people can have a future. I refuse to live in the dystopia they seek to build. My Scandinavian viking spirit doesn't allow it. Russia is more than Putin (even though he's a stud). Russians are made of steel. There's no one else I'd rather have in the foxhole next to me as we fight ZOG scum to the death. Any pro-Ukrainian people on this website are just masochists or irrational russophobes. I'm looking forward to the Russian victory in Ukraine and coming revolts in Europe. Deus volt! Til Vahall!

• Replies: @John Johnson

182. Notsofast says: Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 10:10 pm GMT • 12.3 hours ago</u> • 200 Words ↑ @RoatanBill

imho russia is letting nato deliver all and any weapons systems to ukraine in order to destroy them, proving to the world the inferior nature of the hyped up bullshit that the west sells to the rest of the world. in addition they are throughly depleting the nato arsenals and humiliating the u.s. warpig industry. all the u.s. makes anymore are weapons and the rot and corruption in the "defense industry" during the zioneocon era (error) has imo, left the west totally defenseless against any country with a legitimate military. the only real weapon system the u.s. has, is their nuclear arsenal and quite frankly i don't think they have the stones to use them and if they did, the russians are several generations ahead of the u.s. in antiballistic missile systems that they have already deployed, including the s-500, who knows how advanced they are in systems beyond them.

• Replies: @RoatanBill

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183. PUTINFAN says:Next New Comment

@Rurik

Better yet Vladimir Vlad is the second coming of Christ. Your deep and heartfelt post speaks for the 6,000,000,000 people hoping to destroy the most psychotic group of criminals the world has ever seen.

GOD Is with US and you my friend win best post of the year.

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184. Timur The Lame says: Next New Comment

@Notsofast

And of course there is the statue of Timur The Lame in Tashkent.

Cheers-

185. John Johnson says: Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 10:51 pm GMT • 11.6 hours ago</u> • 200 Words ↑ @brostoevsky

I've been thinking on this topic for a good long time. Years in fact. And you're right. Russia for all of its faults; the good bad and ugly is the only nation standing up to ZOG.

Does that include Israel? Putin is pals with Netanyahu and sells Israel their oil. The Arabs won't sell them oil so they rely on Eastern European sources. Do you deny that?

That is why Israel gets to play both sides. They can't be expected to find an alternative source of oil. So they get to buy cheap Russian oil at market prices. The Israeli government in fact has a budget surplus. So they will profit handsomely from this war and Russia is happy oblige them. Israel also dominates the diamond trade and depends on Russia for raw diamonds. Can provide sources if you would like.

So do explain how they are against Zionist Occupied Governments when they happily sell oil to a 100% Jewish government.

There's no one else I'd rather have in the foxhole next to me as we fight ZOG scum to the death.

If you were currently in a Russian foxhole you could be under the command Putin's Jewish private war commander.

The only Russian win in the last two months came Putin's Jewish private war commander and his army of prisoners. He in fact created a rift within the Russian military by bragging about the win:

 $\underline{https://www.thedailybeast.com/putins-chef-yevgeny-prigozhin-humiliated-after-bragging-of-soledar-wagner-victory}$

Putin's chief propagandist is also Jewish so you could be under Jewish command in a foxhole while listening to his Jewish propagandist.

Any pro-Ukrainian people on this website are just masochists or irrational russophobes.

We have an irrational fear of Russians if we don't support the invasion of Ukraine? Is that right?

What about Russians that are against the war? Are they afraid of themselves?

I'll be amazed if you can answer these questions without shouting JEW and running away.

186. John Johnson says: Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 11:06 pm GMT • 11.4 hours ago</u> • 200 Words ↑ @PUTINFAN

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June 1812 Napoleón attacks RU with 500,000 trolls, leaves 450,000 dead and wounded on the field. The united European coumtries led by NAP had 3 times the population of RU.

Selective history.

Napolean Invasion: The bulk of the Russian army retreats East to let Napolean freeze in Moscow. Napolean's army is reduced but is not defeated. Only a multi-national army is able to finally defeat him at Waterloo.

Russo-Japanese war: Russia underestimates the enemy and loses an entire fleet in the biggest upset in naval history.

WW1: Nicholas II underestimates the Germans and is humiliated at Tannenberg. Russia exits the war through Communist revolution. Nicholas II underestimated the threat of the Communists for years and is executed along with his bloodline. The reign of the Tsars ends and follows with ruthless Communist dictators.

Polish-Soviet war: The Soviets underestimate the Poles and are forced to retreat back to their borders.

Winter War: Stalin underestimates Finland and assumes he can take all of it through invasion. The poor performance of the Soviets against a much smaller military inspires Hitler to launch Barbarossa.

WW2: A win but Stalin states on record that they would have lost early if not for Lend-Lease. Afghan War: Soviets arrogantly assume they can defeat a small group of mountain Muslim warriors.

Russia has won and lost many wars. But there is a very clear pattern of Tsars and Communist dictators underestimating a smaller enemy.

• Replies: <u>@PUTINFAN</u>, <u>@Begemot</u>, <u>@nokangaroos</u>

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187. <u>Yars</u> says:Next New Comment

@RoatanBill

There wouldn't be migrants if the us didn't cripple every country in latin america. Chickens coming home to roost

• Replies: @RoatanBill

188. RoatanBill says: Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 11:23 pm GMT • 11.1 hours ago</u> • 200 Words ↑ @Notsofast

You have posited an intriguing idea I hadn't considered. This assumes that Russia is so absolutely confident that they can destroy these weapons to allow them this somewhat flippant attitude toward what the west has produced. This is certainly plausible and answers why deliveries are allowed but I wonder if the Russians are all that willing to take the risk they are right. Some US systems like HIMARS are reputed to work under actual real world conditions and even they are getting in which adds some doubt but definitely plausible.

I share your opinion about US weapons generally being high priced but inferior because it's really never intended to be used against anyone but goat herders. The goal is to manufacture it for an exorbitant price, stockpile it for a time and then declare it no longer suitable for purpose and wash, rinse, repeat. Getting the captive audience in NATO to purchase the US's output helps with US GDP.

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189. CelestiaQuesta says:Next New Comment

@RoatanBill

" Phelopia and Testicleze" imma steal doz fo mi homies rap names.

You da best R.B.

190. borris says:Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 11:38 pm GMT • 10.9 hours ago</u> • 200 Words ↑ @John Johnson

Hello JoJo

You have been busy in doing naughty things. But before I tell you why and what I noticed that you are using few high school dropouts to write. How on earth you find time to write all that crapy stuff for more than 12 hours while holding a job.

Your little buddy Zelenky is on his way out. And guess who is going to show him the Exit. The good Old US of A

Azov funder or breeder the interior minister? died in an accident. Was it? Thankfully, he did not commit suicide like we are well conditioned in the West.

Putin is calmly watching his haters or trolls gradually disappearing. What will happen after Russian talk entire easter Ukraine? What are your future plans? if you could think that far.

I noticed, in Belgorod where there are thousands and thousands Ukrainian refugees from Kharkiv the lunatics of Azov are shelling those refugees as well as in Kursk area.

Zelesky army have closed roads to Poland. One way is to Sumy and via northern route through or close to Belarus. Why they are punishing refugees for going to Russian instead of to the West.

I noticed you started your horse shit on Russian History again. May next time.

wait for a prank that a Russian Hacker pulled on John Bolten where he is parroting Russian must be destroy theme. It should be on youtuee soon

• Replies: @John Johnson

191. RoatanBill says:Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 11:39 pm GMT • 10.8 hours ago</u> • 200 Words ↑ @Yars

I've lived in Latin America for 16 years now. What I see is a society that has little ambition, is in no hurry to complete anything and is generally just not that interested in education and progress. As a long time Gringo resident quipped, 'as long as there are bananas on the trees and fish in the ocean, the locals aren't going to work very hard'. He was and is correct.

That the US has corrupted the gov'ts to their south is a given. Corruption has impoverished the people but the local gov't actually implemented the programs to cheat their citizenry. The World Bank, IMF, etc would have no audience if it weren't for the indigenous scumbags that head the gov'ts.

The people heading to the US are doing so for the welfare and 'free stuff' the US advertises. I know this from personal experience since some of my former employees are now sending back email, videos and pictures of their new life in, of all places, Boston, and bragging about all the benefits they get to their relatives, also my employees. Those that left on their adventure were all very young and abandoned their illegitimate children with grandma. These are the refuse that no one benefits from; call them generation shit.

• Replies: @Commentator Mike

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192. Rich says: Next New Comment

@John Johnson

Human wave attacks? No reputable source has said the Russians were sending "human waves". If anything, the foolish Ukrainian government is leaving its men in untenable situations, no retreat allowed. Fighting to the death. Either you're leaning too hard on msm reports, or you're just another cheerleader.

• Replies: @John Johnson

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193. Wizard of Oz says: Next New Comment

<u>February 3, 2023 at 11:55 pm GMT • 10.6 hours ago</u> • 100 Words ↑ @j2

The only way what I say about the Holocaust might get me into trouble is that I occasionally express irritation at the mindless unqualified repetition of the sacred 6 million figure unless my objection to shyster lawyers exploiting the Holocaust also counts So I would be very interested to know what your estimate is and to read your article. Please, and thank you.

PS I have been reading down the comments to see whether Ron Unz can still pretend belief in anything the discredited Scott Ritter says these days and what sane commenters may have given some unwarranted credibility to Ritter by commenting. It seems to be you and John Johnson

• Replies: @mulga mumblebrain

194. anonymous[249] • Disclaimer says:Next New Comment

<u>February 4, 2023 at 12:00 am GMT • 10.5 hours ago</u> • 200 Words \uparrow @Tranceislife

I am puzzle why NATO/USA/Ucraine vrs Russia very little use of the Airforce power..like the USA Scorched Earth/Shock&Owe strategies in Irak/Afghanistan etc.?? Drones? UNmanned remote predators? BUT It seems the Ucranian War is run its course, NATO is bailing out, USA depleted its treasury/inventories...Ucranian casualties mounting, soldiers deserting, NATO collapsing, and Zelenskys Govt in panic. Russia moving closer to Kyev...once again like in WW I,II Germany played the PATSY..wreck economy, and now more dependent on USA for Energy than before the War. WHO will WIN the PEACE?? a fools game??...BUT the mad Neocons in Washington DC would not resign with some decency, if any left in them. And no one will push them OUT..not even after this Ucranian debacle, how many FAILURES are enough ?? How much\$\$???..Neocons are just moving on to a new target...

Kristol/Kagan/NUland/Pearlman/Wolfowitz (CFR,The Atlantic Group) already talking about WAR/s with Iran, Syria for the sake of Greater Israel, expansion into Syria/Jordan/Lebanon..who will STOP their bloody\$\$\$ madness????

• Replies: @CelestiaQuesta, @Idefix

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195. John Johnson says:Next New Comment

@borris

Hello JoJo

You have been busy in doing naughty things.

So you didn't address any of my points and you write like a 10 year old at camp sending a declaration of war to a rival cabin.

I'm real impressed.

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196. John Johnson says: Next New Comment

<u>February 4, 2023 at 12:20 am GMT • 10.2 hours ago</u> • 100 Words ↑ @Rich

Human wave attacks? No reputable source has said the Russians were sending "human waves".

Here it is from the ISW:

The <u>#Wagner</u> Group's reputation for committing convict recruits to highly attritional human wave attacks in eastern <u>#Ukraine</u> has likely engendered resistance among <u>#Russian</u> prisoners to Wagner Group recruitment efforts. 2/

— ISW (@TheStudyofWar) February 2, 2023

I will trust them over two self-described military analysts that have been cheering Russia from the beginning.

The ISW doesn't take sides and tries to provide analysis instead of cheerleading.

They cover conflicts all over the world and have a reputation of trying to remain objective.

197. CelestiaQuesta says:Next New Comment

<u>February 4, 2023 at 12:29 am GMT • 10.0 hours ago</u> • 100 Words ↑ @RoatanBill

"I suspect the 'west' wants to unload their junk so that they can plausibly tell their gov'ts that they need new stuff to replace them."

Excellent point R.B., I suspect they also want to unload whites and replace them with a new lower cost slave class that is easily controlled.

Russia may be the last stand for humanity as we once knew it.

• Replies: @RoatanBill

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198. CelestiaQuesta says:Next New Comment

@anonymous

It's as if the west is moving military surplus to NATO storage centers with close proximity to Iran, Syria, Russia, China under cloak of resupplying Ukraine.

Interesting plays being strategically deployed with only one objective, endless war.

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199. PUTINFAN says: Next New Comment

<u>February 4, 2023 at 12:46 am GMT • 9.7 hours ago</u> • 100 Words ↑ @John Johnson

Did RU remain completely intact in these 3 wars and not lose any territory? YES.

Did they lose battles? YES. In fact Tannenberg was their only loss in WWI.

Did they gain a huge amount of territory in those wars? YES

LITTLE known is the win against Japan of the Sakalin Islands, huge depositories of gas and oil that Japan now does not have.

Regarding Bonaparte you are weak on that history, out of 500,000 only 50,000 crossed the Polish border from late 1812 to early 1813, 300,000 frozen dead bodies were left on the fields. Waterloo was a different war that did not involve RU troops or territory.

This post only involves major wars wherein RU was attacked

• Replies: @John Johnson

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200. mulga mumblebrain says: Next New Comment

@Wizard of Oz

Sounds like you have read Norman Finklestein's 'The Holocaust Industry'. Can you believe he once appeared on Late Night Live, before that mollusc, Adams, sold out completely?

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201. mulga mumblebrain says:Next New Comment

@Commentator Mike

Like father like son. Lottsa work for the brothels.

202. Quartermaster says: Next New Comment

<u>February 4, 2023 at 1:11 am GMT • 9.3 hours ago</u> • 200 Words 1

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That note says all you need to know about the article.

Ritter does not know what he is talking about. The Ukrainians being trained are trained in basic armor operations. The tanks themselves are something that can be learned very quickly. Transition training is not something that lasts that long. The major operational differences are the sighting and communication systems.

Aircraft are the same way. I knew Pilots that transitioned from the F-100 to the F-16 inside 6 weeks.

There is no unified training course—each tank requires its own unique training prospectus that is not directly transferable to another system.

That's another pontification by captain obvious. Of course there is no unified training syllabus for the different machines. That would be like having a unified syllabus for the F-15, F-16 and F-18. The Ac are different, but transition between them is not difficult. Air Fore pilots get loaned to Navy occasionally, and they transition to the F-18 fairly quickly. The reverse happens as well. The big stumbling block is carrier landings and that requires several weeks because of the differing nature of carrier operations as opposed to USAF operating off 10,000 foot runways.

Ritter, as always, is just writing because he likes seeing his own words on a screen. Treating him like he knows what he is talking about, however, is a fool's errand.

• Thanks: Wizard of Oz

• Replies: @Rogue

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203. mulga mumblebrain says: Next New Comment

@Folkvangr

'Communicating' with the balloon? Bunkum!!! Truth is IN the balloon, directing all 'CCP'(sic) activities in North America.

204. RoatanBill says:Next New Comment

<u>February 4, 2023 at 1:29 am GMT • 9.0 hours ago</u> • 300 Words ↑ @CelestiaQuesta

With all gov'ts determined to implement a CBDC, I don't share your optimism.

My vantage point starts with the realization that all gov'ts are provably in the business of slave tending. There isn't a dimes worth of difference between democracy, socialism and the rest of the synonyms for oligarchy. Every gov't tells their sheep that they serve them while picking their pocket at every opportunity resulting in every leader and entourage living way beyond what the average citizen experiences. This is just observation available to anyone that wants to see as opposed to imbibing the constant propaganda.

The entire world's gov'ts want a system that gives them more control over the individual using the control of their accumulated wealth as a weapon due to it being enumerated and stored in a gov't monopoly. No gov't wants to relinquish their national currency. Every gov't now wants to further entrench their national currency into a system that is impossible to escape from. That is what the CBDC represents.

If Russia were to make gold and silver legal tender **for their citizens** and their aim was to eventually terminate the fraud that is national currency, then I'd agree that Russia was looking out for their citizens. The advertised intent, floated by Russian Sergey Glazyev, is to make gold and silver legal tender **between the various mafia gov'ts** because they know that national currencies are trash and prefer real money instead. So, Russia wants to maintain and even enhance its chokehold on their slaves just getting better relations with their partner mafias.

https://www.goldmoney.com/research/russia-s-intentions-are-clarifying

CBDC once fully implemented effectively ends the period in human history when people were relatively free. The CBDC period offers the potential for totalitarian control wrapped inside an initial velvet glove until such time as the glove owners want to go to brass knuckles instead.

• Agree: H. L. M

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205. Wizard of Oz says: Next New Comment

February 4, 2023 at 1:32 am GMT • 9.0 hours ago • 100 Words 1

If I correspond with or run into PA again I should remember to ask him about Israel and whether he perceives the influence of Jewish money in Australia. I haven't actually read the Finkelstein book but I have noted with contempt the advertisements by lawyers seeking the grandchildren of Holocaust survivors to extort money from German or Polish governments. PS I wonder how much would have been paid in inheritance taxes on those art collections.

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206. Anon[169] • Disclaimer says: Next New Comment

<u>February 4, 2023 at 2:03 am GMT • 8.4 hours ago</u> • 100 Words <u>↑</u>

Dear European NATO countries,

Please replenish your tank inventory with French, Italian, Indian, Turkish, or any other manufacturer of tanks that are not the United States. The USA has lured you to allow Russia to destroy your tanks, making your countries very individually weak and subject to ground invasion. The Pentagon thinks they will pay their defense contractor clients back with new factory orders from you, and Russia obviously isn't going to sell to you, and German tanks will be too expensive due to energy costs. France and Italy still make tanks cheaply enough. Shrug your shoulders of the yoke of the United States and foment your own defensive union. Build nuclear power plants for energy, and send third world migrants back. You can do this!

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207. PUTINFAN says: Next New Comment

@John Johnson

ISW Frederick W. KAGAN is the boss about as left wing Jewish as you can get .

The board and writers are 75% Jew. Neutral my ass.

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208. Rogue says: Next New Comment

<u>February 4, 2023 at 2:27 am GMT • 8.0 hours ago</u> • 200 Words ↑ @j2

Wikipedia is only ever reliable as a source on purely non-controversial topics, like say the life cycle of the bumble bee or the design of a turbofan jet engine.

On anything even vaguely controversial it is absolutely not a reliable source.

Scott Ritter, to repeat, stuck his head above the parapet just before Iraq was invaded 20 years ago, and was prepared to accept barbs and criticism plus insults from all sides, so that he could adopt a principled stance that, let's be clear, turned out to be correct.

I recall at the time when asked how he could know that there were no WMD's in Iraq. He replied that so far nothing had been found, but that obviously he couldn't say for sure. Nevertheless, he stated that most likely there were no WMD'S and, significantly, to allow the weapons inspectors to do their job and keep looking.

Well, we know the outcome. He took a principled stance and in hindsight was obviously justified (for the record I was opposed to his stance at the time).

Anyway, as stated already, we shall have to wait for the dust to settle on this war (hopefully soon for the sake of the people of Ukraine) before we can know whether individuals like Ritter and MacGregor are essentially correct – or whether it's the talking heads of the Western MSM.

We are all biased. Such is human nature. My bias is for Ritter and co. If he's wrong, then I'll admit it.

• Thanks: JWalters

• Replies: @JWalters, @j2

209. JWalters says: Next New Comment

February 4, 2023 at 2:29 am GMT • 8.0 hours ago • 400 Words

@Tranceislife

It seems to me that sacrificing the German tanks is definitely sacrificing Germany's near-term defense capacity, and it may contribute to a longer-term destruction of Germany's industrial capacity.

But I don't see that as the *main* purpose in sacrificing these tanks. I agree with Ritter's larger picture, that the (Zionist) Empire is flailing irrationally.

As The Duran analysts have detailed, the Empire's economic siege has failed and their military attack is failing. Their only success is on their home front's PR campaign. There, despite their provoking Russia for 20 years, and ramping up into this war, they have convinced most Americans that this war is due to "Putin's unprovoked aggression".

In my view President Putin, the Russian Security Council, the Russian Duma (parliament), and the Russian people are heroically standing up to the sadistic & treacherous Zionist Empire. Their victory will be a victory for humankind. President Putin may well be recorded as the greatest statesman of our era.

What we can do on the information battlefield is inform our fellow citizens that "our" corporate media is a monopoly controlled by our most dangerous enemy. This enemy also controls our corporate politicians, and at the root, the creation of our money. By printing money to finance all these needless wars they enrich themselves while impoverishing everyone else through the resulting inflation. It's a massive robbery of you, your family, and your friends.

The best way to turn our citizens against the Empire's lying media is to provide them with good alternatives. Here are some suggestions.

Talk Shows

Standard format news

Kim Iverson

https://rumble.com/KimIversen

Redacted News

https://rumble.com/c/Redacted

News with salty humor

The Jimmy Dore Show – YouTube
(Link currently unavailable)

Deep dive on Ukraine

The Duran

https://rumble.com/c/theduran

Written Articles

Classic news on all topics

Consortium News

https://consortiumnews.com/

Zionism in Palestine

Mondoweiss

https://mondoweiss.net/

The Empire around the world

The GrayZone

https://thegrayzone.com/

Here's a recent, excellent long-form interview with Scott Ritter on The Duran. From battlefield issues to issues of world peace.

Preventing a long war w/Scott Ritter

 $\underline{https://rumble.com/v27u5fo-preventing-a-long-war-wscott-ritter-live.html}$

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210. Joe Wong says: Next New Comment

<u>February 4, 2023 at 2:29 am GMT • 8.0 hours ago</u> • 100 Words ↑

@Timur The Lame

Anyhow, the current state of the war in Ukraine is at the early stage of Vietnam War. Herd mentality and group think will force NATO under the American leadership down the same path of Vietnam War, from lead from behind to committing war crimes themselves.

Americans have never faced the music despite defeats, it makes them believe they are the chosen one, therefore they are more likely to repeat the past mistakes and double down.

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211. The Masterwang says: Next New Comment

@RoatanBill

Opinions are like assholes, true, but some people, like Macgregor, have better ones for having taken a giant shit on Saddam's army. When he said the Abrams and Leopards will not do much for Ukraine I believe him.

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212. Rogue says: Next New Comment

@John Johnson

So you base Russian human wave attacks on a throwaway tweet?

Hardly conclusive, to say the least.

The ISW doesn't take sides and tries to provide analysis instead of cheerleading

Twaddle. Everybody takes sides, including even the most "professional" organizations. That's just human nature.

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213. Rich says: Next New Comment

@John Johnson

The ISW has been cheerleaders since day 1. Maybe that's your problem, you've been trusting unreliable sources. Jack Keane and Kimberly Kagan are both notorious neocons and the leaders of the ISW. How, or why, would the neocons tell the truth?

• Replies: @John Johnson

214. Rogue says: Next New Comment

<u>February 4, 2023 at 2:48 am GMT • 7.7 hours ago</u> • 100 Words ↑ <u>@Quartermaster</u>

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Ritter, as always, is just writing because he likes seeing his own words on a screen. Treating him like he knows what he is talking about, however, is a fool's errand

Well, both he and MacGregor are ex US military officers.

Ritter in Marine intelligence and MacGregor in armored warfare. And both with combat experience as well. Certainly in MacGregor's case.

What military service and combat experience are you bringing to the table, oh font of great knowledge?

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215. Ann Nonny Mouse says: Next New Comment

@Notsofast

Wouldn't it be sane for the NATO countries to buy all their artillery, tanks, missiles from Russia, top class, relatively low cost? Isn't it insane to buy that high-priced, unreliable stuff from America?

The Turkies have taken the first step. Them sane, Frogs insane?

216. Yukon Jack says: Next New Comment

<u>February 4, 2023 at 2:52 am GMT • 7.6 hours ago</u> • 100 Words ↑ @RoatanBill

Drones are reshaping warfare in real time

https://dronesgator.com/the-history-of-drones/

This video shows why in the near future trench warfare will be useless, drones can hover over the trench and drop bombs. It is not hard to imagine that improving upon this concept that hundreds of Ai directed drones could clean out the entrenched resistance in short order.

???? soldier catches and throws bomb dropped by ???? drone



Watch Video At: https://youtu.be/H-yCmgre-qE

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217. <u>loner feral cat</u> says:Next New Comment

"If fighting is sure to result in victory, then you must fight, even though the ruler forbid it. If fighting will not result in victory, then you must not fight even at the ruler's bidding." –Sun Tzu.

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218. Idefix says: Next New Comment

<u>February 4, 2023 at 3:03 am GMT • 7.4 hours ago</u> • 100 Words ↑ @anonymous

Russian SAM systems are the best in the world at this point. So it's pointless risking aircraft of any kind against them, they'll just down anything. As it is even smaller systems like Pantsir S1 are happily intercepting HIMARS *rockets*. Not all of them, but most of them. The irony is the Russian airforce faces a similar problem in that Ukrainians still have a lot of USSR-made systems like Buk and S-300s left too, so the Russian airforce hasn't been doing any direct bombing runs either (they just shoot long-range cruise missiles like H-22 off bombers).

219. Yukon Jack says: Next New Comment

February 4, 2023 at 3:16 am GMT • 7.2 hours ago • 100 Words 1

The rise of the drones:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Unmanned_aerial_vehicle

Ukrainian Soldiers Show How They Arm Small Commercial Drones With Even Smaller Payloads



Watch Video At: https://youtu.be/oUWoSMD1raU

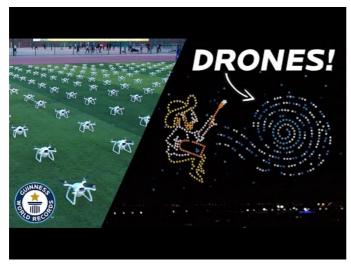
Ukraine Drone CONSTANTLY Bombing Russian Soldiers



Watch Video At: https://youtu.be/XrmoDtQeEKY

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List of unmanned aerial vehicles

1,000 drones fly in formation! Watch the breathtaking show in China



Watch Video At: https://youtu.be/xj1T2AWcI6o

Autonomous drones fly through Chinese bamboo forest



Watch Video At: https://youtu.be/rPul9WKQ6oQ

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220. <u>JWalters</u> says:Next New Comment

<u>February 4, 2023 at 3:22 am GMT • 7.1 hours ago</u> • 200 Words ↑ @Rogue

I agree on Wikipedia and Scott Ritter.

I thought Ritter made complete sense in the Iraq case, and the Bush-Cheney gang was determined to attack Iraq regardless of the evidence. Hence they pulled the inspectors before they could determine the evidence. In retrospect, it was a thoroughly Zionist operation, from 9/11 to the switch from Afghanistan to Ukraine.

Regarding bias, it's true that everybody has some degree of bias. The role bias plays in their perception is greater when (1) they are emotionally attached to some view, and/or (2) they have little information about a situation.

Even in these circumstances we can make an effort to understand our own bias and minimize its effect. For example, we could be motivated to do this when a mistake could be catastrophic. We might also be motivated to do this if we have made a commitment to pursue the truth, as often occurs in fields such as science and journalism, or by adopting a particular moral stance.

Unfortunately, today we seem to be plagued by an epidemic of corruption.

• Agree: Rogue

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221. John Johnson says: Next New Comment

<u>February 4, 2023 at 3:29 am GMT • 7.0 hours ago</u> • 200 Words ↑ @PUTINFAN

Did RU remain completely intact in these 3 wars and not lose any territory? YES.

Imperial Russia ended in 1917. It lost an internal battle to Communists.

The state not only dissolved but they also lost territory. Most notably the Baltics and Finland as a vassal state.

Did they lose battles? YES. In fact Tannenberg was their only loss in WWI.

Stop making stuff up. That was not their only loss.

They lost 1 million men in the Gorlice-Tarnów offensive.

First Battle of the Masurian Lakes was also a loss.

LITTLE known is the win against Japan of the Sakalin Islands, huge depositories of gas and oil that Japan now does not have.

Russia was completely embarrassed in the Russo-Japanese war. Battle of Tsushima is still the biggest naval upset of all time. The Tsar didn't do his homework and had no idea that the Japanese were not only prepared but had guns that could outrange them.

Regarding Bonaparte you are weak on that history, out of 500,000 only 50,000 crossed the Polish border from late 1812 to early 1813, 300,000 frozen dead bodies were left on the fields. Waterloo was a different war that did not involve RU troops or territory.

What did I say was wrong? The Russians used general winter to weaken Napolean but he wasn't defeated until waterloo. He obviously didn't take Russia but that wasn't the end of him.

222. Yukon Jack says:Next New Comment

February 4, 2023 at 3:32 am GMT • 7.0 hours ago • 100 Words 1

Imagine a drone that drops grenade bomblets into trenches with great precision, and the technology already exists. Trench GPS layout is programmed into the drone computer, the drone then flies over the trench, makes adjustments for foliage and wind and drops bomlets at regular intervals to clear out trench:

USDA Adds Firefighting Drones with "Dragon Eggs" to its Wildfire Arsenal



Dragon Drones, coming to a homeless encampment soon: Throwflame – Introducing the TF-19 Flamethrower Drone





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223. John Johnson says: Next New Comment

<u>February 4, 2023 at 3:36 am GMT • 6.9 hours ago</u> • 200 Words ↑ @Rich

The ISW has been cheerleaders since day 1. Maybe that's your problem, you've been trusting unreliable sources. Jack Keane and Kimberly Kagan are both notorious neocons and the leaders of the ISW. How, or why, would the neocons tell the truth?

So you would describe this report from March 7th as cheerleading? https://www.understandingwar.org/backgrounder/russian-offensive-campaign-assessment-march-7

An excerpt:

It is too soon to gauge the likely effectiveness of any Russian attempt to complete the encirclement of Kyiv or to seize the city at this time. If Russian troops have been able to resupply, reorganize, and plan deliberate and coordinated simultaneous operations along the several axes of advance around and into the capital, they may be more successful in this operation than they have in previous undertakings.

They acknowledge that Russia might take the capital. That isn't cheerleading.

Where is their declaration that Russia will be crushed? That is what both MacGregor and Ritter said about Ukraine in March. MacGregor told us that Ukraine was about to collapse and Ritter said the war was over and in mop up stage.

I read about the war from multiple sources. I don't put my faith in a couple pro-Russian bloggers and their two military analysts that have been suspiciously pro-Russian from the beginning. I have listened to MacGregor numerous times and I don't believe he is trying to give honest analysis. It is overly one-sided. He never acknowledges any Ukrainian successes. ISW fully acknowledged the success of taking Soledar by Wagner and their prisoner army. MacGregor just drones on about how Ukraine is doomed because of an upcoming offensive. That isn't military analysis.

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224. MarkU says: Next New Comment

<u>February 4, 2023 at 3:48 am GMT • 6.7 hours ago</u> • 100 Words <u>↑</u> @RoatanBill

Can satellites really spot things moving at night? it can't be easy surely. Even an observer on the spot relaying coordinates on a real time basis is going to be unable to steer a long range missile onto a moving target. Targeting the rails and road is possible of course but I'm not convinced that will stop much either.

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225. Fred777 says:Next New Comment

@John Johnson

Really? A tweet from a neocon think tank is your "proof"?

226. Yukon Jack says: Next New Comment

February 4, 2023 at 4:07 am GMT • 6.4 hours ago • 200 Words 1

Will the Ukraine war make tanks obsolete? Not an expert on military history, but I remember reading about a Revolutionary War sea battle, a US Turtle Submarine sneaking in the dark and attempted to take out a wooden British Naval ship.

On September 7, 1776, during the Revolutionary War, the American submersible craft Turtle attempts to attach a time bomb to the hull of British Admiral Richard Howe's flagship Eagle in New York Harbor.

Likewise, drones could fly in at night and attached shaped charges to the hull of tanks, or hover over the tank and drop a charge on a weak, unprotected area. Or, why even bother with tanks, just take out all the troops with Ai directed slaughter bot drones.

'Slaughterbots' coming to a town of unvaxxed soon:



Dr. Fauci – "Lord Biden, our vaxx plan of genocide are not working in Mormon, Utah; they refuse to take them, what should we do?"

President Biden – "How dare they, don't they know we have F-15s? Tell Blinken and that black guy, defense secretary, what's his name? oh yeah Austin and tell them to release the slaughterbots, that will take care of those Republicans who doubt the safety and efficacy of Pfizer vaccines."

• Replies: @Anymike

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227. Atle says: Next New Comment

@Tranceislife

There should be a category Appreciative But Noncommittal

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228. Paul Greenwood says: Next New Comment

@Notsofast

How are British and German tanks poorly designed yet Abrams is perfection? Abrams emerged like Leopard from joint program between Germany and U.S. started 1974

Abrams has reactive armour from Challenger and Rheinmetall cannon from Leopard

You think gas turbine is the big KSF?

• **Agree:** Lurker

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229. RestiveUs says:Next New Comment

@RoatanBill

learning without wisdom

That's a good one. It is a metaphor for our monetary system. A veneer without any value underneath.

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230. Priss Factor says: • Website Next New Comment

The Jewish supremacist moral logic of Zelensky.

Actually, if we really want to save the world, the places to nuke are where the Neocons gather.

Zelensky calls for preemptive nuclear strikes on Moscow, an act that would lead to nuclear war & billions dying. This is the man that the mainstream media & Western politicians are calling a 'hero'. pic.twitter.com/GpDHWwiEQy

— Mark Collett (@MarkACollett) February 2, 2023

• Agree: JWalters

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231. Anymike says: Next New Comment

<u>February 4, 2023 at 5:03 am GMT • 5.4 hours ago</u> • 100 Words ↑

@Yukon Jack

Everybody's heard the (by now) old saw about surface navies being obsolete. Now the bad news. Surface armies probably also are obsolete. If the totality of the means of annihilation, even short of nuclear weapons was ever rained on the kind of massive armies that were fielded in World War II, they would be destroyed pretty quick on both sides of the line. But, especially, the attacking forces would be destroyed.

This is what I think anyway. I'm probably being a little hyperbolic, but I think the basic idea is correct. If someone has some other idea, they can put it up.

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232. Anonymous[216] • <u>Disclaimer</u> says:Next New Comment

<u>February 4, 2023 at 5:06 am GMT • 5.4 hours ago</u> • 100 Words

"Warships are a thing of the past. No Navy will ever send warships against a modern power armed with torpedoes. Torpedoes have made warships obsolete. If a modern military force attempted to launch a large-scale warship-dominated attack against a well-equipped peer-level opponent armed with modern torpedoes, the result would be a decisive defeat for the attacking party marked by the wreckage of sunken ships."

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233. Commentator Mike says: Next New Comment

<u>February 4, 2023 at 5:18 am GMT • 5.2 hours ago</u> • 100 Words ↑ @RoatanBill

I thought most immigrants, legal or illegal, in US actually work, or engage in criminal activity to make their money. I didn't know that US is a welfare society. Anyway if those people worked for you they're probably happy to work for a higher salary in US. If they can find some freebies good on them but I doubt that is the main motivation for their move. There's also probably an element of corruption involved in illegal immigrants working without the appropriate paperwork but it is the employers who are responsible for that.

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234. EliteCommInc. says:Next New Comment

<u>February 4, 2023 at 5:48 am GMT • 4.7 hours ago</u> • 100 Words ↑

"As The Duran analysts have detailed, the Empire's economic siege has failed and their military attack is failing. Their only success is on their home front's PR campaign. There, despite their provoking Russia for 20 years, and ramping up into this war, they have convinced most Americans that this war is due to "Putin's unprovoked aggression".

But in the real world, the only one's attacking another country is Russia.

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235. Begemot says: Next New Comment

<u>February 4, 2023 at 6:47 am GMT • 3.7 hours ago</u> • 100 Words ↑ @John Johnson

Winter War: Stalin underestimates Finland and assumes he can take all of it through invasion. The poor performance of the Soviets against a much smaller military inspires Hitler to launch Barbarossa.

The Soviets won the Winter War.

Stalin got more from the Finns than he originally asked for. The important lesson of this war is that the Soviets stopped their initial offensive three weeks in when it was going so badly, changed their commanders, reorganized, replanned, and came back and had the Finns on the run. The Finns sued for peace.

Will we see this repeated in Ukraine?

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236. SOL says: Next New Comment

@Emil Nikola Richard

Kyrie eleison.

237. j2 says: Next New Comment

<u>February 4, 2023 at 7:17 am GMT • 3.2 hours ago</u> • 300 Words ↑ @John Johnson

"A Bradley can actually defeat a T-72 if it spots it first.

I think there has been too much emphasis on tanks and not fighting vehicles like the Bradley and CV90 that have anti-tank capabilities.

Both the CV90s and Bradleys will have a demoralizing effect.

That is what Ritter is missing in all this."

Ritter is missing a lot, because he wrote a spirit-boosting article saying how Abrams will not help Ukraine. What he should have written about, if he wanted to write the truth of tanks, is a piece of the operational use of tanks in a war.

What it looks like is that the old paradigm of one weapon system against a similar weapon system is out. This has been stated many times, but it again seems to be true. It is not tanks against tanks, artillery against artillery, infantry against infantry. This is how it once was. But now it is:

antitank missiles and artillery against tanks

tanks against IFVs

IFVs against infantry

MLRS against artillery

and so on, it is all the time a weapon system or service against a different weapon system.

This is a complicated topic and would need thinking by some military thinker. Many officers have been thinking of these things and there are many ideas. The USA has its own way of thinking, which is based on superior weapons and combined arms attacks and so on. Somebody, like MacGregor have grown up in this US atmosphere and has probably never thought about the problem from the side of the weaker party in a war. But there are ways the weaker side can use. One should not ask Americans what they are, but from nations that have had to consider this problem. This is wy MacGregor and probably also Ritter make their mistakes: they only see things in the American way of thinking. For them a smaller power can never win a bigger power, because that is how it is with the USA. But it is not quite so. War is more complicated than that.

238. j2 says: Next New Comment

<u>February 4, 2023 at 7:27 am GMT • 3.0 hours ago</u> • 300 Words ↑ @Rogue

"Anyway, as stated already, we shall have to wait for the dust to settle on this war (hopefully soon for the sake of the people of Ukraine) before we can know whether individuals like Ritter and MacGregor are essentially correct – or whether it's the talking heads of the Western MSM.

We are all biased. Such is human nature. My bias is for Ritter and co. If he's wrong, then I'll admit it."

You do not need to believe either the talking heads of the Western MSM, nor Ritter and MacGregor.If you want to know what is the situation in the war, follow Jerome's page. militaryland.net. He is the best, he does give all Russian advances correctly, more correctly than e.g. liveuamap. He also does not speculate like ISW speculates too much. Jerome does not calculate losses, so if you want to know them, do your own calculations (like look e.g. at my calculations for a simple method and make your own version finding yourself the numbers to put there, so that you yourself agree with your calculation, it is not difficult, takes some days, not more, you do not need to be a military expert to do those calculations). I recommend: check yourself, do not trust parties in a war. Checking is not so difficult, you can do it. It also does not take so much time, and it does not require you being a general staff officer. You see that the topic is controversial because generals from different sides give different answers. That exactly means that experts do not give you a common answer. That means, you have to check it yourself if you want to know. And if you necessarily have to trust somebody, trust a Finn.

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239. nokangaroos says:Next New Comment

@John Johnson

The ISW doesn't take sides

The Kagans – all four of them – quite literally MADE the goddamned war ... try your shit in kindergarten or on NPR.

The inflation in *chutzpah* is getting disconcerting – might it not be a tad *soon* for the Revelation of the Means?

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240. <u>Lurker</u> says:Next New Comment

@Tranceislife

Tranceislife – just wondering why have you accused yourself of being a troll?

It's an unusual strategy, not one I've seen before on UR.

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241. Lurker says: Next New Comment

@Emil Nikola Richard

Pefantic War Nerd Observation: That poor bastard is not in a tank.

I assumed that back in the day and it's often captioned that way. But when you look closer you can see it's just a truck or something, not a tank or other AFV.

242. nokangaroos says:Next New Comment

<u>February 4, 2023 at 8:12 am GMT • 2.3 hours ago</u> • 200 Words ↑ @John Johnson

Russo-Japanese war: Jacob Schiff and the (((City))) financed Japan to humiliate Russia (it is unclear (((who))) got the Czar to invest in the Yalu Company (sawmill) that kicked it off) and withdrew the credit when the blackamoor had done his work; the Japanese have never forgotten the humiliation of Portsmouth – after all they went through – but it netted Teddy the Peace Nobel so all is swell; meanwhile Schiff financed the revolution of 1905.

(Tsushima was merely the execution of the already foregone – it is Gen. Nogi (Battle of Hill 210, Port Arthur) who is still venerated as a saint).

Polish-Soviet war: Pilsudski kept good – if not cordial – relations with the Germans because he knew where the problem was and *who* had fought by his side against Budyonnij's cossacks (hint: they later formed the zygote of the SS). (((Rydz))) reversed all that.

I'll concede you one point – nothing is ever that simple.

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243. <u>Lurker</u> says:

<u>February 4, 2023 at 9:18 am GMT • 1.2 hours ago</u> • 100 Words ↑ @PUTINFAN

1917? When Russia surrendered and ceded territory to Germany, that victory?

Also you may not have noticed that when Germany attacked in 1941 she was also fighting on other fronts, subjected to bombing and a near-total naval blockade. USSR was supplied with thousands of tanks, thousands of trucks, thousands of aircraft by Britain, US. Not tens or hundreds but thousands.

The bombing may not have been that effective but it meant that 10000 88mm guns were deployed as AAA in the last year or so of the war. Deployed on the Eastern front as AT guns they would have been enough to destroy every single Soviet tank.

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