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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 nejsmrtejnějších 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 školicí kurz – 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 M1 Abrams 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 mechatika 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 bitevní 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 setkání Ramstein Contact Group dne 20. ledna a následných následných diskusích o poskytování tanků se NATO a jeho spojenečtí partneři dohodli poskytnout méně než 50 % požadovaného počtu tanků, tedy méně než 50 % celkového počtu tanků. 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.

Pravdou o tancích je, že NATO a jeho spojenecké státy dělají Ukrajinu slabší, nikoli silnější, tím, že jí poskytují vojenské systémy, které jsou příliš složité 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 • 4.7 days ago • 100 Words ↑

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

• **LOL:** Ann Nonny Mouse

• **Troll:** Tranceislife

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2. Notsofast says:

January 29, 2023 at 6:23 pm GMT • 4.6 days ago • 200

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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 net-centric 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

• **Replies:** @RoatanBill, @Realist

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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/tt0364970/>

Almost everything in the film came true.

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4. Emil Nikola Richard says:

Ask the Iraqi Information Minister about tanks.



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5. Mr Chow Mein says:

January 29, 2023 at 9:50 pm GMT • 4.5 days ago • 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.

• **Replies:** @Nobody too important

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6. Wokechoke says:

January 29, 2023 at 11:11 pm GMT • 4.4 days ago • 100 Words ↑

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

• **Replies:** @Notsofast, @John Johnson

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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?

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8. Notsofast says:

January 30, 2023 at 12:35 am GMT • 4.4 days ago • 100

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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

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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?

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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 !!

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11. John Johnson says:

January 30, 2023 at 3:51 am GMT • 4.2 days ago • 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.

• **Replies:** [@Wokechoke](#), [@Phibbs](#)

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12. John Johnson says:

January 30, 2023 at 4:13 am GMT • 4.2 days ago • 100 Words ↑
@Wokechoke

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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.

<https://www.businessinsider.com/who-is-yevgeny-prigozhin-russian-tycoon-and-vladimir-putin-confidant-2022-10>

• **Replies:** @Wokechoke

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13. [January 30, 2023 at 4:19 am GMT • 4.2 days ago • 200 Words](#) ↑

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:

January 30, 2023 at 4:27 am GMT • 4.2 days ago • 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 Poland...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

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15. Arenous says: • Website

January 30, 2023 at 4:30 am GMT • 4.2 days ago • 200

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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.

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16. Wokechoke says:

January 30, 2023 at 5:47 am GMT • 4.2 days ago • 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:

January 30, 2023 at 5:50 am GMT • 4.2 days ago ↑

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

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18. Phibbs says:

January 30, 2023 at 5:53 am GMT • 4.2 days ago ↑

@John Johnson

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

• **Thanks:** Chuck Orloski

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19. Wokechoke says:

January 30, 2023 at 7:04 am GMT • 4.1 days ago ↑

@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:

January 30, 2023 at 7:36 am GMT • 4.1 days ago ↑

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. nokangaroos says:

January 30, 2023 at 12:22 pm GMT • 3.9 days ago • 100

Words ↑

@Anoner Friggin Lawyer

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.

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22. James White says:

January 30, 2023 at 2:00 pm GMT • 3.8 days ago • 200

Words ↑

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.

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23. RoatanBill says:

January 30, 2023 at 2:37 pm GMT • 3.8 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.

• **Replies:** @Notsofast, @Realist, @John Johnson

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24. James White says:

January 30, 2023 at 2:51 pm GMT • 3.8 days ago • 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:

January 30, 2023 at 6:35 pm GMT • 3.6 days ago • 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 • 3.6 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:

January 30, 2023 at 7:10 pm GMT • 3.6 days ago • 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

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28. John Johnson says:

January 30, 2023 at 7:11 pm GMT • 3.6 days ago • 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:

[January 30, 2023 at 7:17 pm GMT • 3.6 days ago](#) ↑

[@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:

[January 30, 2023 at 7:17 pm GMT • 3.6 days ago](#) • 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:

January 30, 2023 at 7:23 pm GMT • 3.6 days ago • 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

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32. Realist says:

January 30, 2023 at 7:24 pm GMT • 3.6 days ago ↑

@Notsofast

Agreed. Please take a look at my comments above.

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33. RoatanBill says:

January 30, 2023 at 8:00 pm GMT • 3.6 days ago • 300

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@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

• **Replies:** @John Johnson, @John Johnson

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34. Legba says:

January_30, 2023 at 9:07 pm GMT • 3.5 days ago ↑

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

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35. Nobody too important says:

January_30, 2023 at 10:28 pm GMT • 3.5 days ago ↑

@Mr Chow Mein

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

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36. Wokechoke says:

January_30, 2023 at 11:43 pm GMT • 3.4 days ago ↑

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:

January 31, 2023 at 1:27 am GMT • 3.3 days ago • 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>

• **Replies:** @RoatanBill

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38. John Johnson says:

January 31, 2023 at 1:35 am GMT • 3.3 days ago • 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

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39. RoatanBill says:

January 31, 2023 at 2:14 am GMT • 3.3 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:

January 31, 2023 at 2:29 am GMT • 3.3 days ago • 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.

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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] • Disclaimer says:

January 31, 2023 at 5:21 am GMT • 3.2 days ago • 100 Words ↑

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.

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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?

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44. RoatanBill says:

January 31, 2023 at 10:59 am GMT • 3.0 days ago • 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.

• **Replies:** @John Johnson, @Wokechoke

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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".

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46. anonymouseperson says:

January 31, 2023 at 10:38 pm GMT • 2.5 days ago • 100

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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

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47. John Johnson says:

February 1, 2023 at 12:12 am GMT • 2.4 days ago • 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.

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48. John Johnson says:

February 1, 2023 at 12:29 am GMT • 2.4 days ago • 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](#)

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49. [RoatanBill](#) says:

February 1, 2023 at 12:59 am GMT • 2.4 days ago • 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.

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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:

February 2, 2023 at 1:27 pm GMT • 20.4 hours ago • 100

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@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.

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