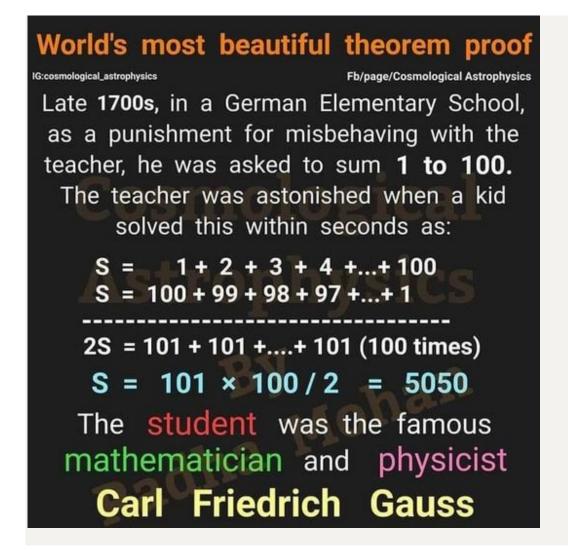
Time to Call It What It Is. Ukraine is the Shield of Europe and Pretending Otherwise Will Lead to ATrillion USD War Mobilization

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We will use simple logic to unveil why Ukraine needs to be funded. i.e. why it is imperative to Arm Ukraine in 2024

First, Russia is becoming so indebted due to its war, that it needs to have outright conquest, of Ukraine, to recoup irredeemable losses. See the following.

Quote

A hacking group claims to have stolen files from an Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC) front company in Iran that provides fine details about the <u>Shahed-136 Kamikaze drones</u> that Russia has been using to <u>striking Ukraine</u> for <u>15 months</u>, The recent <u>dump of leaked</u> <u>documents</u> has called into question how much Russia actually paid Iran for the drones, and while we cannot confirm the authenticity of the documents or the general accuracy of the figures they state, they do prompt an important question — what does a Shahed-136 actually cost? Media outlets like <u>*The New York Times*</u> and <u>*CNN*</u> have reported that the drones were costing Russia about \$20,000 apiece. However, documents obtained through the claimed hack show vastly different figures.

The documents state that in 2022, Russia intended to produce 6,000 Iranian drones under license at its facilities within 2.5 years, <u>according to the Ukrainian Militinaryi news outlet</u>. The publication cites a website called *Iran Cyber News*. The Iranians initially asked Russia to pay \$375,000 per Shahed, but that figure was eventually negotiated down to \$193,000 per drone for 6,000 units or \$290,000 each for 2,000 drones, the publication reported. The total value of the production contract, including the transfer of technologies, equipment, 6,000 UAVs, and software, was \$1.75 billion, according to *Militinaryi*.

However, the documents state that there was a plan for full localization of production in Russia with minimal supply of Iranian components that could be executed in 2023, with the projected cost of each Shahed-136 dropping to about \$48.800 each. The all-in 'transfer' price was at \$165,500 per unit, *Militinaryi* reported. "This gap is probably due to the mortgaged payments for linear production, additional costs, and investments in the enterprise." In other words, this would be the all-in cost of the program, including infrastructure and licenses, amortized across the production run. The more you build, the less that number would be as fixed costs are further offset. This would give a total program cost of just under \$1B.

Regardless, a unit cost of around \$50,000 would seem quite realistic based on everything we know about the Shahed-136 and how they are made, with that price being further reduced, and substantially so, over time.

Russia transferred more than two million grams of gold to Iran as part of these deals, the publication says. Once again, we do not know the final terms of the deal for certain or what it included.

End of quote [1]

In just the matter of DRONES, Russia is being bled white. This is parallel to a situation with developed in 1940 in the case of Nazi Germany where Germany was WEEKS from bankrupt status. I.e. the German economy even after the conquest of Poland, was teetering on the abyss of collapse. As many may not have realized it, Nazi policy as to the occupation of Northern France was a massive pillaging expedition, whereas the bulk of French industry and industrial assets were in the German area of France. Ditto the same in most of Eastern Europe, in the mid 1940s. [2]

In so many words, as Russian economic fundamentals decline, the need for a Nazi style snatch and grab of Ukrainian assets grows dramatically, parallelling the situation Germany had when its slave economy in conquered Europe became an extension of German armaments factories and more [2]

Secondly, we have the matter of an international far right legion, so to speak centered about Vladimir Putin who has a HUGE following in the EU and in America. The fight in Ukraine is becoming a contentious conflict between the militant far right, and non-far right battle groups. This is exemplified by a recent move by Tucker Carlson, for being a propagandist for Putin as seen in his February 8, 2024 [3]. His interview was to mobilize support for Putin. As seen in a two-hour propaganda fest which is broke down as

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Imprisoned American journalist Evan Gershkovich

This also can be seen, as bypassing the website, by a YouTube link as given HERE Exclusive: Tucker Carlson Interviews Vladimir Putin (youtube.com)

This propaganda fest had several objectives as seen in my own discussion of what Carlson intended as given in [4]

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First of all Tucker Carlson wants to be Trump's VP. In fact I would argue that the MAIN point of this trip was to unite the Freedom Caucus behind a Carlson VP position in 2024. If the team of Trump and Carlson won in 2024, all Carlson would have to do is to hang around, on the chance that Trump due to age, and other issues would not be able to perform presidential duties, so then Carlson would be in CHARGE.

First as far as this goes.

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Carlson's access to Putin is a huge contrast with restraints on other foreign journalists in Russia, where two US citizens -- Wall Street Journal reporter Evan Gershkovich and Radio Free Europe's Alsu Kurmasheva -- are currently imprisoned.

The media provocateur has spent years depicting America as a declining nation under assault by Democrats, Black Lives Matter advocates, so-called 'woke' protesters and communism.

But his hit show on Fox came to an end in April, days after the right-wing cable network paid a settlement approaching \$800 million to end a defamation case over false allegations that ballot-counting company Dominion Voting Systems had helped steal the 2020 presidential election from Trump.

He has since broadcasted shows on X, formerly Twitter, but his interview with Putin represents his biggest score since his departure from Fox.

Carlson's surprise scoop also comes as US aid to Ukraine has dried up due to Republican opposition in Washington, leaving Ukrainian forces scrambling for ammunition.

end of quote

In effect Carlson wants to give the death knell to Ukraine by forcing "conservatives" into a thou shall not pass" endgame as to Ukraine aid

Secondly is to force the GOP to accept Carlson as the GOP Veep Standard bearer in 2024.

Finally

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E-Leader Bangkok 2024

Carlson's interview with Russian President<u>Vladimir Putin</u>could see the conservative pundit targeted by<u>European Union</u>lawmakers, current and former members of the European Parliament have told*Newsweek*.

Carlson visited Russia this week, and on Tuesday revealed he would "soon" be releasing an interview with the Russian leader.

Carlson's work in Russia could see the former<u>Fox News</u>host in hot water with the<u>EU</u>, Guy Verhofstadt, a former Belgian prime minister and current member of the European Parliament, told*Newsweek*.

The lawmaker—who has called for the EU to explore imposing a "travel ban" on Carlson described Carlson as "a mouthpiece" of former President<u>Donald Trump</u>and Putin, adding: "As Putin is a war criminal and the EU sanctions all who assist him in that effort, it seems logical that the External Action Service examine his case as well."

end of quote

In a word, its use it or lose it time and Carlson will FLOOR IT

To be continued

End of quote.

The quotes in this section come from [4] and [5] and [6]

Needless to state, Tucker Carlson is the spear thrower of the Far-right takeover Putin has in mid for America, and it is to reduce the EU and America to slave state status, much as Putin has done to the Russian federation

Third, we have the datum as given in [7] as to the central importance of the quisling phenomenon '

Putin needs toadies, much as Hitler found in Quisling, in Norway and this phenomenon needs push back, i.e.

Quote

What's the alternative? Looking in the mirror and asking: "Do I really support a criminal regime? What does that make me?" Most Russians aren't ready to face such questions. When caught in a lie, psychopaths just invent another lie. That's what most Russians do. They invent lie after lie, only to get lost in a maze of lies.

Russians will have to face these questions one day, even if that day is when they stand before God.

Only when Russians are capable of sincerely asking such questions, can we hope for a peaceful Russia capable of co-existing with others in the world. German guilt for the crimes of the Nazi regime is well-known. Yes, part of that guilt was imposed on them by the victors. I doubt that Russians are going to accept responsibility for anything unless they are forced to.

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Tucker the messiah

So, is Tucker Carlson delusional? He sure isn't dumb. He seems to believe that he can reason with Russians and – in his grandiose mind – his journalistic prowess and platform can even help avoid World War III.

Money is important, sure, but he seems to be past that stage now. Carlson seems to have entered the messianic phase. And, with his platform shaping millions of minds across the world, his pro-Russian views are potentially dangerous for people like me who live on the eastern flank of NATO.

Is Carlson a quasi-Quisling, then? I don't know. What I do know is that collaborators who carry water for the Kremlin don't seem to realize that Russians don't trust anyone and, when these collaborators are used and abused, they are discarded, sometimes eliminated.

End of quote

The importance of messiah figures like Carlson is largely to flesh out the echo chamber delaying Russian people facing the realities of a brutal fascist regime in Moscow, and that Russia needs quisling figures like Carlson to delay facing Russian decrepitude and degeneration.

This is a datum which Carlson has zero awareness of,

Fourth, Now that we have spoken of Russian dynamics, it is time to address the needs of the battlefield and why we cannot ignore it: In this sense, Ukraine is the defacto shield of Europe.

From [8]

Why these matters? In a word, Ukraine has compared to the EU a MASSIVE military force, and 2 years of experience in terms of countering Russian attacks, and also a cadre of combat veterans whom are apt at countering Russian land warfare

In contrast, the BND, while nominally a more modern force, largely due to the Green party denuding the BND of defense expertise would run out of munitions within 3 weeks of fighting Russia's army. Poland has a far more robust force, than Germany but an all-out attack on Poland, might in 2-3 months see Russian tanks approaching Warsaw.

Bluntly put, due to demilitarization fantasies the EU at or near Poland is in NO position to go toe to toe with Russian armies, in a slugging match

The USA could in a pinch, get 100 thousand troops but it would require a Defcon 2 level total mobilization.

Finally, until the Freedom caucus, which is playing the role similar to that of the pre-World War II German American Bund in CONUS is tamed, there is a not inconsiderable that the Freedom Caucus would sabotage US mobilization to face off with Russia

It gets worse in that Russia has now a 10 to 1 advantage in tactical nuclear weapons.

For this reason alone, it is imperative that the Ukrainian military be assisted in 2024. We will face a nightmare scenario of the worst sort if we do not

This is what is required as weapons to stop this implosion.

Quote from [9]

Essential Weaponry for Ukrainian Military Success

The Ukrainian military requires key weapon systems to gain tactical advantages and effectively counter Russian abilities.

- 1. Air Dominance Through Advanced Aircraft: Achieving local air dominance is a primary objective. Ukraine needs F-16s equipped with all the advanced munitions it can carry and supported by Electro Counter Measures.
- 2. **Strategic Use of Cruise Missiles**: Cruise missiles are essential for deep operations, particularly for countering Russian air defense systems and targeting strategic locations like air and naval bases. They are also crucial for disabling key infrastructure such as the Kerch Bridge, thereby isolating Crimea. NATO partners have hundreds in supply.
- 3. Army Tactical Missile Systems (ATACMS): Identified as ideal for deep strike operations, a significant number of these missiles are required for effectiveness. Block II and Block IA Unitary munitions are required for range and ability to destroy hard targets.

- 4. Advancements in Electronic Warfare Systems: Keeping up with the rapidly evolving electronic warfare capabilities is critical. Systems that can counter enemy drones are highly prioritized.
- 5. **Mobile Counter-Battery Detection Systems**: Mobility and rapid displacement capabilities are essential to detect and neutralize Russian threats.
- 6. **Requirement of Armored Vehicles**: A range of Western armored vehicles, equipped with thermal imaging, is vital for decisive offensive operations.

Addressing morale issues through improved training and leadership, coupled with the provision of essential weapon systems, is key to enabling Ukrainian victory. As the war evolves, Ukraine's ability to recruit will play a crucial role in determining the resilience of its defenses.

end of quote

The alternative is frankly too hideous to contemplate: The choice is ours. For 60 -100 billion USD in 2024 we can stave off a Trillion USD war mobilization if Kyiv falls, with all that entails

Based upon all this, there are a subset of [9] references as to why it is important for Ukraine, to be funded, for 2024.

Keep in mind the following, i.e. the border crisis in Mexico is fictitious and being done solely to enable Putin to CONQUER the world. And also the US senate knows it [10]

Quote

The Senate voted Thursday to advance a \$95 billion emergency security spending bill with \$60 billion to support the war in Ukraine — but without a bipartisan border security bill that ran into stiff opposition from Republicans.

The move by Senate Majority Leader <u>Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.)</u> to swiftly bring the security spending package back to the floor without the controversial border security reforms gives new political momentum to U.S. aid for Ukraine.

The Senate voted 67-32 to advance a legislative vehicle that Schumer says will be used to carry funding for Ukraine, Israel, Indo-Pacific security, and humanitarian assistance for civilians around the world.

Seventeen Republican senators voted to advance the legislation, including Senate Republican Leader <u>Mitch McConnell (Ky.)</u> and Senate GOP Whip John Thune (S.D.).

Other Republicans who voted yes were Sens. Shelley Moore Capito (W.Va.), Bill Cassidy (La.), Susan Collins (Maine), John Cornyn (Texas), Joni Ernst (Iowa), Chuck Grassley (Iowa), John Kennedy (La.), Jerry Moran (Kan.), Lisa Murkowski (Alaska), Mitt Romney (Utah), Mike Rounds (S.D.), Dan Sullivan, etc.

End of quote

Do we kowtow to Putin, Trump, and Carlson? The choice is ours. Darkness does not have to fall upon Ukraine, America, and humanity. Slavery as exemplified by Carlson, Trump and Putin can be obtained with sufficient lack of will. We can do the other and end it. Avoid slavery.

The choice is ours. We can either be destroyed by Carlson, Putin, and Trump or regain our dignity as a nation and save the world. Also keep in mind this [10]

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