

Ukraine – Russia a continuation of the resource wars foretold by Mahan in the 19th century and the necessity of a breakup of the present form of the Russian Federation

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The origins of this war have been romanticized by Russian speakers as a restoration of empire, but it is simpler than that. The mistake made is to take the chestnut of the feud between the Kievan and Moscow branches of Orthodox Christianity as definitive.

It is older than that but has some interesting features. Consider the latest which is what I remarked on in LinkedIn.

We have Russia on a tear with false allegations as to Ukraine using a Dirty Bomb to blow up a dam which would flood the city of Kherson as a “justification” of its war on Kiev.

Now, see what we can make of this most recent outburst of fighting over the southern Ukraine quote

What is a dirty bomb, and what was the point in making this claim now?

A dirty bomb isn't actually a nuclear bomb. It is, to use the clunky term professionals apply to it, a radiological dispersal device, which is just another way of saying that it is a conventional explosive wrapped around a lot of dangerous radioactive material. When the bomb explodes, it is not a nuclear detonation. The gunk inside a dirty bomb could be anything that is highly radioactive: nuclear reactor waste, the leftover pieces of a nuclear weapon, even radiological materials from a hospital.

This dirty-bomb charge could be part of the preparation for a Russian “false flag” operation, in which the Russians will explode their own dirty bomb, perhaps in the occupied territories of Ukraine or close to the Russian border; blame Ukraine; and then demand that Ukraine surrender or face nuclear retaliation.

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- This game of foxes and hares would be very familiar to the Tsars when they fought both the Lithuanian – Polish Commonwealth in the Donbass area, hundreds of years ago, and the Crimean Oblast frontier area with the Ottoman Empire, from mid 1500s up to about 1780 AD, as a result of Catherine the Great's Black sea conquests: However unlike those times,

the primary driver of the feud between Ukraine and Russia is a straight out resource war. The person who defined the logic of resource wars best is this guy: Alfred Thayer Mahan. His fixation upon naval power was noted, and in some respects bears resonance to today's conditions.

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Timeliness contributed no small part to the widespread acceptance and resultant influence of Mahan's views. Although his history was relatively thin (he relied on secondary sources), the vigorous style and clear theory won widespread acceptance by navalists across the world. Sea power supported the new colonialism that Europe and Japan were imposing on Africa and Asia. Given the very rapid technological changes underway in propulsion (from coal to oil, from reciprocating engines to steam turbines), ordnance (with better fire directors, and new high explosives) and armor (hardened steel), the emergence of new craft such as destroyers and submarines, and the development of radio, Mahan's emphasis on the capital ship and the command of the sea came at an opportune moment

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What people do not realize is that Mahan fixed upon resources moved by access to sea power and that he concluded his book with this paragraph,

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There was such an impression largely held by French officers of that day, and yet more widely spread in the United States now, of the efficacy of commerce-destroying as a main reliance in war, especially when directed against a commercial country like Great Britain. "The surest means in my opinion," wrote a distinguished officer, Lamotte-Picquet, "to conquer the English is to attack them in their commerce." The harassment and distress caused to a country by serious interference with its commerce will be conceded by all. It is doubtless a most important secondary operation of naval war, and is not likely to be abandoned till war itself shall cease; but regarded as a primary and fundamental measure, sufficient in itself to crush an enemy, it is probably a delusion, and a most dangerous delusion, when presented in the fascinating garb of cheapness to the representatives of a people. Especially is it misleading when the nation against whom it is to be directed possesses, as Great Britain did and does, the two requisites of a strong sea power, a wide-spread healthy commerce and a powerful navy. Where the revenues and industries of a country can be concentrated into a few treasure-ships, like the flota of Spanish galleons, the sinew of war may perhaps be cut by a stroke; but when its wealth is scattered in thousands of going and coming ships, when the roots of the system spread wide and far, and strike deep, it can stand many a cruel shock and lose many a goodly bough without the life being touched. Only by military command of the sea by prolonged control of the strategic centers of commerce, can such an attack be fatal;[245] and such control can be wrung [540]from a powerful navy only by fighting and overcoming it. For two hundred years England has been the great commercial nation of the world. More than any other her wealth has been entrusted to the

sea in war as in peace; yet of all nations she has ever been most reluctant to concede the immunities of commerce and the rights of neutrals.

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If one reads in between the lines, one will realize what Mahan is talking about Sea Power as linked to control or protection of commerce, and his influence lead the UK to build up the three points of sea power, in Suez, in Gibraltar and also in Singapore which was the gateway to trade between Europe and east Asia

I.e. the idea is of choke points. Of control of the lines of commercial trading

Whereas the Ukraine- Russia conflict today started with this one

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Please have a look at the picture.

Lots of people around the world still believe that Russia is over 1000 years old and Ukraine is a kind of recent split-off. I heard it many times. Well, it is not true. It is even the opposite. Ukraine is 1000-years old Rus, while Russia is a disguised split-off of the Golden Horde. Russia as you know it is just 300 years old.

Ok, let me explain and start with boring facts, very simplified ones without going into details and alternative theories. The ruling dynasty of Kyiv was founded by Vikings, and in 882 they started to rule in Kyiv. Those Vikings were calling themselves Rus, so the state was named Kyiv Rus.

The coins that you see in the picture have engraved trident, the symbol of Volodymyr the Great, who ruled from 980 to 1015. Kyiv Rus was one of the most influential European states 11th – 12th centuries. The same trident is the Ukrainian modern coat of arms.

But it all ended 799 years ago. In 1223, the Mongol Empire defeated the united troops of Rus and Cumans. In 1240, Kyiv was burned and looted. Later, Kyiv became the part of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania, and the Golden Horde was pushed back by united efforts.

When the Golden Horde collapsed, one of its vassals, Duchy of Moskovia, started the aggressive conquest of its neighbors and grew in size. In 1654, they made a military “alliance” with Ukrainian Cossacks, but it appeared to be a trap, as they wanted to rule and not cooperate. Ukrainians tried to get out of that trouble by uniting efforts with Poland, Tatars, and Sweden at different periods, but with no success. So Moskovia took Ukraine (Rus) under control after violently suppressing all the resistance.

When all of Rus was conquered, in 1721 Moskovia renamed itself Russia, thus taking our ancient name. So it was when Russia started, and it has nothing to do with the ancient Rus whose legacy they are trying to claim. Politically, they descend not from Rus kingdoms, but from Golden Horde.

So what’s happening now, for us Ukrainians it looks like the Horde is back to Rus after 800 years, with the same level of brutality and barbarism. But they call themselves Rus this time! The very existence of independent Ukraine threatens the identity they assumed. I am wondering if they will still be calling themselves Russia after losing Rus completely and not being able to rewrite the history as they were doing for the recent 300 years...

Unfortunately, this raiding economy of the Golden Horde is much the same modus operandi of Vladimir Putin.

Whereas I also introduced the following, as to the older geographic conflicts, namely

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The situation in the religious sphere is even more stark. The Patriarch of Moscow, as to Orthodox Christianity is a 300+ old split off from the Orthodox church founded by Vladimir the Great of Kiev, about 980 or so AD.

Kievan Orthodox churches to this day have a historical back up which the Moscow branch can only dream of

So what was Russian (Moscow) policy for several centuries?

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The Ukrainian, Volodymyr Kukharenko largely got it right, Russian Policy for several hundred years has been largely a spinoff of the policy of the Golden Horde. An autarchy of raiding, piracy and of stealing of the resources of peripheral countries, all the way to the Warsaw Pact, which was an extortion scheme cemented upon Eastern Europe by Stalin

Today though, using the analogy of choke points and the primacy and control of trade, the initial Golden Horde raiding economy has been replaced by one of trade lines, i.e. see the following map, In the 1980s, President Ronald Reagan inveighed upon German authorities not to become totally beholden to Moscow for energy supplies. But no less than Angela Merkel of the former German Government defended this coupling of German energy dependence upon Russia. The stupidest move I have ever seen geo politically in my entire life.

In the scheme of things, Ukraine sat right on some of the major pipelines, so the Moscow policy, rather be focused upon raiding, was and is developing along the lines of trade control as intellectualized by Mahan in his treatise on sea power: The roots of the original fighting between early Moscow and Kiev is representable by this. See the coins of the two very different states and what they evolved into. And the second graph is of the Mahan resource war formulated by Vladimir Putin using the same. The history is related to by the coins, i.e. the extension of the Mongol Horde , the next graphic is of NANSANS missiles to be used to break up the attacks leveled on Ukraine, and the third is the gas pipeline linkage which has to be destroyed in order to break out of the resource trap and the choke points of Mahan sea power fame

In addition, we also had this utterance from Putin. I.e.

"Now we are faced with the need to more rapidly resolve issues associated with providing support for the special military operation and the need to counter economic restrictions that were imposed on us, which are truly unprecedented without any exaggeration," Putin told a newly formed Coordination Council, which was set up to improve support for the invasion of Ukraine, according to an official transcript from the Kremlin.

Putin's remarks have been translated differently by the AFP and Reuters, both of which have operations in Russia. While the Kremlin wrote that Putin used the phrase "economic restrictions," the AFP reported that Putin said Russia was facing "economic difficulties" due to sanctions over the war.

OOPS, he has not given up YET. He acknowledges “difficulties” without realizing that his system cannot remain viable unless he has a total conquest of Ukraine.



Coins of Rus, 10th century



Coins of Golden Horde,
14th century



Ukraine coin now

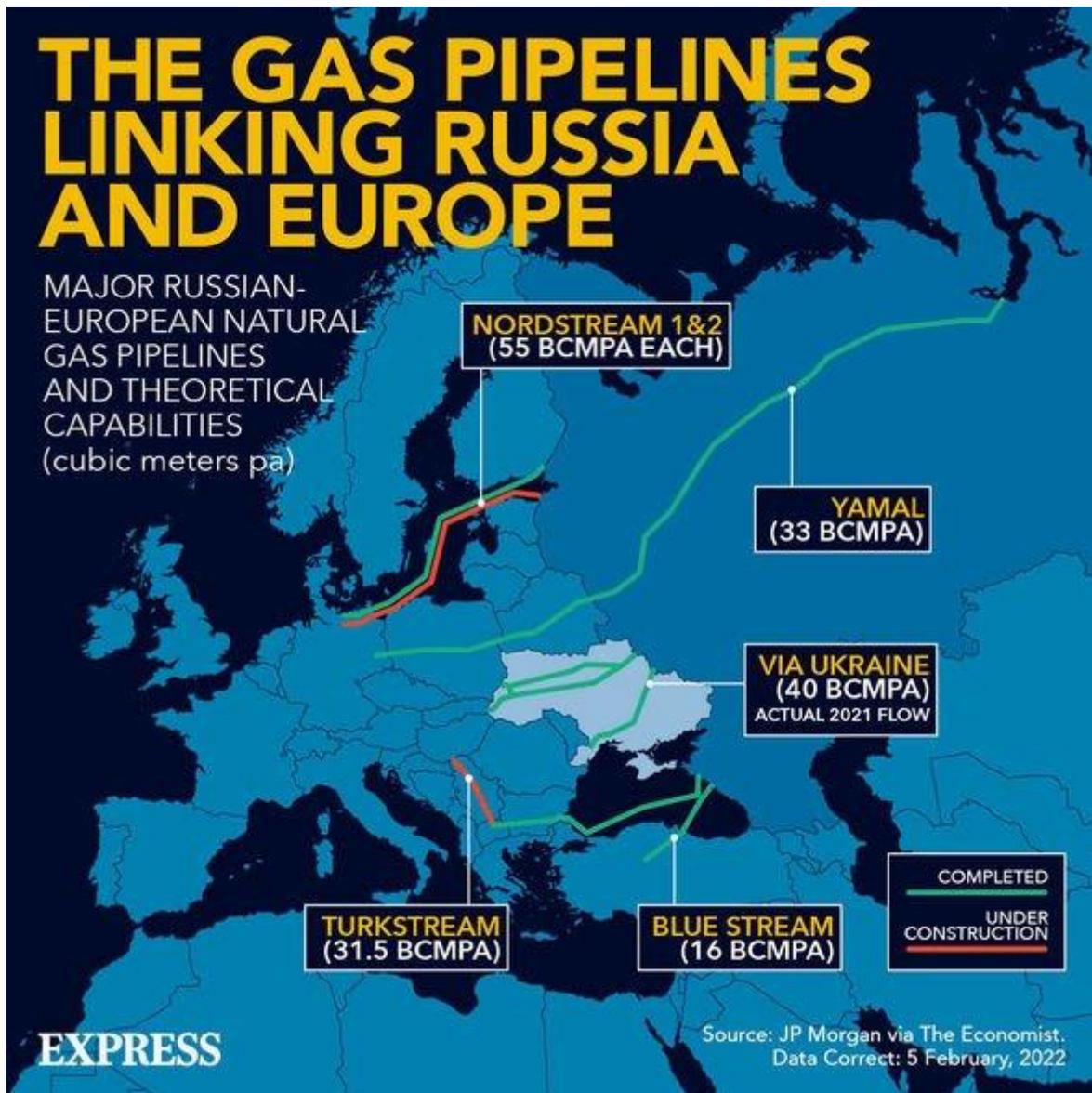


Russian coin now



THE GAS PIPELINES LINKING RUSSIA AND EUROPE

MAJOR RUSSIAN-EUROPEAN NATURAL GAS PIPELINES AND THEORETICAL CAPABILITIES (cubic meters pa)



EXPRESS

Source: JP Morgan via The Economist.
Data Correct: 5 February, 2022

So what is needed in order to get this situation off an eternal deadlock phase?

- A. The EU needs to STOP taking resources, in particular Petrol from the Russian Federation. i.e. this war with Ukraine started because of the Gas pipelines linking Russia and Europe to begin with.
- B. I am strongly suggesting, as a way out of it as to put serious investment into Space borne solar power collection to beam back to the Earth, as a way about our frenzied Petrol addition globally
- C. Recognize that the present form of the Russian Federation is not a legitimate government but one which is essentially an extension of the Russian Mafia, and that consulates and embassies of the PRESENT form of the Russian federation should be treated as enablers of a global crime spree, one which is initiated by Vladimir Putin for criminalistics, illegal gains which are not in the interest of the international community to tolerate

Slicing out the outreach of the present Kremlin regime will benefit countries all around the world and enable a chance for a non-Russian Mafia government to form in Moscow, whereas we should stop any inclination of normalizing what Putin is doing.

- D. The countries supplying Putin with weapons, Iran and N Korea, need to face sanctions at least on par with what Russia faces now
- E. This event, if confirmed needs to be supported.

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The Armed Forces of Ukraine control all bridges across the Dnieper in Kherson, the invaders will not be able to leave the city,

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What this likely means is that Putin, out of desperation may decide to use a tactical nuclear weapon in the Kherson area, i.e. the push back on this must be relentless

The other alternative is a dirty bomb used in destroying a major dam next to Kherson and to use that as a justification of theater nuclear weapons in Ukraine afterwards.

If that occurs, the USA and NATO need to swat Russian forces in the Crimea and sink the Black sea fleet. I.e. a one two punch which no one in the Russian Federation can miss

The primary path to recovery in this situation is that we have allowed ourselves to be punked by Putin's nuclear threats. In a word we need to stop it, and to stop enabling this shambolic criminality to continue indefinitely.