Support Ukraine and Push Russia Back

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The bottom line is this. Ukraine existed way before the Romanov dynasty and Peter the Great. Moscow was a way station as the tax collectors of the Golden Horde in 13-15 century times, whereas Kyiv has been going strong ever since the 700s-800s AD. All of the basic symbols garnered by the Russian Federation were misappropriated and stolen from Ukraine. This is so basic that anyone who in any way gives credence to the falsity of Ukrainian nationhood simply cannot be taken seriously. Byzantium's outreach was to the land of the Rus, i.e. UKRAINE over 500 years BEFORE Moscow was more than a trading outpost of robbers who were stealing from richer regions like the Republic of Novgorod-Volynsky Uyezd .

FTR I not only support Roman's point, I extend it and I in no way give credence to the weakness of the legitimacy of Ukraine as a Sovereign nation state.

The post I am responding to below does an injustice to Ukraine. Ukraine is NOT begging. It is the inheritor of a fantastic, rich civilization and the Kremlin, as well as the ROC have been ripping off the sinews of Slavic genius which was synthesized in the interplay between Kyiv and Byzantium. An interplay which in truth left Moscow in the shade for over 500 years and which no amount of lying on the part of either Putin, Lavrov, or the corrupt ROC can extinguish. The sinews of greatness were established half a thousand years before Moscow was conquered by the Golden Horde, and that is a fact which no number of massacres by the Kremlin can erase. Sorry, guys it is in the HISTORICAL record.

And since the time of the KGB and LINE X where whole scale thievery of technology was perfected as an art form to support a dysfunctional nation state, the one which was called a GAS station rather than a country (John McCain) the country invading Ukraine, has been figuratively the beggar. Begging other countries to fund its imperialism, as seen by selling at dirt cheap rates OIL to other nation states, including a host of them in Africa. The African case is especially ironic in that the Kremlin is trying to bribe its way for African states to support its genocide in Ukraine. And so I heartily refute with contempt any suggestion that Ukraine is begging for ANYTHING. Its invading scourge directed by the Kremlin is, once again PROJECTING its behavior upon Ukrainians. How many times have we seen THAT before? Edward McNeil, • 2nd • 2ndManaging Director IronMike Solutions, LLC FollowMy Thoughts on the War in Ukraine. Part One.

First let me say that I support Ukraine and the defeat of the Russian Forces that have invaded Ukraine. I support Ukraine in ways that I cannot talk about here.

However I do have some frustrations with Ukraine that I will try to express here.

First let me say that I have been paying attention to Eastern Europe and Ukraine since 2014. I tried to learn as much as I could about what was happening and why. So, when the false information was being spread about Ukraine and the war, I knew better than most.

I had recently returned in 2022 from one of my trips to Ukraine as the Russians were building up on the borders. My friends in Ukraine were hoping that nothing bad would happen. I thought this was odd since they were surrounded on three sides and every intelligence agency in the world was predicting a Russian Invasion. In the USA my friends and the press were expecting a rapid Russian Victory. I told them "No" the Ukrainians will fight and fight they did. In the early days it was the Ukrainian people that pushed back on the Russians after crates of AK 47's were dumped in almost every town and village square and every woman and child were making Molotov Cocktails.

Why was the Ukrainian Army so ill prepared, why were they not already mobilized? Through my company, IronMike Solutions, we had aided the Ukrainian Army prior to the Invasion of 2022. We were told by the Ukrainian Army "We do not need any training". Once again after the invasion we offered our services and this time we were told "What can you teach us? We have been fighting for a year." We made a third attempt along with our Ukrainian partner to offer our services in a very substantial way that would have added almost 20,000 NATO trained operators to the effort and once again we were told "no thanks". Is it because we expect to be paid for our services? If we offered them for free, would they say "Dah!".

Meanwhile Ukraine goes around begging for money and weapons, while story after story of corruption continues to leak out. I mean like Unit Commanders selling any additional supplies for cash instead of keeping them for the unit. Weapons being stolen from the armory and artillery support being withheld from one unit to the other because the Unit Commanders do not like each other. Meanwhile the average Ukrainian Soldier is getting about two weeks of training and two days on the rifle range. I have witnessed these poorly trained soldiers almost shoot each other time and time again. In Kyiv young men of fighting age are partying while their fathers and uncles are fighting and dying on the front lines. Why were they all not called up two years ago when patriotism was at its highest? Now they will be called up out of desperation and get two weeks of training before going to the front when it is almost too late for victory.

In spite of all this I still support Ukraine pushing the Russians back inside their borders.