

War in the East

Russia has had this little problem: In the century since the overthrow of the monarchy it has been invaded by: Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia, Poland, Germany (twice), Austria, Hungary, Czechia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Serbia, Montenegro, Croatia, Bulgaria, Romania, Japan, Britain, France (twice – Nazi volunteer army), Italy (twice), Spain (Nazi volunteer army), and probably several more – and since most passed through Ukraine, what happens in that region is a concern. After the transition of Stalinism to Capitalism, that trusting blockhead Gorbachev made a deal with the first Bush – Russia will remove its entire 380,000 western force on the promise that the west will not situate military bases along our border. Bush said - “I promise”. And Clinton along with Nato allies began the encircling of Russia with military forces – along with their Nato allies.

Russia is in no way a danger to the combined forces of Nato. The destruction of Russia is what happens with dying systems: after consuming the smaller nations capital must pursue larger fare, and Russia, the only country to once experience Marxist communism for a few years, is the favored choice for destruction and absorption.

In 2014 the US and allies staged the neo-Nazi overthrow of the relatively neutral government. That was followed by a civil war of Ukrainians led by the Nazi against Russians (1/3 of Ukraine population). 14,000 were killed before a truce was agreed upon and the Minsk accords on peace and national rights was signed. Ukraine just ignored it. When the relatively honest (or naive) Zelensky in 2019 announced that he was going to the majority Russian areas of his country to complete the peace process was blocked by the neo-Nazi armed forces. Ukraine is the only country in the world that officially recognizes neo-Nazis armies as part of its security apparatus.

When Putin learned that the Ukrainian troop control system had already been integrated into NATO he realized he was about to be presented with a fait accompli. Thus the recognition of the Donbas and Luhansk mini nations. Donbas, before it was broken up in the fascist insurrection, included the port of Mariupol with access to the

Sea of Azov and a land route to Crimea. Russia will presumably use its forces to return the Donbas region to its earlier state.

Hopefully the war will be a lesson to younger folks about how easy it is for powerful nations to transform a population into blind obedience and acceptance at a moments notice. The masses of the world in all the nations tied to Nato have steamrolled their masses into believing simple minded rubbish. Ukrainian people deserve to have a safe free and democratic society. Instead they are part of one of the shittiest nations in the world because they also have been overwhelmed by their totalitarian rulers.

A most evident symptom of blind acceptance in the west is how no one seems to notice that what Russia has legitimately done and is doing is what what the US and allies criminally did to Yugoslavia – start a war to convert the Kosovo province of that country into a new base for American forces.

How Chinese ‘Communists’ Become Capitalists

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The evident wealth of the Chinese 'communist' elite doesn't just come from tapping into their control of the banking system, or straightforward bribe taking from private capitalists seeking loans, though there have been plenty cases of both. Chinese capitalism has developed to such an extent that a state organized enterprise system can easily partner with private capitalists for the mutual benefit of both.

The process of capitalist development in China is much like the same in states that advanced from feudal relations to capitalist, as in Europe, or the even closer transition in the US (discounting the feudal anomaly in the South) from an incipient capitalism in an early industrial phase to the state assistance that led to the advanced

capitalism that we have today. That same type of development is often impossible today. Newly independent states, especially in Africa, were usually crushed in the bud by the major capitalist states that convinced/forced them into permanent underdevelopment (comprador capitalism). In others the military used control of assets to substitute themselves as capitalists. Both inevitably failed because of corruption or associated causes.

China has advanced through a series of changes -- from simply making loans for what they wanted to appointed overseers participating in corporate decision making -- which produced indifferent results. But the municipal government of Hefei had a better idea when they learned that the electric car maker NIO was near bankruptcy. They obtained funds for the purchase of 17% of its share value. Moved its headquarters from Shanghai to their city, and in two years were able to cash-out with a neat profit -- just like any western venture capitalist.

But Hefei had good fortune to be successful so soon. Others have moved their investments further away from risk by investing in funds, which also seals off state interference in decision making (and also direct responsibility for failures). In 2015 Chinese officials created a fund-of-funds much like those found in private equity investments. Its 2.14 trillion yuan (\$338 billion) will be used to invest (or purchase) investment funds thus further leaving business decisions in the hands of capitalist entrepreneurs. China is well on its way to incorporate all the main features of capitalism with, of course, 'improvements' enhanced by Chinese characteristics.

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