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Obama Slams Door in Putin's Face: Says if Putin doesn't want Russia's retaliatory forces eliminated, he'll need to be the one to press the nuclear button first

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by **Eric Zuesse**

Actions speak louder than mere words, and U.S. President Barack Obama has now acted, not only spoken. His action is to refuse to discuss with Russian President Vladimir Putin, Russia's biggest worry about recent changes in America's nuclear strategy — particularly a stunning change that is terrifying Putin.

On Sunday June 5th, Reuters headlined "Russia Says U.S. Refuses Talks on Missile Defence System", and reported that, "The United States has refused Russian offers to discuss Washington's missile defence programme, Russian Deputy Defence Minister Anatoly Antonov was quoted as saying on Sunday, calling the initiative 'very dangerous'."

Russia's concern is that, if the "Ballistic Missile Defense" or "Anti Ballistic Missile" system, that the United States is now just starting to install on and near Russia's borders, works, then the United States will be able to launch a surprise nuclear attack against Russia, and this system, which has been in development for decades and is technically called the "Aegis Ashore Missile Defense System", will annihilate the missiles that Russia launches in retaliation, which will then leave the Russian population with no retaliation at all, except for the nuclear contamination of the entire northern hemisphere, and global nuclear winter, the blowback from America's onslaught against Russia, which blowback some strategists in the West say would be manageable problems for the U.S. and might be worth the cost of eliminating Russia.

That theory, of a winnable nuclear war (which in the U.S. seems to be replacing the prior theory, called "M.A.D." for Mutually Assured Destruction) was first prominently put forth in 2006 in the prestigious U.S. journal *Foreign Affairs*, headlining "The Rise of Nuclear Primacy" and which advocated for a much bolder U.S. strategic policy against Russia, based upon what it argued was America's technological superiority against Russia's weaponry and a possibly limited time-window in which to take advantage of it before Russia catches up and the opportunity to do so is gone.

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Paul Craig Roberts was the first reporter in the West to write in a supportive way about Russia's concerns that Barack Obama might be a follower of that theory. One of Roberts's early articles on this was issued on 17 June 2014 and headlined "Washington Is Beating The War Drums", where he observed that "US war doctrine has been changed. US nuclear weapons are no longer restricted to a retaliatory force, but have been elevated to the role of preemptive nuclear attack."

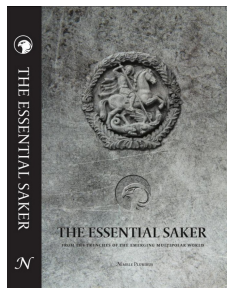
Russia's President Vladimir Putin has tried many times to raise this issue with President Obama, the most recent such instance being via a public statement of his concern, made on May 27th. Apparently, the public statement by Antonov on June 5th is following up on that latest Putin effort, by Antonov's announcement there that Obama now explicitly refuses to discuss Putin's concerns about the matter.

The fact that these efforts on the part of the Russian government are via public media instead of via private conversations (such as had been the means used during the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962, when the shoe was on the other foot and the U.S. President was concerned about the Soviet President's installation of nuclear missiles 90 miles from the U.S. border) suggests that Mr. Obama, unlike U.S. President John Fitzgerald Kennedy in 1962, refuses to communicate with Russia, now that the U.S. is potentially in the position of the aggressor.

Russia is making its preparations, just in case it will (because of the Aegis Ashore system) need to be the first to attack. However, some knowledgeable people on the subject say that Russia will never strike first. Perhaps U.S. President Obama is proceeding on the basis of a similar assumption, and this is the reason why he is refusing to discuss the matter with his Russian counterpart. However, if Mr. Obama wishes to avoid a nuclear confrontation, then refusing even to discuss the opponent's concerns would not be the way to go about doing that. Obama is therefore sending signals to the contrary — that he is preparing a nuclear attack against Russia — simply by his refusal to discuss the matter. In this case, his action of refusal is, itself, an answer to Putin's question, like slamming the door in Putin's face would be. It's a behavioral answer, instead of a merely verbal one.

The geostrategist John Helmer discussed on May 30th the question of when the "Trigger Point" will likely be for Putin to decide whether there is no reasonable alternative but to launch — and for him then to launch — World War III.

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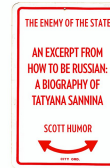
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Uncle Bob 1



I'm not sure that I would/should put total faith in the conclusions drawn in this article. But on the other hand, I do think there are valid questions here,that need answers. And it seems to me that to make sure that Russia has nuclear weapons not covered by those shields (if they do work.A big question in itself) should be a start. It must be made "crystal clear" to the US that the shields won't protect the US homeland from feeling a massive life-ending nuclear strike. If they have stopped worrying about MAD as some say. Then efforts must be made to "show" them they need to start worrying again. I can't think of any time in history ,certainly modern history. When "turning the other cheek"to the US has been a good plan. The Soviets tried that with the end of the Cold War. And that was directly responsible for the situation we are in now.

REPLY

June 6, 2016 1:08 am

Anonymous



@ Uncle Bob 1

"I can't think of any time in history ,certainly modern history, when "turning the other cheek"to the US has been a good plan."

Very true. Russia has been retreating all the way until eventually there won't be any more room left and the coup de grace will fall, in other words, there will be no more room for manoeuvre. Rephrasing what somebody said (Veronica?) turning the other the cheek to Uncle Sam means you end up with two black eyes.

This is a recurring theme: Azion benefits the Nato figleaf to position its lethal weaponry on Russia's border, evidently relying on the European shield to protect the US mainland by restricting the conflict to Europe. Russia has no such shield unless it creates the conditions to neutralize Europe by dismembering Nato.

There have been several opportunities to show the Euro-Nato side that the US is not going to sacrifice its safety to protect the minions; yet Russia has not taken the opportunity for a robust demonstration that the emperor has no clothes and Nato only exists to extend US power and influence but no security.

Kim

REPLY

June 6, 2016 6:47 am

Kazlov



I would cite the words of Comrade Stalin: Not a step backwards, Go Russia.

REPLY

June 6, 2016 1:28 pm

Andy tonti



Certainly agree with your position. Just pondering what would follow if Sanders



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was elected and the neocons and neoliberals lost much of their influence and authority. Right now it's only Sanders who is publicly branding neoliberalism for the brutish, anti-human ideology at its essence, US is bonkers. We have highly frightening and clinically paranoid calling for this new military offensive against Russia. Americans are so thoroughly programmed to fall in line with US foreign policy to protect and maintain democratic principles that they could and might buy into a survivable, nuclear showdown!!!

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REPLY

June 7, 2016 11:22 pm

Purple Library
Guy

Sanders is great and all, but on imperialism he's always toed the line fairly obediently, if with less enthusiasm than some. Anyway, he ain't gonna be elected.

REPLY

June 10, 2016 4:51 pm

Anonymous

Unfortunately, Sanders has too shown his true colours by endorsing the warring hag Hillary. Trump may very well be a bit in a ga-ga land, however, between the 2 options, he's much less likely to unleash hell in which we all would burn. On the other hand, colloquially speaking, I can totally see Hillary taking selfies with her finger on a proverbial nuclear button, that nasty smile of hers and all.

REPLY

August 10, 2016 5:04 pm

Veritas

Uncle Bob,

All you state is correct.

Lavrov just announced Russia is going to give the strongest air support to the Syrians in Aleppo

<https://www.rt.com/news/345552-lavrov-syria-aleppo-support/>

I think the gloves are slowly but surely coming off. The US has been given since February to pull out its "moderates". Anyone with a modicum of intelligence can now see the US duplicity in all its ugly glory. Lavrov even has a dig about their behaviour "behind Russia's backs"- they have now been embarrassed and exposed.

Look who is going to the SPIEF – Juncker, Ban Ki Moon, Italian Premiere etc.....something is going on....

To have a leader of a so called global power not even speak to Russia and its President just shows the level of childish imbecilic individuals in charge of the US – very dangerous and downright scary. Obama's ego is uncontrollable.

Well at least the Russians have tried their best and cannot be blamed for what may follow :(

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June 6, 2016 1:55 pm

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And so we have another very good reason for a Trump-Military alliance to stage a coup and end Zionist (neo-con) control of the US.

REPLY

June 7, 2016 2:55 am

sovereigntea

Key Trump supporter & financial backer is Sheldon Adelson oligarch / gangster who also backs the madman Netanyahu.

REPLY

June 13, 2016 7:18 pm

Anonymous

"Lavrov even has a dig about their behaviour "behind Russia's backs"- they have now been embarrassed and exposed."

Not really. The US rulers have a moral deficiency: they cannot be embarrassed.

REPLY

June 10, 2016 8:47 am

Skip

When your sitting deep under ground with your thumb up your arse what do you really care?

REPLY

August 2, 2016 3:25 pm

Rzhevskiy

Not sure what yanks are thinking. 2 Borey class subs, one at each US coast carry sufficient amount of nukes to wipe US out of the map for good. Russia has much more than just that. If the hawks in US establishment think that someone is gonna play dog fights or battle ships, they gotta be out of their mind. The reality is simple – Russia is not out to attack anyone. Meanwhile US just about pushed the line it should never cross. If crossed, it won't matter who would de facto win in the end, for all intents an purposes yankistan will be done.

REPLY

August 10, 2016 4:05 pm

Hutch5321

One could make a good argument for Washington, D.C. attempting suicide. They're demonstrating signs of collective mental illness. How is a person even supposed to look at their own country, when they attempt such foolishness as this?

It really is beyond words

REPLY

June 6, 2016 1:19 am

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alan



By now I am wondering the same thing, i.e. Americans are seriously sick, at least mentally. May be it's because they have been assuming, or used to think, they are number 1 in the world, and GOD made it that way; but now in the multi-polar era, they see their supremacy seem to be slipping, and after 15 years of negative middle class income growth, they cannot stand it anymore, and no longer care if they live, and if they cannot live, they dont want the rest of the world to live, and they have the means to make sure of that!

REPLY

June 6, 2016 3:08 am ^

Anonymous



throwing their teddy out of the pram has been a US characteristic since the end of the 2nd world war. They're used to getting their own way and absolutely in terms of ego and collective ego refuse to accept that the world has fundamentally changed (which it has and will continue to do) This will only get worse under Clinton. It is because they are isolated from the consequences of their actions .. ok 9/11 was the greatest terrorist attack in history, hugely symbolic, but was not perpetrated by and 'organisation' or country that was a real threat .. although the US pretended it was. Look at the destruction they have wrought upon the world in return.

Putin and to a lesser extent Xi have to show what they are capable of, they have to show that 1) any US pre emptive attack will fail (or largely so) and that 2) the retaliatory strike will in effect consign the US to history. Then they may be willing to talk. The problem is not Obamas pathetic posturing it is where HRC is going to take it. There has to be an end point to this, I don't think cold war 2.0 is an option for the west in the long run as their economic model is finished .. perhaps that is the plan, they know theyre finished and are simply preparing to lash out in a last ditch attempt to save whats left, all civilisations reach a tipping point, are the US smart enough to integrate? Nothing in their rather immature history suggests that they are.

REPLY

June 6, 2016 11:44 am ^

Michel van Dijk



911 was a inside job, don't you know?

REPLY

June 6, 2016 2:36 pm

Eric Zuesse



The commenter's collective references to the American public are, I think, falsely blaming the public when the evil is actually among (and widespread amongst) the aristocracy. Today's U.S. is a dictatorship; its government represents the national aristocracy, not the public. Though there are factions within this aristocracy, for example Democrats versus Republicans, the entire aristocracy supports the effort to conquer Russia (albeit, some aristocrats do so in only a passive way, but no American aristocrats are outright opposing it).

REPLY

June 6, 2016 4:14 pm ^

blue



(public domain) Contractual Election... Remember the 1994 'Contract with America'? How'd that work out? And now we hear about Trump wanting to make 'great deals'. Of course Trump, and Republicans are not the only ones involved in contracts and deals: all the politicians, and the backbone of corporate sales and marketing, is about deals and contracts. Consider the typical contract, which is what a deal actually is. A legal party — a person or company — has a contract with some other party. You give a store a few dollars and they give you some food. That's an unwritten contract — but there is an implied merchantability in the law: the food is supposed to be edible. Or you have a contractor put on a new roof, and you have a contract: you pay them money and they do the job, giving you a roof with a warranty that it meets some standards, such as lasting for so many years and keeping the rain out. If one party fulfills the contract but the other doesn't, then you can sue for breach of contract and, if you win, be compensated, although if you get a rotten onion it's hardly worth trying to sue if the store doesn't settle up. If the other party doesn't settle up but it's a big corporation then it may be impractical or impossible to take them on, in terms of costs or trouble, and fighting with their team of lawyers. If the government is doing it's job you can complain to various agencies who are supposed to enforce consumer and safety laws and standards, but now that it's drowning in a... [Read more »](#)

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June 6, 2016 7:38 pm

RockyrAcoon



The solution to lying politicians is that they be subject to instant recall if they fail to implement the platform and duties they were elected to do.
It would be a good start.
RR

REPLY

June 22, 2016 9:12 pm

Hapax



Aristocracy? More like a kakocracy.

REPLY

June 7, 2016 11:07 am

Mich



Thanks, mr. Zuesse, for this touch of sensibleness.

The USA and the EU are no longer democracies, and their common citizens can't be considered accountable for their actions, let alone belief.

There is no grain of truth, or even likeliness, in the whole mainstream media accounts.

As for the "aristocracy", it is fundamentally diverse from 2-3

decades ago and before then.

The new group is evidently (and not surprisingly for who knows something about the world history) psychologically unbalanced. If they were not, they would not be pushing against both Russia and China at the same time.

The fact that the US is losing its financial power, obviously, deepens the unbalance: the more habituated humans and groups of them get to being obeyed the more the shock to their psyche when they happen to be not.

The hope is that Russia and China understand what is at stake, the (unbalanced) psychology of their aggressors, put aside their lack of reciprocal trust and rivalry, and join one another.

A "they are attacking X, so we, Y, are still safe" mindset would, I think, end in both X and Y end subjugated, and the whole world enslaved.

You may think: isn't it enslaved already? Yes, more or less yes. But a multi-master world is incomparably and incommensurably better than a one-master world.

 REPLY

⌚ June 8, 2016 1:25 am

Anonymous



Alan,

Not all Americans believe the nonsense which the U.S. government continually attempts to indoctrinate it's citizens. Granted, folks such as myself, may be a small minority of the U. S. population. If an American administration ever decides to actually attack Russia—by the grace of God—if at such a time, I could be standing on Russian soil, I would want to be there, rather than side with the Americans. The larger unspoken point, is that arguably, a time has now been reached—seemingly past inconsequential, nationalistic 'saber rattling,'—in which the majority of the American population, who do realize, the gravity, and 'mad dog, ludicrousness' of those advocating strategic and military actions against Russia, should be 'removed.' Meaning, the time has come for 'a change' in the elites comprising the various branches of American government; NGO's, as well as elements within the 'Iron Triangle,' that advocate and supporting imbecilic offensive military action against Russia. It is truly a deranged grand strategy; one which would certainly if realized, forfeit human lives on a previously unreached scale; also wasting tremendous monetary resources with absolutely no altruistic or moral benefits to be realized.

 REPLY

⌚ June 11, 2016 11:29 pm

A.B. Prosper



Most of the West is in crisis, Germany and some of European nations are becoming Turk, Arab and African, others are on the verge of falling apart with little Sweden even having its ministers crying that the nation is going to collapse. The US is no better off and is about to break down among racial lines, Long term, if Russia gets its ethnic Russian birth rates to stay up it is unique positioned to be a greater power than it is now, If whoever succeeds Putin is like him, there will be enormous opportunities for many ears to come since its main adversary the US might not even exist as a nation and Europe will either be in Dhimmitude or Nationalist possibly with Russian help. The threat level will plummet since the population will be too old and

unreliable and poor to fight and the tech innovation will simply vanish. It's not that great right now, our wonder weapon the F35 is a hanger queen and the new railguns so expensive the US may never use them.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-3624563/Is-America-s-railgun-doomed-Claims-superweapon-shoot-projectiles-six-times-speed-sound-abandoned-cheaper-alternatives.html> Folks here simply may not understand the situation the US is in, we are a decade maybe two from the 3rd world. Even if we dodge that, the cold warriors are mostly 60 now, They'll be gone soon and younger folks who will be from 65 or younger will either be less ideological about Russia (Gen X) or not from that time at all, often not even European. The people that run the West know this but are ideologically blinkered and unable to change course, Now as to the short run, Obama will not start World... [Read more »](#)

 REPLY

🕒 June 9, 2016 1:24 am

Anonymous



Right on Hutch! Call me a "conspiracy theorist" but since it co-insides with this billionaire communist SOROS guy (supposedly helping with funding the migrant/refugee crisis in Europe AS WELL AS THE "Black Lives Matter" movement!) adding Obama's decision to NOT determine "BLM" as a dangerous militant group, make one wonder why the dots are beginning to connect! Were not Obama and Hillary, and her husband ALSO involved in pro communists activities in their University years? What's stinking in Denmark?

 REPLY

🕒 July 20, 2016 2:17 am

Martin from Soviet East-Berlin



Don't blame this empty-sculled robot, he only reads what

they instruct him to:

And robots are not afraid of radiation, so ...

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<http://www.zerohedge.com/news/2016-06-04/caught-tape-day-teleprompter-died>

 REPLY

🕒 June 6, 2016 1:34 am

Boris Kazlov



Am I reading this right?

Amazing, this imbecile is provoking Putin to launch a nuclear strike first.

Surely they know that is not in Russia's spirit nor in their military doctrine.

It will now be in the hands of God to eliminate this scourge from His planet.

 REPLY

🕒 June 6, 2016 1:44 am ^

Parfois



@ Boris

I'm afraid, if you are waiting for God's help you'll be waiting 'til kingdom come and then it will be to late.

 REPLY

🕒 June 6, 2016 7:05 am

Phil S.



Whilst your assessment may be correct, never forget that Russians are VERY good chess players. Russia has had more than a “few years” to observe the development and testing of the Aegis system, and I have no doubt that those years have been put to good use.

Complain about the deployment? Of course they will – if Russia kept quiet then the West might be suspicious. The more Russia protests, the more the West is assured that “it has the capability”.

This in turn leads to two important facts:

1. “Easy Wars” (Libya, Iraq) lead to a false sense of superiority – we KNOW this happens, and it WILL have happened to US / NATO forces. NATO has yet to engage any “comparable force”, let alone one fighting on it's home doorstep (with the logistical advantages that provides)
2. “Pretence of Offence” – Russia may well be “pretending” to feel threatened – again to reinforce 1 above: The Russian Military are all taught psychological warfare techniques and strategies, and this could well be such an instance. Certainly Aegis Ashore could well be viewed as a genuine threat, but the current Diplomatic (and Public) exchanges may not be entirely legit.!

They HAVE had time to observe / analyse / prepare. I feel “reasonably certain” that the Russian military might not consider Aegis Ashore to be as great a threat as their Politicians maintain, however if the “broadcast mindset” suggests one of significant concern, this may just be all part of the strategy to encourage over-confidence in one's opponent.

REPLY

🕒 June 6, 2016 7:24 am ^

HDan



In that case it would be highly advisable to create a death trap for the Orks, encourage them to strike and then finish them off using your own ABM capabilities, though sadly that's unlikely to happen since Russia has had not enough time and resources, atleast 5 – 10 years to develop that capability strategically. However at any rate only a ruse will enable Russia or Russia-China combined to KILL the snake to the level it poses no threat anymore for atleast a hundred years.

REPLY

🕒 July 24, 2016 12:54 am

Dom Rice



Always keep in mind 'Barry O' is a mere mouthpiece of a dark insane group. He's a walking talking tele prompted House boy B grade actor whose pay is fame trinkets money & protection from prosecution and whose leash is blackmail from a lifetime of corruption, fakeness and vice and the reality of a fatal accident. Putin on the other hand is the real deal. So Im backing Russia.

REPLY

🕒 June 6, 2016 1:52 am ^

Anonymous



And a place in Bunker World to scuttle down into when the time comes.

[← REPLY](#)

⌚ June 6, 2016 9:28 pm ^

[SanctuaryOne](#)

"Mr. President, we must not allow a mineshaft gap"

Dr. Strangelove begins to look like an understatement, doesn't it?

The (war) show must go on. Signed by the MIC.

[← REPLY](#)

⌚ June 11, 2016 5:48 pm

[Martin from Soviet
East-Berlin](#)

What do we expect from Nobel Peace Prize winners
Obomber and Bandera-Savchenko-Timoshenko-Poroshenko EU?

They will sure make peace on this world. Like Poroshenko did to 50k in the DonBass.

A long lasting one (minimum 10000 years).

The methods vary between cultures.

But hey – Peace is Peace, no?

Always these never happy always dissatisfied critics ...

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⌚ June 6, 2016 1:57 am

[vot tak](#)

The usa working on a nuclear primacy scheme is not a recent development, as the author stated. It's always been their goal from the very beginning of the manhattan project. MAD put this goal on a back burner for a while, but as soon as the ghouls thought they had reach a tech level where they could again resume a first strike strategy, they quickly dropped MAD and returned to preparing a first strike.

The Russians have long known all this and never actually ceased preparing their own strategy to defeat a surprise first strike. A Russian first strike to preempt an american one is not likely very high on the things to plan list, though. Creating very good air defence and delivery vehicles immune to american anti-missile offense weapon is high on that list and Russia is the world leader in those two departments. As long as Russia maintains that lead, an american first strike remains too chancy for the zionazi-nazi oligarchs to try.

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⌚ June 6, 2016 2:46 am ^

[RGerrish](#)

My opinion is this article is highly accurate. The reason the US is acting so blatantly aggressive is because their economy is due to implode at any time now. Look at the latest jobs report – 38k jobs created vs 158k estimated. And the US debt – closing in on \$20 trillion very quickly; already greater than 100% of GDP. Their military is funded via fiat paper money that they print at will. The warmongering is to divert attention from the economic mess they are in. And the solution to the mess – let's start another war. That will boost the economy. Too bad the rest of the world couldn't get together and crater the US dollar first, in the interest of global peace!

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⌚ June 6, 2016 4:36 am ^

Victor

In prior years I would have agreed that war will be good for the economy. Today, however, we are talking about the real possibility of a nuclear war. No way such a war could be good for the economy. A war that lasts one hour is not going to help the economy.

[REPLY](#)

June 6, 2016 7:48 am

Bro

True enough, Victor. The whole concept is a piece of idiocy that almost never applies to anyone except a victor in war whose homeland is never touched, by virtue of being far removed from the main action by two large oceans. That scenario no longer applies.

The loser in war clearly incurs a disaster of enormous proportions, but what Americans miss is that history abounds with Pyrrhic victories where the "winners", in effect, really lost, in terms of ending up much worse off than they were before the outbreak of war.

With the advent of intercontinental missiles the silly concept of "We need a nice war to get the economy moving!" should consign its utterers to the loony bin. Besides the fact that it was always an evil concept, even before intercontinental missiles arrived on the world scene.

[REPLY](#)

June 6, 2016 2:33 pm

Eric Zuesse

The weaponry has already been sold, and lots more are on order. War is bad for the economy, especially for the loser, but it is always extremely profitable for some aristocrats.

[REPLY](#)

June 6, 2016 4:19 pm

Mich

Well, it's only owing to fear that they keep accepting the dollar all over the world.

The USA are never going to repay their foreign debt, obviously. But, as you say, they can continue to hold power till they can continue to print banknotes + immaterial, "digital" currency.

China is slowly — as is in their wise, cautious style — preparing to set their currency on the world stage as an option to the dollar.

This is what will end the USA's hegemony: another currency that gets picked over their one.

No need to tell you they are going to leave no stone unturned in order to prevent that from coming true.

[REPLY](#)

June 8, 2016 1:34 am

JohnF

"MAD put this goal on a back burner for a while,"

Until They Started Following Their PNAC Think Tank Minutes – Need A New Pearl Harbor (911) – To Keep America & Israel As Kings Of The Mountain – No rules or laws apply.

 REPLY

 June 6, 2016 2:12 pm

John



Let's suppose that Russia took the initiative to place missile installations along the Canadian and Mexican or even the Cuban borders. Do you think the US would tolerate this for an instant?

Why, then, does Russia tolerate it? It makes absolutely no sense. The Russians should tell the US that missiles in Poland will not be tolerated and the installations will be destroyed with conventional armaments. As for the new Romanian ones, they should give the US exactly 30 days to get them out or they too will be destroyed with conventional armaments. There will be no need to go further. It's time the US sees that Russia is truly serious and will not submit.

They should immediately allow the E. Ukrainians to return to Russia in accordance with their previous referendum.

They should tell the US to begin leaving their bases elsewhere along Russian borders or they two will be destroyed.

They must tell the US that the weapons available today are too terrible to be acting in the provocative way they are doing. It must stop. The US must understand that it has to renounce its dreams of world hegemony and joined the ranks of law-abiding nations that want peace and normal trade relations, and, ideally, a move towards more sustainable industrial economies.

 REPLY

 June 6, 2016 3:09 am 

John



Sorry for the typo: :-(

...or they too will be destroyed.

 REPLY

 June 6, 2016 6:03 am 

Parfois



@ John

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Indeed, that would be a relatively low risk strategy – no casualties they would have warning to vacate the bases – and the message would be loud and clear for the Eastern European wardogs that they are playing with fire.

 REPLY

 June 6, 2016 7:22 am 

freedom007



You mean the russian bear should growl louder.

sorry, but this would be bad chess-playing. It would only reactivate old delusions about evil aggressive Russia which would give lots of "water for the U.S. millwheels" of propaganda.

Better let USrael/NATO show their naked butts to Humankind without Russian counter-strikes, until, either, God forbid, really nothing else remains for Russia than massive counter-striking, or, which I would hope for, a global economic crisis stops the Western idiocy, enforcing on the West to mind its own affairs and leave the rest of the world in peace... without nukes flying!

While people think "Why does russia tolerate more and even more provocations", Russian technocracy have plenty of time to prepare both civil institutions and weaponry for the Worst Case, when their Motherland can no longer keep quiet and turn the other cheek.

I, personally, suppose them to already have prepared very well. Better than the Westerners.

NB I mentioned, in another comment, Sri Haidakhan Babaji's prophesies about WW III. He said one sentence about this world-wide disaster which points either to a weakness of Gulf Stream, or to a nuclear winter: "In Haidakhan, it will be as cold as in Badrinath." Badrinath is a pilgrimage place in the Himalayas, 5000 metres above sea, at the snow border, while Haidakhan, in North India, about 1000 metres above sea, lies in a region as warm as Tunisia. Let us hope he only meant a Gulf Stream disturbance, not nuke-war consequences!

 REPLY

🕒 June 6, 2016 11:07 am ^

John



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Why would this be better? And who cares about the propaganda. Isn't it already false and aggressive enough already?

The Russians acted correctly when they swiftly defended S. Ossetia and when they swiftly held to their base in Crimea and acted on the referendum. Sure, the hegemon screamed and pouted, but did nothing. I repeat: they did nothing. They could to nothing. Similarly, they will do nothing and can do nothing if Russia acts to remove threats at its borders and puts a definitive stop to all this stupid US provocation. This is far more preventive of the catastrophic "massive" counterstrike you are promoting. The line has to be drawn somewhere, and better sooner than too late.

 REPLY

🕒 June 7, 2016 12:08 am

Marcel
Leutenegger



Putin already publicly stated in Greece that Russia will take out these installations when they are upgraded to attack missiles with longer range (1000-2500km).

REPLY

June 6, 2016 4:12 pm

Scanfish



My thoughts exactly. I believe John Helmer's 'trigger' is not about a nuclear first strike by Russia as some may think, but a 'trigger' to destroy that ABM installation in Romania with Iskander-M missiles from Kaliningrad, as Putin himself darkly hinted recently when he said the Iskander-M missile is a great weapon with reference to the ABM in Romania and how they are now in the crosshairs.

NATO would never see those missiles coming and the shock wave would reverberate all the way to Washington, hopefully waking them up from their hubris, but best of all waking up the Europeans to the danger the US has brought to their homeland.

REPLY

June 6, 2016 7:06 pm

Espina



I agree, i think Russia will take out the batteries in Romania and Poland with either a pinpoint strike or some little green saboteurs, maybe both.

Espina

REPLY

June 6, 2016 10:00 pm

Zula



This is what I do not understand, Russia or China hardly retaliate for every sanctions on them. Let us face it, the US is risk taker. One of its techniques is to keep provoking so that the nemesis strikes then they declare for full retaliatory in defense. This tactic worked for nuclear attack against Japan. I think Russia is using wait-and-see method. By then the closer it gets the most likely NATO will full scale ground invasion to entangle the Russian bear so that Russia will not have a chance to press the nuclear button. Either way it is lose for Russia as it allowed particularly the occupation of Ukraine. It should have acted swiftly as it did when Georgia attacked Ossetia. Or even find a way to influence Romania, Poland etc not to host NATO. Without being too pessimistic, Russia has declined since 1991. Almost always, it is the enemy within that destroys self, kind of like how the devil in the snake approached and convinced eve in Eden to eat that fruit. What is uncertain is China as well. If they surly unite and declare Mark's motto, an attack or even a threat to one is an attack or threat against the other then NATO would not have encroached. There might be some kind of economic alliance with the west since the British handed over Hong Kong to China;) and China's economic prosperity ever since then. Connect the dot.

REPLY

July 17, 2016 4:44 pm

Phil S



Some "Nobel PEACE Prize winner", folks, along with "Hope and Change" – seems the "Hope" may be for a quick (relatively painless) death, and the "Change" will be for planetary remodelling on a scale never before seen.

Perhaps the US needs reminding that three of the new Borei missile boats are already in the water, each with their 16 Bulava missiles (each with 10 MIRVED warheads)

With the US money-saving penchant for minimal stock-holding, "just in time" delivery for all things essential, those three boats alone would all but guarantee "Bye, bye Miss American Pie" should things escalate.

 REPLY

🕒 June 6, 2016 3:38 am

Butte Bill



The Russians attempted to install nuclear missiles in Cuba back in 1962 in retaliation for the USSA installing missiles in Turkey. Khrushchev agreed to pull missiles out after getting Kennedy to agree to remove Turkish missiles.

And the submarines are still out there.

 REPLY

🕒 June 6, 2016 3:39 am ▲

Eric Zuesse



That wasn't "the Russians"; it was the Soviet Union — and Khrushchev was Ukrainian.

 REPLY

🕒 June 6, 2016 4:22 pm

Ari benDavid



Atmospheric simulations indicate that the release of 100 to 200 or more nuclear weapons in cities will reverse all fears of global warming! Indeed, we will have nuclear winter as all agriculture shuts down. Apparently our leaders are becoming cavalier about these weapons and their potential for the ultimate in destruction. Demonic in the extreme. To eliminate Russia? For what?

 REPLY

🕒 June 6, 2016 4:28 am

Anonymous



My opinion " Working for the destruction of the world to save continental Europe" Think of how difficult is suicide attack to control!!! But remember we still are unaware of the reason for suicidal attitudes. Good then,when a nation changes in to suicidal action,everthing we do will become act of madness. That is what i understand from the article. Pushing Russia into nuclear suicide.

 REPLY

🕒 June 6, 2016 4:58 am

Megawolk



I would extend this at least among people

<http://thesaker.is/a-russian-warning/>

 REPLY

🕒 June 6, 2016 5:43 am

JM



I have been reading this and follow politics for over 40 years. One thing I have concluded is that 99.99999% make no decisions and we are all nothing in the eyes of the ones running the show. I believe Putin, Obama et al. are all deciding the next episode of the series

[REPLY](#)

June 6, 2016 6:28 am

Soon to be extinct, I
guess



The insanity and immorality of the proposition that it would all be worth digging out from the rubble of a thermonuclear holocaust maybe a couple hundred years from now if such a war ensured the total destruction of Russia (and, collaterally, most of the rest of the human race) is absolutely stunning and the product of thoroughly diseased minds. That anyone would think this is "winning" or in any way justifiable is absolutely mind boggling. No wonder Putin is, as the author puts it, "terrified" by Obama's latest outrage. Who is Obama, or any of his neocon handlers, to judge what peoples should live and which should be exterminated by the American state? Just what in their wild imaginations do they believe that Russia is guilty of to forfeit its right to exist? What's their crime? Not wanting to trade in petrodollars gets your entire society whacked? Not kissing Obama's ass when he demands control of entire countries with whom you have had close relationships, in some cases sharing a common ethnic origin, longer than the American state has even existed? And who appointed these neocons judge, jury and executioner? Do they think they received a commission direct from god almighty? This line of thinking represents some serious mental illness. Putin cannot trust the words of lunatics like this about anything. The leaders of Europe had better come to their senses and shed themselves of this dangerous alliance they have with America in the form of NATO. Membership in NATO will do them absolutely no good when they are caught in the nuclear crossfire caused by the madness of would-be king Obama... or queen Hillary... [Read more »](#)

[REPLY](#)

June 6, 2016 7:40 am

richard from willow
springs



the wacko elites want the world population reduced by 90 percent. provoking such a war would be exactly along the lines of their thinking.

[REPLY](#)

June 6, 2016 12:55 pm

Mulga
Mumblebrain



Soon etc, Obama was talent-spotted at college by a Zionist teacher, and after that promoted in politics, employed as a lawyer and generally immersed in the 'Jewish world', by the Chicago Jewish elite. The whole story is outlined in 'Obama and the Jews', by Pauline Yearwood, in the Chicago Jewish News of October 24, 2008. What did they see in him, to make him a protege' like so many other Sabbat Goyim, like Hillary Clinton? I suspect they saw psychopathy, which I have seen since Obama reached power. He lies without the slightest trace of conscience. He kills through drone missile murder, and enjoys it. He even 'jokes' about it. He has betrayed his Hope Fiend supporters EVERY time, while serving his true Masters, the rich, with careful attention. And, despite his monstrous egotism, he appears to me to not like his black heritage, as one sees from various speeches made to black audiences, where his

lecturing tone, contempt and victim-blaming were pretty plain. I find him a chilling figure, actually.

 REPLY

🕒 June 9, 2016 2:56 am

Michael



I don't think this is a black-white situation. The retreating to the corner, the two black eyes, etc. If history reminds me well, the Napoleonic war on Russian Empire started with a retreat on Russian part, Germany invasion of USSR was the same. Retreating has merits. More merits than being the first striker. 1. Any attack requires a larger amount of energy (human, economic, financial) which is unsustainable on a long span of time. Think cheetah: if the pray is not caught fast enough the meal is postponed. Think chess: white, having the first move has the opportunity of surprise only if the other side is surprisingly unprepared, Think morality: if one plans to kill some one else, before that he must dig up two graves. Now, Russia is not a pray, is not a surprised adversary and definitely has no plans to fill up one grave. 2. I am quite sure that what the USSA and Nato does is narcissistic borderline with insanity and their judgement is long gone. So far the retreat led to: 2a. getting Crimea back; 2b. splitting Ukraine and bankrupting the US/EU interests (and that country at the same time); 2c. Shaking the EU and revealing its fascist structure; 2d. In Syria, the rewinding the events back and strengthening the Assad's gov, indicating the impotence of US/EU gov; 2e. The process of de-dollarization has caught an impetus which it cannot be stopped now; 2f. The St Petersburg oil benchmark (oil/gas for Rubles) and the cherry on the top; 2g. Against buckets of sanctions from USSA and EU Russia has only put ONE on the table: no food imports from EU.

Not... [Read more »](#)

 REPLY

🕒 June 6, 2016 8:34 am ^

Anonymous



@ Michael

Your very comprehensive comment just about covers everything. Yet, don't compare the very effective strategic retreats of the past with the current situation, even if only rhetorically or metaphorically. And no chessmaster will save Russia when the chips are down. If a conflict erupts it will be short, sharp and shattering with very little room to move or negotiate.

It is debatable if the effective loss of Ukraine (remember it was the cradle of Russia and never an independent country) was a win: the same could be said about Syria when the best time to intervene was when Daesh strolled in in their brand new Toyota trucks and there was plenty popular support in Natoistan for a robust intervention to stem the tide. Retreat is a sound military strategy at the right time and circumstances but a consistent retreat gives the game away.

Kim

 REPLY

🕒 June 6, 2016 10:16 am

Sergey



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fill up one grave.È

So, why did Romans were winning all wars? They almost always were attacking part.

 REPLY

🕒 June 7, 2016 12:12 am ^

Sergey



To the Moderator: Again, this "Sergey" is not me, who frequently writes here. He has already been assigned "Sergey2" username by a moderator here, and perhaps he would be so kind to use it. This would avoid confusions in future conversations here. Thank you.

 REPLY

🕒 June 9, 2016 3:37 am

Jack



Wow! You just missed achieving universal bigotry. You left out trees, wheelbarrows and high school principals.

Add them and you'll have everything and everyone on your hate list.

Why are these ugly expressions of bigotry even permitted on this site? Where are the moderators when this filth is posted?

 REPLY

🕒 June 7, 2016 4:21 am

Anonymous



Foreign affairs issue is too old to draw any definite conclusions about the US and Russia's strategic positions vis a vis each other. Much has changed since then.

Some pin pricking may go on but actual war seems unlikely. Especially now Hillary Clinton's war mongering ways have been completely exposed during the election year. The public pressure will not allow it. Even if mainstream media blocks out the news, alternate social media is too strong and public, especially, younger lot has a strong grip on it. The news of reckless behaviour from government will spread like wildfire and prevent government from doing something absurd

 REPLY

🕒 June 6, 2016 9:07 am ^

Anonymous



@ Anonymous

I don't share your faith in the rationality of Western leaders, especially the fascist ones on the Potomac. Much less your belief that people have an influence on government policy, particularly when it comes to going to war.

Do you remember the huge demonstrations against the war in 2003? The warlords just shrugged it off!

Kim

 REPLY

🕒 June 6, 2016 10:28 am

Anonymous



you are very naive

just the Kagan clan alone are exceptionally dangerous and dont care about logic who who gets hurt

 REPLY

🕒 June 7, 2016 2:50 am

Anonymous



Do not forget that the common people in America do not vote,that means Hillary will win,she's the chosen one unfortunately

 REPLY

🕒 June 16, 2016 3:54 pm

Peter from Oz



I would truly totally despair if it were not for the verifiable fact that UFOs have some skin in the game on this planet, having made it clear they have the capacity to turn off nuclear weapons.

See the excellent documentary "UFOs and Nukes": <http://www.ufosandnukes.com/#trailer>

But when one researches deeper into this topic it becomes weirder and more complex. Evidence suggests the Western Cabal allied to bad aliens, while a resistance alliance involving Russia, BRICS and positive forces in Pentagon allied with benevolent ETs. Secrecy all round, humanity as hostages... eg <http://www.exopolitics.org>

Bizarre stuff indeed, but start your own research. It is not swamp gass or the planet Venus causing the 1,000s sightings and ex-military witness testimonies and verifiable leaked and FOIA documents re ET reality.

Both underground and off world bases may give crazy elites some idea they could survive the insanity of a nuclear war. It may explain the reckless driving up of tensions.

The ridicule factor is a psyop (Stephen Greer of the Disclosure Project has a 1960s CIA document re this) to dissuade you from rationally examining the evidence. Highly effective in a social primate species that fears ridicule and ostracism.

Yet widespread discussion of this topic and calls for UFO disclosure may be one of the best things the common people can do to save us.

 REPLY

🕒 June 6, 2016 9:16 am ▲

Oodnadatta



Sorry Peter from Oz dude but there ain't no friggin aliens.!

 REPLY

🕒 June 6, 2016 2:14 pm ▲

Bro



Some things don't need to be decided in ten minutes or less and need to go on the back burner until more evidence is in. In that sense Peter has a point. He doesn't know, he can't prove anything but there are tidbits of information he has looked into which intrigue him. Oodnadatta doesn't know either, and neither do I! What I do know is that the Universe is extensive beyond our capacity to easily grasp its vastness and the probability of other planets and other life strikes me as infinitely greater than the probability that earth is 100% unique in the Universe. How the distances between such hypothetically living regions might be bridged, though, is another matter, which I don't believe that

anyone else on earth knows either. OR, If they do, they are not telling.
Basically I find Peter's open mind more agreeable than Oodnadatta's jumping to a conclusion that he and probably no one else on earth can prove, except for this caveat about Peter's idea: Even if there were benign aliens proven to have the capacity to stop thousands of nukes from going off, I think it would be foolish, weak, immoral, absurd, disgusting, irresponsible, lazy and ridiculous to passively defer to them, rather than to demonstrate, at least among my one person, the moral fitness to survive, to the utmost of my ability and will. The earthbound allegory would be Putin and Ukraine (too little consciousness to work with to save) and Putin and Crimea (enough mass consciousness to work with, to lend them a helping hand.... Otherwise those superior creatures might correctly judge the lot of us as a... [Read more »](#)

 REPLY

🕒 June 6, 2016 3:15 pm 

ioan



Bro,

Ah, here you are, caching some fishes from Universe. OK, I agree with you, we simply don't know or if we do, we have to accept that we know very little. Never mind, the question raised by Peter from Oz is very interesting and is moving our imagination. I remember an old TV-series "Lost in Space" I think from the 60'es which gave some impetus in dreaming about the unlimited space. Since then , many good films have been made about UFO's. But if they exist, they definitely will not intervene directly. It is up to us to learn the hard way before we meet them in the long way. Presumably they are very intelligent, and if so, they know the law of Universe regarding the free will. If the human kind chooses the path of war and self-destruction who is to blame ? Just imagine, if the aliens with their advanced technology agree to share those technologies with the humans, what will happen. Yes, the humans will use it against their brothers and then will infect the whole Universe. Such thing will not be permitted. We have to grow up to a level of intelligence and true care and love at first before we can have a say in Universe. Till then, we will play with gun's and roses till we disappear like Moses.

 REPLY

🕒 June 6, 2016 6:33 pm

Anonymous



Its looking certain 99% of UFOs were ours. Man just kept on developing post WW2. The UFO was the cover story. The 1%? Genuine, but a la Star Trek, observer status only

 REPLY

🕒 June 7, 2016 5:39 am

Anonymous



Sorry Pete the only little green men that'll end the next war will have russian accents. No intelligent life would come here probably because it is intelligent

 REPLY

🕒 June 7, 2016 12:06 pm

If the situation were



reversed...

If America felt it was being threatened in any way by nearby Russian missiles, it would immediately take them out. And it would immediately respond to any counterstrike, no worries about ending the world. Just as long as "we" win, defined as destroying you. No warnings, no bargaining, just action. We exceptional Americans have a reputation to live up to. Just like American jet fighters used to routinely take out Saddam Hussein's air defenses whenever he even turned on the radar. Every move by our chosen "enemies" is an outrageous provocation. I don't recommend doing this, unless it looks like Washington is preparing for an imminent first strike, as the empire's forces are not as helpless as Saddam's military. The situation would immediately escalate to World War III. Our raving leaders would rather destroy the world, including themselves, than to back down. Not a new concept though: there's been much much killing in the history of the world over saving face, preserving honor, whatever you call the madness.

 REPLY

🕒 June 6, 2016 9:49 am ▲

Anonymous



@ if the situation...

"...the empire's forces are not as helpless as Saddam's military"

Is that a Freudian slip? Or it's the key?

Kim

 REPLY

🕒 June 6, 2016 10:40 am ▲

If...



Neither side is helpless. It comes down to which side is the more reckless. I think we know which side is the more moral. You know I was being snide in essentially every sentence I typed. The American position merits nothing but scorn. I hope I expressed that.

 REPLY

🕒 June 6, 2016 11:31 am

Mikhas



If the narcissistic and degenerated bath-house-Obongo had the capability of having a thought or two of his own, without the Teleprompter telling him what to think and say, it probably wouldn't made any sense to any of us anyway, more than it would have reflected his most basic degenerated and perverted needs.

What makes this more dangerous though, is that it is his untouchable white cold-war-fart-owners that is pulling the strings and does the talking through him and load his teleprompter with the ridiculously incoherent stuff he is parroting. The world need to communicate directly them to avert their sick fantasies becoming reality. Russia must find a way to either get to them or eliminate them

 REPLY

🕒 June 6, 2016 10:14 am

Jack Oliver



George Bush was given 2 terms to prepare this – Obama given two terms to implement this !

Russia and China have cleverly avoided confrontation AND the ZWO – Simply put,the Zionist/US are running out of time ! It's now or never – The world has awoken.

WW1 and WW2 were in a time when people believed everything they heard on the radio – the people were easy to fool – Things have changed and military 'history' is no longer relevant.

Zionist/US are not interested in conquering anyone – As Orwell said, this would be expensive and 'culturally' impossible (what would the US do with 1.4 billion 'Mandarin' speaking Chinese) ???

It's all about control !!! The US are playing their final card and their final 'bluff' – The people of the world can no longer be 'tricked' into war '

Whatever Zionism is supposed to mean, what it actually means is that a false document called the Balfour Declaration gave real estate that did not belong to Britain to atheist Khazarian gentiles, posing as Jews, who have never had the right to any of that land, regardless that the name 'Israel' was cleverly selected to call it, in order to dupe millions of Christians around the world. WWII was created for the specific purpose of establishing a headquarters as close to the newly discovered oil fields in the Middle East and to disrupt all governments in the region and seize the oil, and 'Israel' is that headquarters, doing exactly that !

The world population has doubled since 1970 – It will double again by 2060 .

This is the Zionist/NeoCons greatest fear !

 REPLY

🕒 June 6, 2016 10:51 am ^

Zula



Jack Oliver,

Again everything is vague (of course that is why the plot works in favor all the time) what am I talking about? The relation between the West, whites, Anglo Saxons etc with the Zionists. Unless they are in alliance for the benefit of both the Zionists will never succeeded in the ME. Another mystery that is hardly being publicized is the origins of the Zionist Jews. Perhaps this retaliation could be the final revenge against the Russians about Kahzar. It is possible by disintegrating Russia they will rebuild kahzar and the West will be happy not to see the Jews in their nations again. Such deal, in addition to Israel might have been struck between the Jews and the West hence, nato's. Hence the need for NATO to be by the borders of Russia.

 REPLY

🕒 July 17, 2016 5:24 pm

bluenomad



Only dumb Americans loaded on Kool aid can believe it is possible to win a nuclear war. No one wants to live under US neonazi leadership. A moronic nation, full of misery and ultra violence.

 REPLY

🕒 June 6, 2016 11:03 am

Grigori Rasputin




Our so-called leaders continue to antagonize Russia for no good reason. Before long, Russia may feel compelled to defend itself and retaliate. I hope we get someone in office with some sense before that day comes.

If such an awful day does come, I just hope that Mr Putin bears in mind that many of us in America see the wrong being done and it is being done against our wishes and without our blessing. We do not wish ill upon Russia or the Russian people. It seems the citizenry of the US and Russia do share a common enemy, headquartered in a specific city, that wishes

nothing but evil and harm for both of us.

 REPLY

🕒 June 6, 2016 11:20 am 

Anonymous



I often wonder if a large number, thousands of Assassins (spec op types) will take out the Elites and families, one day, in one day

 REPLY

🕒 June 7, 2016 5:48 am

Winston



Israel has 300+ NUKES — REFUSES inspections — REFUSES to sign Non-Proliferation Treaty. Israel HATES Christianity & GENTILES and denies the Spiritual and Human EQUALITY of NONJews to Jews. Israel thinks GREATER ISRAEL should rule the World. “Greater Israel” is all land between the Nile and the Euphrates rivers, Syria, Jordan, most of Saudi Arabia. Greater Israel” requires the breaking up of the existing Arab states into small states. You can find maps they have drawn online. <http://www.globalresearch.ca/g...> Did you know what the two blue bands on their flag stand for? The Nile and the Euphrates. Israel (using the Gentile USA) is spreading chaos and fracturing all Civilization in the Peoples immediately around it in order to facilitate a land grab for “greater israel”. Israel has “DUAL-citizens”(sayanim) whose true loyalty is to Israel, embedded throughout American government/society. According to the Zionist creed, Israel is the state of the Jews, all the Jews. Every Jew in the world belongs to Israel, even if temporarily residing somewhere else If Israel could provoke nuclear apocalypse between America&Russiaand China BY WAY OF DECEPTION.... Israel would be the ONLY NUCLEAR ARMED SUPERPOWER left..... Especially if it SNEAK nuked many of It's HATED/HISTORICAL “enemies” While they are bombing each other.(Germany, Poland, England, Egypt, Iraq, basically ALL gentiles should “bear the YOKE of Israel”)Noted Israeli military historian Martin Van Creveld stated that Israel could find itself one day forced to exterminate the European continent using all kinds of weapons including its nuclear arsenal if it felt its demise neared, stressing that Israel also considers Europe a hostile target. Does Israel have nuclear missiles aimed at the main world capitals?? — You... [Read more »](#)

 REPLY

🕒 June 6, 2016 11:56 am

Lacilir



The Russians have been all along aware that the US wants to destroy it via a nuclear strike and have done their utmost to avoid a direct confrontation as they are not yet militarily prepared. Putin and Lavrov have been playing masterful game of diplomacy to one aim: buying time.

Once the Russians are ready, Putin will no doubt strike first as he stated previously, that if a fight is inevitable, strike first.

And that fight is inevitable because the US is collapsing economically and they're going to make damn sure that when the collapse occurs, no other power will be able to take it's place.

Forget about the 20 trillion debt, or the 100 trillion in unfunded liabilities. It's the 1.4 quadrillion (and counting) derivatives Death Star that's going to sink the US. All the gold in China cannot cover that black hole when it eventually crashes.

 REPLY

🕒 June 6, 2016 12:02 pm

km



His elite masters want him, and all world

leaders to push for war! Good grief, how obvious can things get? It's been literally one civil invasion after the next. Europe flooded with 3rd world invaders, and also here in the US. ORDER OUT OF CHAOS – get it?

REPLY

June 6, 2016 12:05 pm

bit



obviously obama does not know much about russian geography and their weapon systems

REPLY

June 6, 2016 12:06 pm

Lee Francis



That's it then. The US either wants to go to war, or it is hoping that giving that impression will make Russia surrender. Since Russia have never voluntarily surrendered to anyone that belief rather begs the question. This is similar to the situation in the late 1940s when the US was urged to use its atomic weapon against the USSR, even the famous British philosopher Bertrand Russell advocated this policy. In the end wiser counsel prevailed and the situation settled down to a long cold war. Then the USSR did not have nuclear weapons, now Russia has a considerable arsenal at its disposal.

It is quite possible that the neo-con infested US administration is actually insane. They seem to think they can nuke Russia and watch it on TV. The world is going to have a rude awakening, particularly the northern hemisphere. In terms of game theory, every action has a reaction. NATO's escalation will result in Russia's counter-escalation. And Putin said in a veiled warning, that if you are involved in a fight, get your blow in first. It seems pretty clear what he meant.

Who would have thought that it would come to this. The world being destroyed over some little nasty little tinpot regime in Kiev.

REPLY

June 6, 2016 12:25 pm

Perry



Obama is totally insane and our entire congress is complicit with everything he does. You do not threaten people who have nuclear weapons with a possible first strike unless you want them to strike first. America and the American people will not win anything if this happens. No one wins. All this accomplishes is the destruction of America. Is this what Obama really wants?

REPLY

June 6, 2016 12:33 pm ^

carl



Yes I agree that actions of the US are intentionally driving Russia to a first strike. The people in Washington are not all stupid and insane. I'm sure that some very insightful and brilliant individuals exist and understand the implications. It would not be the first time that the USA drove her competitors to a first strike. Take a look at Pearl Harbor 1941 ... US sanctioned Japan prior to attack, cut off oil supply to Japan. Japan either attacked or slowly dried up. US benefited greatly from being in WWII, world dominance with Russia doing the heavy lifting and Germany eliminated. US population was totally against the war until Pearl Harbor. So what great benefit do

the planner in Washington see from this scenario ... once we have this we can forecast and predict future actions.

REPLY

June 6, 2016 1:10 pm

James Staten



There is a country described in Jeremiah 50-51, Revelation 17-18, portions of Isaiah 13-18 and Isaiah 47 that is destroyed in a surprise attack. Rabbis for centuries have understood in Jeremiah 50:12 that this is a young nation compared to the other nations of the world, she is an end time nation, the last of the great nations. In that same area of scripture it states that she has a mother that is sorely confounded, could this be Britain? This country is the Hammer of the earth, and idiom for the Policeman of the world, and the hammer is broken to pieces. There are numerous characteristics, and several of these are she is a mingled people from her beginning with a large Jewish population, she is rich beyond measure, she sits on many waters, she is the consumer nation of the world, the economic engine for the world, and in "One Hour's Time" great riches come to nothing. This is a short version. I believe from a personal perspective your only hope is 1st Corinthians 15:1-4

REPLY

June 6, 2016 12:57 pm

James Staten



Just received this article in an e-mail. Just How Serious Is The Russian Nuclear Threat ? Food for Thought. <http://faith-happens.com/just-how-serious-is-the-russian-nuclear-threat/>

REPLY

June 7, 2016 1:37 am

Nick



Nice book its only fiction nice dream but in real life rusia is the power on earth the biggest land on the face of the planet hitler try to distroy rusia everybody knows how that finished and if america go to war with rusia its good bye america

REPLY

June 6, 2016 1:19 pm

augusto



To
Peter from Oz.
Well i 'not owner of any deeper research facts or opinions on UFOs as you probably are. But one thing 's drawn attn and questions. The local air forces worldwide have had sudden encounters and experience on Ufo shows. They all ve got records and secret files on that. So WHY their commanders order to them, pilots and similar, are the same: not to talk and to deny absolutely everything connected to these experiences?
This must be the orders anywhere in the world. Why?

REPLY

June 6, 2016 1:42 pm

dan morgan



I have no doubt Putin would give the order if forced to! Obama would let him, but, he would do his bengazi part deux ! He's a fraudulent president who mocks and deceives America every

time he speaks ! He could watch our cities be destroyed, all the while saying he couldn't cause ecological harm to the planet as reason for not retaliating! Besides,, it's a great way to bring about his mentors dreams , of bringing America down! Change you can believe in!!!

 REPLY

 June 6, 2016 2:17 pm

Taxdn2poverty



So the Pentagon is convincing itself that America can win WW3, absorb and survive a retaliatory strike from Russia. Amusing when one considers that the Pentagon has not made one correct decision since the ground breaking ceremony for the cursed thing on 9-11-43. Yep, that's the date, September 11th, 1943. Very concerning to me when people with the power to destroy the world are convinced they can win while guaranteeing my death. Actually, it is not amusing at all. In fact it is down right scary.

 REPLY

 June 6, 2016 2:46 pm

MsLiberty



Could the confrontation between West and East be based on their differences about trade? In the West, the control of trade is to be consolidated in the hands of the powerful few. This is also known as the "New World Order" in which both trade and the people of all nations are under the totalitarian control of an elite regime. In the East, Trade is promoted as the tide that raises all ships, thereby strengthening all nations and removing the millstone of poverty. The empire building of the West demands total control, enslavement by various means, and will result in the denial of unalienable rights of Mankind in order to achieve it, and this is devoid of the mutual respect and acknowledgement of all peoples that is needed to make Earth a great planet. In the East, they have learned the lessons taught there by the West, that manipulation, control through regime change leads to the loss of organic balance- the destruction of national identity, and rather than growing hegemony, they form mutual alliances so that a bulwark can be raised in their defense and that of their neighbors. It's these fundamental differences that refuse to be discussed, and dangerous aggression whose end is an extinction event seems to be inevitable. It's not the people themselves of the West who necessarily think this way, but the elite leadership that maintains its control through propaganda, intimidation, and dreadful lethal force. Which nation of the East has attempted to project military presence throughout the world? Which nation of the West would be rattling their sabres if their leaders had been telling the people the unalloyed truth? I... [Read more »](#)

 REPLY

 June 6, 2016 3:25 pm

Tony P



Nuclear war *in some form* between Russia and America is an absolute certainty at some point in the foreseeable future, and not just because of the human propensity for violence.

Anglo Saxon elites consider Slavs to be 'untermensch' or sub-human and they will burn the earth to a cinder before they ever accept Russia as their social, political, cultural or moral equals.

The only question is when it will take place and to what extent Europe, the poor relation to American policies, will be flattened in the maelstrom.

 REPLY

 June 6, 2016 3:32 pm 

Sanjin



i think you are right. shadow government of Empire allways inclined to eugenics. at some point it is natural process in nature where various species are fighting each other for supremacy on territory in some cases. but that is natural in nature. but it is not normal in human behavior to do that. Hitler did it and many before him.

so i think russians, if they want to send "eye watering" message to 300 mil.

americans and US government will have to use nukes, tactical, on american assets out of american mainland. and using cruising missiles with conventional warheads on assets in US mainland in case of begining of armed conflict. that will give short time for US government to thank russians for convetional warheads instead nuclear ones and show devastating efect using tactical nukes on american target, assest, terrorists, whatever....

first warning strike does not have to be last one. but, second stike is one which will never happen probably. i am shure russians does not want to live with genocide in their souls and americans, pragmatic as allways, can find modus vivendi with russians. i think some poor bastards will pay heavy price for that deal and future peace on Earth.

****just my first chapter for Lego wars :-) ****

 REPLY

🕒 June 7, 2016 11:35 am

Seward



Re Mr. Putin's statement, quoted by John Helmer"

"What is this? These are launch pads and radar stations. Today, 500-kilometre range Iskander land-based missiles are being deployed; in a few years they will be 1000-kilometre range missiles. We even know the approximate date when such missiles will be deployed. How can this not be a threat to us? It is a clear threat to our nuclear forces. ..."

In plain English, it seems to imply that the Iskanders will be extended to 1000-km range, which is likely a mis-translation, in that the Russian are not likely to admit they're developing 1000-km Iskanders (although I assume they are), breaking the intermediate-missile treaty. The overall context implies Mr. Putin means that missiles in Romania will have a 1000-km range, but that's not what it says. Could anybody point me to the original Russian, so I could read it myself ?

 REPLY

🕒 June 6, 2016 3:32 pm 

Anonymous



Putin was talking about placing Iskander missiles to target the US anti-ballistic missile shields. The 500 km range going on 1000 km is the US missile shield he was talking about. That they know when the 500 range US missiles placed in Romania and later in Poland will get upgraded to 1000 km range.

 REPLY

🕒 July 7, 2016 4:36 pm

Albert



<https://www.rt.com/news/347313-putin-us-missile-defense-nuclear/>

 REPLY

🕒 July 7, 2016 5:00 pm

Seward



2nd question about Mr. Putin's statement in Greece:

'At his press conference in Athens on Friday, Putin warned that the installation of an Aegis anti-missile base in Romania, operational this month, and the rush to do the same in Poland, are hostile acts, just short of casus belli — cause of war.

'To make this clear, Putin used a vivid phrase — быть под прицелом. It refers to gunsights or cross-hairs for targeting army artillery, airforce cannon, or naval torpedoes.

'Putin was translated by Reuters as saying: "If yesterday in those areas of Romania people simply did not know what it means to be in the cross-hairs, then today we will be forced to carry out certain measures to ensure our security,' Putin told a joint news conference in Athens with Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras. 'It will be the same case with Poland,' he said."

IMHO this is an explicit threat to attack the Aegis Ashore site in Romania as soon as missiles are there, before they can be installed. Am I reading this right ? Has the countdown to WW3 already begun ? (May have to refurbish that old fallout shelter in the basement, for a long winter.)

 REPLY

🕒 June 6, 2016 3:58 pm

Jean de Peyrelongue



In the West most people do not believe that Washington is going to start a war against Russia but they feel that Washington is working hard to generate a world crisis by extending the M.E. nightmare to the rest of the world. Washington probably thinks that the world has to face such chaos for them to achieve their objective of a world domination. If Washington finds a way to eliminate physically Putin, they certainly will use it and the actual reinforcement of the NATO may be to face Russia' s reaction to such an eventuality. That could be the October's surprise.

 REPLY

🕒 June 6, 2016 4:03 pm

Arizona



don't have to worry,GOD will not allow america to win any wars,on the other hand,He will help russia win the nuclear war aginst america,everyone Please get close to the Lord now,russia will wipe america OFF the map,all the leaders in washington DC are all demons from hell,they want a nuclear war,and the world is going to give america a war they won't survive.....

 REPLY

🕒 June 6, 2016 4:24 pm

Carl



Bravo Barky !!! Go hard on that rat. Teach him real politics. He's very slow learner and to act Not BS-ting is the way. Only way to the real change.

On the other hand the concern public should write openly and constantly about the crimes and the criminals who make them like MLK in his address in 1963 :” the perpetrator of the violence in the world – my own government.” Maybe it'll scare a little bit those dirty pigs.

 REPLY

🕒 June 6, 2016 5:32 pm

Arthur G Brina



The writer of this alarmist article, Eric Zeusse, has not considered the most obvious and effective way to eliminate the US threat to its nuclear arsenal: launch a relentless attack on

US/NATO missile defense installations with conventional munitions. (It seems that the US is not taking seriously that this would be Russia's reaction either.) Various cruise missiles in Russia's arsenal can be used to cripple these systems within a very brief span of time.

This attack could be pre-emptive, before US/NATO forces directly engage Russia's forces; or it could be launched at the onset of such an engagement. It does not seem possible that US/NATO would have the wherewithal to successfully defend these facilities for very long, if at all.

Russia must remain diligent and alert to the possibility that the US will begin to exchange some of their anti-missile missiles for offensive missiles. If such an exchange were detected, I expect that the Russians would take pre-emptive action; and I think that would be appropriate.

 REPLY

🕒 June 6, 2016 5:35 pm

John Smith



Here's a scenario. Russia destroys NATO bases in Europe, starting with Romania and Poland. Britain and France will not use their 'independent' (ha ha ha) deterrent until ordered to do so by their American masters. Message from Putin to US, want some more? If US is faithful to its commitment to Article 5 of NATO's constitution it will have to attack. This means that the US the full force of Russia's nuclear capability. Is the US prepared to swap New York for Moscow, Chicago for St. Petersburg, Los Angeles for Vladivostock, I somehow doubt it.

Europe will be devastated of course which is rather unfortunate as I live in London. Ah, well, c'est la vie.

 REPLY

🕒 June 6, 2016 8:01 pm

Barbara



As citizens we need to demand, worldwide, brain scans of anyone in a position of leadership. Psychopathy is easily identified. Anyone positive is ineligible for public service for more reasons than fit in this box This is how we get public servants that serve the people and who don't get enjoyment out of mass murder. 100% of the current regime in Washington display classic traits of narcissism, machiavellianism, and psychopathy. Turkey, much of Europe, and throughout the Mideast also. It's no coincidence. Psychopaths gravitate to positions of power. Look up political ponerology.

 REPLY

🕒 June 6, 2016 10:53 pm ▲

Zula



Barbara,

I agree the world is enabler due to fear. At some point the coordination of the world population against nuclear should be effective. Fear is not an option. I am thinking if there is an imaginary nation that follows morality, powerful than US and even China for instance, that these nations are afraid of. The world would be in a better place. What determines in the end is whether the good or evil would win; we will have our answer then. In the end the good=god will win. The world has always been between the two

 REPLY

🕒 July 17, 2016 5:54 pm

Anonymous



With Mr. O-bomb-a's term ending soon, the window for the Zionist neocons to trigger WWII's nuclear exchange (note: WWII itself appears to be well underway – it's just not been announced as such) is closing. Will the Zionists and global bankers escape unscathed to pick up the pieces of the U.S. and the Russian Federation?

 REPLY

🕒 June 7, 2016 2:22 am 

bit



of course they will survive: in their nuclear bunkers under switzerland ...

 REPLY

🕒 June 7, 2016 3:44 am

S



Putin would be a fool to allow those missiles on Russia's border. The question is, does Russia want to go to war (or at least retaliate) before or after the missiles are installed? A public campaign in the U.N. and elsewhere would be useful in winning public opinion before the necessary elimination of those missiles.

 REPLY

🕒 June 7, 2016 2:27 am

GPC



NATO is sleep walking into the bear's den! What a sight to behold! Because they are sleep walking they aren't awake. They are focusing on the Baltic, straining their sight there and expecting the Russian to react there. But when Russia press the trigger, NATO will be hit not in the Baltic but at the head of NATO. As I said before, they were surprised when Crimea returned to Russia. Surprise again when Russia moved into Syria. This time will be surprised again when they will be hit from a different direction. The Baltic is the feet, the US is the head.

 REPLY


🕒 June 7, 2016 9:11 am

nick



Didn't Putin just recently thumb his nose at the summit, which was basically what he now wants to talk about, wasn't Russia the ONLY country to not show up to the summit. Perhaps Putin is getting exactly what he deserves

 REPLY

🕒 June 7, 2016 10:16 am 

Marcel
Leutenegger



Which summit? If you mean the G7, Russia was not welcome.

 REPLY

🕒 June 7, 2016 5:13 pm

Mike



First, it appears as if the neo-cons have gone fully psychopath. Yes, psychopath. That is what many of them Must be: <https://freedomfromconscience.wordpress.com/2016/04/15/how-psycho-paths-see-life/>

I personally believe Russia and America have too much at stake to be working against each other. Together they would make a fantastic alliance but instead the military industrial complex of the USA, which really reared its head under the Clinton administration, is pushing for confrontation. Also, in regards to "missile shields the late Carl Sagan noted that all an opponent has to do is make more and more missiles to overwhelm any such defense.

REPLY

June 7, 2016 6:37 pm

Anonymous



As if you need any more cues which side O'blahblah is on:

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/06/06/barack-obama-prepares-to-endorse-hillary-clinton-and-attack-dona/>

Barack Obama prepares to endorse Hillary Clinton and attack Donald Trump on campaign trail

for those who follow or care, the DNC (\$hitlary aka Hillarity) convention is on now today through this week out in Calif; RNC (Trump aka Mein Hair) is later in late July.

REPLY

June 8, 2016 2:13 am

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