

What can save NATO? Stand for Ukraine!

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Annotation

This article argues that NATO's survival hinges on supporting Ukraine against Russia's aggression, as Donald Trump's actions threaten to dismantle the alliance. Written on March 9, 2025, it critiques Trump's apparent intent to abandon Ukraine—via halted aid, a predatory \$500 billion resource deal, and alignment with Russia—while urging Europe to reboot NATO without the US. Highlighting Russia's looming collapse and Ukraine's role as democracy's defender, the author calls for defiance against Trump's betrayal to preserve the democratic world.

Introduction

I asked my colleague Burgert Senekal to answer a question: “What can save NATO?” And he said: “I don't know. I think the American public needs to remove that man from office before he destroys all their relations permanently.” I said: “But he is ready to give Ukraine to Russia to destroy it. And only Ukraine can now save the EU from Russia.” Burgert said: “He is not smart enough to understand the consequences of not supporting Ukraine.”

But let us see what goes on in the US. Trump's expelled Intelligence Service personnel have now organized a website to collect evidence of Trump's crimes against the country, the USA. Of course, my suggestion would be, instead of pencils, to take weapons to “argue” with Trump, but it might occur, of course, without my suggestion. So, let us see, because events are developing too fast.

But let us add one more “stroke of paint on the canvas to show a picture of what is happening in the US.” Trump prepares to move NATO forces, now dislocated in Europe, to Hungary. Why? Hungary is the most ready partner for Russia in the EU. Trump more and more shows his readiness to form “new relations with Russia,” with a country that violently attacks its neighboring country, Ukraine. Doesn't Trump know that Russia openly proclaims no rights for Ukraine even to exist? Ukrainians should be destroyed, killed, eliminated from the lands of Ukraine to occupy them afterward as new territories of Russia. Doesn't Trump know all this? But he is behaving like a fool. Yes, this is the one thing—that he is a fool—but he is destroying the US too.

Yes, returning to NATO. Trump wants to quit all military cooperation with the EU, to stop military exercises, and what else? Maybe Trump wants to leave NATO completely? But then, in this case, European countries should accept this “proposal” and expel the US from that treaty. Why not? And even require retribution for betrayal against the democratic world? Because there

are serious reasons to do just this, to move in this way to save NATO, to save the democratic world.

Yes, there are such reasons. Look at what Trump has “in his head, his plans.” He is going to require from Ukraine “a bargain,” a “rare earth metals deal” worth 500 billion, trying to capture all of Ukraine’s economic infrastructure. But what could his plan “in his ill head” look like? After Ukraine signs this plan, Trump would send his troops and officials to Ukraine to “administer” these new “possessions.” But the next step would be to move there, to help in these operations, to engage Russian troops to assist him in this “administration,” because Ukraine is a very big, enormous country, and the US would not have sufficient officials to carry out Trump’s “occupation.”

Of course, some may object that European countries have just suggested sending their troops as “peacemakers” to oppose my arguments about Trump engaging Russians for this purpose. However, let us turn our attention to the fact that Russian leaders have firmly made it known to the US and EU that they would not accept EU forces sent to Ukraine. Moreover, they have stated that such an action would be regarded as the start of World War III from the EU’s side. Thus, this possibility in Trump’s (and the EU’s) plan is excluded. Besides, or rather even more significantly, Russia has not, up to this moment, accepted any proposal from Trump’s side, in detail, except that they generally like the way Trump is handling this peacekeeping business.

But an even more important fact: Trump has not yet directed any requirements toward Russia. All requirements—and very heavy ones indeed—are aimed at Ukraine. Even more, Trump has stopped supplying Ukraine with military support. Against Russia? Nothing—only threats of new sanctions, just threats. So, my vision is simple: Trump is ready to hand Ukraine over to Russia, for Russia to destroy Ukraine. And now, why is this so dangerous for Europe, for the entire democratic world, and, ultimately, for the US too? Because Ukraine is now standing for the whole democratic world, for all of civilization. Remember that only Ukraine is openly struggling against Russia, the most dangerous country in the world.

What Can Save NATO? Ukraine, Europe, and a New World After the Collapse of Russia

We must start with Europe. Why Europe? Very simply, after the US is doing “all the best” to leave NATO—because Trump intends to abandon it—Europe should find a way, or many ways, to rebuild NATO to exist without the US as a member. Europe has become too accustomed to living under the umbrella of the US. But now, this umbrella is spoiled, ruined by its president. Europe must now completely restart its NATO. We must remember that Canada should remain a member of NATO. This fact is very important. Canada is a friend of Ukraine, a friend of Europe, a friend of the democratic world, a friend of the civilized world. All these qualifiers I mentioned are now in question for the US. The US may become a satellite of Russia, even terroristic itself, as a result. So, NATO can stand if Europe stands. But for Trump, Europe doesn’t matter; he has chosen Russia.

Next, we have Ukraine, which stands for NATO, stands for the civilized world, and struggles against terroristic Russia. But if Ukraine loses its struggle against Russia, the next target for Russia would be Europe—starting with some countries, perhaps Poland, Finland, or the Baltic states. Russia cannot exist without war; its propaganda requires war as a precondition for its survival.

The next element in our chain is a new world after the collapse of Russia. But here, we need to provide some additional explanations.

What Is the New World After the Collapse of Russia?

We wrote an article concerning this [15]. Then, we emphasized the victory of Ukraine. Now, it is more relevant to explain the evidence of Russia's collapse. Russia, in some sense, has already lost its statehood and its civil society. Russia's official state structures are using their "citizens" only as tools to conduct the war and supply the war machine. People are sent to war without their consent; they may simply be forced to go, either as soldiers, as workers in war factories, or in whatever other services—all to serve the war. The war itself lacks any logic. Now, it is about killing Ukrainians and capturing the lands of Ukraine; afterward, their enemies would be other nations. But in the end, it's the same: propaganda demands war, and everyone is obliged to participate. We see that this logic of destruction and killing is deepening, sinking further into nonsense. Does the state still exist with some appearance of stability? But someday, it may all collapse and fall apart. They speak about lifting sanctions, but economists and specialists on Russia say this won't prevent the collapse of their country. They have lost any basis for statehood in their country. Sooner or later, their collapse will come.

And what is the new world after the collapse of Russia? It consists of those countries suffering from Russia's suppression—keeping in mind that these suppressed nations exist both within Russia and outside it.

But now, about Trump's rosy dreams of cooperation with Russia. Does he understand that his land of "dreams" is doomed to collapse sooner or later?

May we speak about betrayal of NATO by US?

Yes, may we speak about how the US has betrayed NATO, betrayed Ukraine? Actually, they are partners; they have plenty of agreements. In fact, NATO is a constellation of agreements between different countries, one of which is the US. And if the US refuses to fulfill some points of these agreements, especially when the US starts to collaborate with Russia in situations where Russia is the main enemy of NATO—well, that's a problem. The US tends to play an independent role, proclaiming that Russia is not the main enemy, but rather China. They may behave this way because they are accustomed to acting without consulting other NATO

members, as the US has always been the main “lion in the play.” But notwithstanding, there are limits where NATO partners should remain partners, not completely ignoring their common interests. One side can’t suddenly announce that its interests supersede those of all other sides. Where is the limit at which we may start speaking of betrayal from the US side? In fact, the situation has just reached a point where the US’s ignorance of other partners has exceeded all acknowledgeable limits. Interestingly, all these incidents of crossing permissible lines concern questions about Russia—and only Russia. The US is starting to behave as a partner to Russia. But coincidentally, all these situations involve Ukraine. The US is putting Ukraine under the direct threat of destruction by Russia. Is this not betrayal, especially when the whole world is supporting Ukraine in its struggle against Russian aggression?

Trump on way to give over Ukraine to Russia, how to stop it?

Trump is on his way to handing Ukraine over to Russia—how can this be stopped? Today’s news warns of a much worse outcome for Ukraine due to Trump’s actions: Trump will not resume aid to Ukraine if a deal on resources is signed. According to https://www.dialog.ua/war/310626_1741524401, this comes from NBC News: "Трамп не возобновит помощь Украине в случае подписания сделки о ресурсах" ("Trump will not resume aid to Ukraine if a resource deal is signed"). If this is true, or close to the truth, then the only question left for Ukraine is how to reach the point of refusing to attend the summit in Saudi Arabia altogether. Or, if they risk going there, they should go with a firm determination not to sign any document that resembles a criminal imposition—one that would allow the US to openly rob Ukraine and then throw it to Russia for devouring. After all, the worst the US could do if Ukraine refuses is lift all sanctions on Russia. Ukraine could still continue its struggle against Russia’s aggression. Lifting sanctions wouldn’t give Russia immediate benefits. Moreover, direct support for Russia, such as military supplies for Putin’s regime, seems unlikely from Trump.

Now, time is working in Ukraine’s favor, and Trump’s administration might be removed by force by Americans themselves.

Summary

The situation around Ukraine grows increasingly dangerous ahead of the Saudi Arabia summit. It would be best for European countries and NATO (without the US) to offer encouragement on how to proceed before the summit, without pressuring Ukraine to participate, while recognizing the escalating risks that may continue to rise.

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