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## German Handelsblatt Releases Stunning Anti-West Op-Ed, Asks If "West Rabble-Rousers Are On The Payroll Of The KGB"



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Up until this point Angela Merkel, and German media in general, had been staunchly on the side of the west when it comes to dealing with Russia, Putin and realpolitik in broader terms. That changed dramatically today when Gabor Steingart, the [chief editor](#) of Handelsblatt, Germany's leading economic newspaper, came out with a [stunning](#) op-ed, in [German](#), [English](#) and [Russian](#), titled simply that "[The West on the wrong path](#)" in which the editor comes out very vocally against the autopilot mode German media has been on for the past several months and calls for an end to a strategy of sanctions and Russian confrontation that ultimately "harms German interests" and is a dead end.

Some of the "must read" excerpts:

- The politics of escalation does not have a realistic goal – and harms German interests.
- Newspapers we thought to be all about thoughts and ideas now march in lock-step with politicians in their calls for sanctions against Russia's President Putin. Even the headlines betray an aggressive tension as is usually characteristic of hooligans when they 'support' their respective teams. The Tagesspiegel: "Enough talk!" The FAZ: "Show strength". The Süddeutsche Zeitung: "Now or never." The Spiegel calls for an "End to cowardice": "Putin's web of lies, propaganda, and deception has been exposed. The wreckage of MH 17 is also the result of a crashed diplomacy."
- Our purpose is to wipe off some of the foam that has formed on the debating mouths, to steal words from the mouths of both the rabble-rousers and the roused, and put new words there instead. One word that has become disused of late is this: realism.
- Germany has waged war against its eastern neighbor twice in the past 100 years. The German soul, which we generally claim to be on the romantic side, showed its cruel side.
- The politics of escalation show that Europe sorely misses a realistic goal. It's a different thing in the US. Threats and posturing are simply part of the election preparations. When Hillary Clinton compares Putin with Hitler, she does so only to appeal to the Republican vote, i.e. people who do not own a passport. For many of them, Hitler is the only foreigner they know, which is why Adolf Putin is a very welcome fictitious campaign effigy. In this respect, Clinton and Obama have a realistic goal: to appeal to the people, to win elections, to win another Democratic presidency.
- Even the idea that economic pressure and political isolation would bring Russia to its knees was not really thought all the way through. Even if we could succeed: what good would Russia be on its knees? How can you want to live together in the European house with a humiliated people whose elected leadership is treated like a pariah and whose citizens you might have to support in the coming winter.
- It is not too late for the duo Merkel/Steinmeier to use the concepts and ideas of this time. It does not make sense to just follow the strategically idea-less Obama. Everyone can see how he and Putin are driving like in a dream directly towards a sign which reads: Dead End.
- Demonizing Putin is not a policy. It is an alibi for the lack thereof. He advises condensing conflicts, i.e. to make them smaller, shrink them, and then distill them into a solution. At the moment (and for a long time before that) America is doing the opposite. All conflicts are escalated. The attack of a terror group

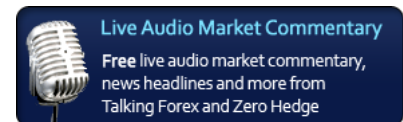
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named Al Qaida is turned into a global campaign against Islam. Iraq is bombed using dubious justifications. Then the US Air Force flies on to Afghanistan and Pakistan. The relationship to the Islamic world can safely be considered damaged.

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Punchline #1:

- Collective movements start in support of the sanctioned, as is the case today in Russia. The country was hardly ever more unified behind their president than now. **This could almost lead you to think that the rabble-rousers of the West are on the payroll of the Russian secret service.**

And Punchline #2:

- **History does not have to repeat itself. Maybe we can find a shortcut.**

Also maybe those looking for the moment in time when Germany finally rotated away from its pro-western mindset and took a long, hard look at the rising Eurasian/BRIC/counter US Dollar axis, should remember this article...

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### **The West on the wrong path**

In view of the events in Ukraine, the government and many media have switched from level-headed to agitated. The spectrum of opinions has been narrowed to the width of a sniper scope. **The politics of escalation does not have a realistic goal – and harms German interests.**

Every war is accompanied by a kind of mental mobilization: war fever. Even smart people are not immune to controlled bouts of this fever. "This war in all its atrociousness is still a great and wonderful thing. It is an experience worth having" rejoiced Max Weber in 1914 when the lights went out in Europe. Thomas Mann felt a "cleansing, liberation, and a tremendous amount of hope".

Even when thousands already lay dead on the Belgian battle fields, the war fever did not subside. Exactly 100 years ago, 93 painters, writers, and scientists composed the "Call to the world of culture." **Max Liebermann, Gerhart Hauptmann, Max Planck, Wilhelm Röntgen, and others encouraged their countrymen to engage in cruelty towards their neighbor:** "Without German militarism, German culture would have been swept from the face of the earth a long time ago. The German armed forces and the German people are one. This awareness makes 70 million Germans brothers without prejudice to education, status, or party."

We interrupt our own train of thought: "History is not repeating itself!" But can we be so sure about that these days? In view of the war events in the Crimean and eastern Ukraine, the heads of states and governments of the West suddenly have no more questions and all the answers. The US Congress is openly discussing arming Ukraine. The former security advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski recommends arming the citizens there for house-to-house and street combat. The German Chancellor, as it is her habit, is much less clear but no less ominous: "We are ready to take severe measures."

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Western politics and German media agree.

Every reflexive string of accusations results in the same outcome: in no time allegations and counter-allegations become so entangled that the facts become almost completely obscured.

Who deceived who first?

Did it all start with the Russian invasion of the Crimean or did the West first promote the destabilization of the Ukraine? Does Russia want to expand into the West or NATO into the East? Or did maybe two world-powers meet at the same door in the middle of the night, driven by very similar intentions towards a defenseless third that now pays for the resulting quagmire with the first phases of a civil war?

If at this point you are still waiting for an answer as to whose fault it is, you might as well just stop reading. You will not miss anything. We are not trying to unearth this hidden truth. We don't know how it started. We don't know how it will end. And we are sitting right here, in the middle of it. At least Peter Sloterdijk has a few words of consolation for us: "To live in the world means to live in uncertainty."

**Our purpose is to wipe off some of the foam that has formed on the debating**

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**mouths, to steal words from the mouths of both the rabble-rousers and the roused, and put new words there instead. One word that has become disused of late is this: realism.**

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Angela Merkel can hardly claim these mitigating circumstances for herself. Geography forces every German Chancellor to be a bit more serious. As neighbors of Russia, as part of the European community bound in destiny, as recipient of energy and supplier of this and that, we Germans have a clearly more vital interest in stability and communication. **We cannot afford to look at Russia through the eyes of the American Tea Party.**

Every mistake starts with a mistake in thinking. And we are making this mistake if we believe that only the other party profits from our economic relationship and thus will suffer when this relationship stops. **If economic ties were maintained for mutual profit, then severing them will lead to mutual loss. Punishment and self-punishment are the same thing in this case.**

Even the idea that economic pressure and political isolation would bring Russia to its knees was not really thought all the way through. **Even if we could succeed: what good would Russia be on its knees? How can you want to live together in the European house with a humiliated people whose elected leadership is treated like a pariah and whose citizens you might have to support in the coming winter.**

Of course, the current situation requires a strong stance, but more than anything a strong stance against ourselves. Germans have neither wanted nor caused these realities, but they are now our realities. Just consider what Willy Brandt had to listen to when his fate as mayor of Berlin placed him in the shadow of the wall. What sanctions and punishments were suggested to him. But he decided to forgo this festival of outrage. He never turned the screw of retribution.

When he was awarded the Noble Prize for Peace he shed light on what went on around him in the hectic days when the wall was built: "There is still another aspect – that of impotence disguised by verbalism: taking a stand on legal positions which cannot become a reality and planning counter-measures for contingencies that always differ from the one at hand. At critical times we were left to our own devices; the verbalists had nothing to offer."

**The verbalists are back and their headquarters are in Washington D.C. But nobody is forcing us to kowtow to their orders. Following this lead – even if calculatingly and somewhat reluctantly as in the case of Merkel – does not protect the German people, but may well endanger it. This fact remains a fact even if it was not the American but the Russians who were responsible for the original damage in the Crimean and in eastern Ukraine.**

Willy Brandt decided clearly differently than Merkel in the present, and that in a clearly more intense situation. As he recalls, he had awoken on the morning of August 13, 1961 "wide awake and at the same time numb". He had stopped over in Hanover on a trip when he received reports from Berlin about work being done on the large wall separating the city. It was a Sunday morning and the humiliation could hardly be greater for a sitting mayor.

The Soviets had presented him with a fait accompli. The Americans had not informed him even though they had probably received some information from Moscow. Brandt remembers that an "impotent rage" had risen in him. But what did he do? He reined in his feelings of impotence and displayed his great talent as reality-based politician which would garner him a stint as Chancellor and finally also the Nobel Prize for Peace.

With the advice from Egon Bahr, he accepted the new situation, knowing that no amount of outrage from the rest of the world would bring this wall down again for a while. He even ordered the West-Berlin police to use batons and water cannons against demonstrators at the wall in order not to slip from the catastrophe of division into the much greater catastrophe of war. He strove for the paradox which Bahr put as follows later: "We acknowledged the Status Quo in order to change it."

And they managed to accomplish this change. Brandt and Bahr made the specific interests of the West Berlin population for who they were now responsible (from June 1962 onwards this also included this author) into the measure of their politics.

In Bonn they negotiated the Berlin subvention, an eight-percent tax-free subvention on payroll and income tax. In the vernacular it was called the "fear premium". They also negotiated a travel permit treaty with East Berlin which made the wall permeable again two years after it was put up. Between Christmas 1963 and New Year's 1964, 700 000 inhabitants of Berlin visited their relatives in the east of the city. Every tear of joy turned into a vote for Brandt a short while later.

The voters realized that here was someone who wanted to affect the way they lived every day, not just generate a headline for the next morning. In an almost completely hopeless situation, this SPD man fought for western values – in this case the values of freedom of movement – without bullhorns, without sanctions, without the threat of violence. The elite in Washington started hearing words that had never

been heard in politics before: Compassion. Change through rapprochement. Dialog. Reconciliation of interests. And this in the middle of the Cold War, when the world powers were supposed to attack each other with venom, when the script contained only threats and protestations; set ultimatums, enforce sea blockades, conduct representative wars, this is how the Cold War was supposed to be run.

A German foreign policy striving for reconciliation – in the beginning only the foreign policy of Berlin – not only appeared courageous but also very strange.

The Americans – Kennedy, Johnson, then Nixon – followed the German; it kicked off a process which is unparalleled in the history of enemy nations. **Finally, there was a meeting in Helsinki in order to set down the rules. The Soviet Union was guaranteed "non-interference into their internal affairs" which filled party boss Leonid Brezhnev with satisfaction and made Franz Josef Strauß's blood boil. In return, the Moscow Communist Party leadership had to guarantee the West (and thus their own civil societies) "respect of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including that of thought, conscience, religion or belief".**

In this way "non-interference" was bought through "involvement". Communism had received an eternal guarantee for its territory, but within its borders universal human rights suddenly began to brew. Joachim Gauck remembers: "The word that allowed my generation to go on was Helsinki."

It is not too late for the duo Merkel/Steinmeier to use the concepts and ideas of this time. **It does not make sense to just follow the strategically idea-less Obama. Everyone can see how he and Putin are driving like in a dream directly towards a sign which reads: Dead End.**

"The test for politics is not how something starts but how it ends", so Henry Kissinger, also a Peace Nobel Prize winner. After the occupation of the Crimean by Russia he stated: we should want reconciliation, not dominance. **Demonizing Putin is not a policy. It is an alibi for the lack thereof. He advises condensing conflicts, i.e. to make them smaller, shrink them, and then distill them into a solution.**

**At the moment (and for a long time before that) America is doing the opposite. All conflicts are escalated. The attack of a terror group named Al Qaida is turned into a global campaign against Islam. Iraq is bombed using dubious justifications. Then the US Air Force flies on to Afghanistan and Pakistan. The relationship to the Islamic world can safely be considered damaged.**

If the West had judged the then US government which marched into Iraq without a resolution by the UN and without proof of the existence of "WMDs" by the same standards as today Putin, then George W. Bush would have immediately been banned from entering the EU. The foreign investments of Warren Buffett should have been frozen, the export of vehicles of the brands GM, Ford, and Chrysler banned.

**The American tendency to verbal and then also military escalation, the isolation, demonization, and attacking of enemies has not proven effective. The last successful major military action the US conducted was the Normandy landing. Everything else – Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan – was a clear failure.** Moving NATO units towards the Polish border and thinking about arming Ukraine is a continuation of a lack of diplomacy by the military means.

This policy of running your head against the wall – and doing so exactly where the wall is the thickest – just gives you a head ache and not much else. And this considering that the wall has a huge door in the relationship of Europe to Russia. And the key to this door is labeled "reconciliation of interests".

The first step is what Brandt called "compassion", i.e. the ability to see the world through the eyes of the others. We should stop accusing the 143 million Russian that they look at the world differently than John McCain.

**What is needed is help in modernizing the country, no sanctions which will further decrease the dearth of wealth and damage the bond of relationships.** Economic relationships are also relationships. International cooperation is akin to tenderness between nations because everyone feels better afterwards.

**It is well-known that Russia is an energy super-power and at the same time a developing industrial nation.** The policy of reconciliation and mutual interests should attack here. Development aid in return for territorial guarantees; Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier even had the right words to describe this: modernization partnership. He just has to dust it off and use it as an aspirational word. Russia should be integrated, not isolated. Small steps in that direction are better than the great nonsense of exclusionary politics.

Brandt and Bahr have never reached for the tool of economic sanctions. They knew why: there are no recorded cases in which countries under sanctions apologized for their behavior and were obedient ever after. On the contrary: collective movements start in support of the sanctioned, as is the case today in Russia. The country was hardly ever more unified behind their president than now. **This could almost lead you to think that the rabble-rousers of the West are on the payroll of the Russian secret service.**

One more comment about the tone of the debate. The annexation of the Crimean was in violation of international law. The support of separatists in eastern Ukraine also does not mesh with our ideas of the state sovereignty. The boundaries of states are inviolable.

But every act requires context. And the German context is that we are a society on probation which may not act as if violations of international law started with the events in the Crimean.

Germany has waged war against its eastern neighbor twice in the past 100 years. The German soul, which we generally claim to be on the romantic side, showed its cruel side.

Of course, we who came later can continue to proclaim our outrage against the ruthless Putin and appeal to international law against him, but the way things are this outrage should come with a slight blush of embarrassment. Or to use the words of Willy Brandt: "Claims to absolutes threaten man."

In the end, even the men who had succumbed to war fever in 1914 had to realize this. After the end of the war, the penitent issued a second call, this time to understanding between nations: "The civilized world became a war camp and battle field. It is time that a great tide of love replaces the devastating wave of hatred."

We should try to avoid the detour via the battle fields in the 21st century. **History does not have to repeat itself. Maybe we can find a shortcut.**

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34 Right. Aren't o-peach-me, and many of his supports, KGB?

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Didn't they take courses in Harvard on Moscow?

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**SoberOne** Fri, 08/08/2014



27 I've been saying this for weeks, if not months now.

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Something is fishy and fuck obama's flexibility.

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147 Just say it like it is, the United States

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is controlled by the tribe. This means never ending wars, debt, and totalitarian government. Good for them if they reject the bull shit we live with every day. Fuck the tribe.

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over here...so far no one has mentioned a peep about this article. Not even teletext. Looks like someone is getting the cold shoulder. Surprising is that manager-magazin didn't run with the story.

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**Eirik Magnus Larssen** Fri, 08/08/2014



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some serious phone conversations between the editor,  
high level managers and perhaps some CDU politicians  
who are being screamed at constantly. Merkel is between  
a rock and a hard place because she will be absolutely  
pummeled in Brussels if she steers Germany away from a  
semi-united front with the EU and looks only toward  
German business interests. The Dutch would freak out  
bigtime. It could literally tear the EU apart as well as the  
coalition with the Social Democrats...especially since the  
Economic Minister is the SPD's main honcho Sigmar  
Gabriel. She is for sure hating her job right now.

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This is a sign [5066443](#)  
that the German dam is leaking. It is interesting that  
this article appeared right after Ukraine announced  
what it amounts to an unilateral shutdown of the  
Russian gas pipelines. That, combined with the  
agricultural bans announced yesterday by Russia,  
signifies that things are about to get serious. IMHO it  
is now just a question of time until Merkel (who,  
despite all media noise, cannot afford an economic  
war with Russia) blinks. Either that, or her  
(coalition...) government will fall, and who knows,  
maybe some refreshed Mr. Schroeder might re-  
emerge as the man able to patch things up with a  
"spitefull" Russia. The countdown has started...

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hugs,  
barry and vlad and dave and angie

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**Latina Lover**



**53** Finally, a sane voice  
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clamor. Imagine, diplomacy versus threats, intimidation, violence and then failure. There is hope yet for humanity, but not from the USSA. I look forward to the day when the USSA empire enters the history books, tossed on the scrap heap of history. The biggest winners will be Americans, who will finally be freed of the Neocon diseased violence meme, free to pursue individual paths of excellence, instead of herded into new 21st horrors.

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**The Longest Call**



**12** "Up until  
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think maybe they turned sides when they found out we were spying on them, or had stolen their gold? Jim Willie called this some time back:

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**Manthong**



**7** Do not  
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with Satan or the NSA.

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"To learn who rules over you, simply find out who you are not allowed to criticize." –Voltaire

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appears the tide is  
turning on Uncle  
Sugar... It's about  
time... The only  
question is what will  
the US do when it  
becomes clear that  
Germany moves East,  
the EU collapses and



the IMF melts down...  
Interesting times  
indeed...

[reply](#)

Fri,  
08/08/2014  
- 19:05 |  
[5067968](#)

**esprit**



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Here we go  
again...

*"Did it all start  
with the Russian  
invasion of the  
Crimean or did  
the West first  
promote the  
destabilization of  
the Ukraine?"*

I stopped reading  
at this point.

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Fri,  
08/08/2014  
- 20:53 |  
[5068422](#)

**Muc Metals**



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stopped  
reading  
because truth  
hurts.

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Sat,  
08/09/2014  
- 09:02 |  
[5069424](#)

**Squid-  
puppets**

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russia  
didnt  
invade  
crimea

crimea  
voted to  
go back  
to the  
motherland

before the  
crisis  
crimea  
had an  
agreement  
with  
russia  
that at  
any point  
it could

station up  
to 25 000  
troops  
there to  
protect  
vital  
(russian  
paid for)  
infrastructure.  
Before the  
crisis  
Russia  
had only  
about half  
that  
number

Even  
when the  
crisis  
happened,  
Russia  
only  
increased  
its troop  
level to  
the  
agreed 25  
000. This  
is  
presented  
in the  
west as  
an  
invasion

the man  
has a  
point

[reply](#)

Sat,  
08/09/2014  
- 09:30 |  
[5069472](#)  
**conscious  
being**



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There was  
no  
Russian  
"invasion"  
of Crimea.  
Russian  
troops  
where  
alresdy  
stationed  
there due  
to a treaty  
signed  
with  
Ukraine.  
Is that  
why he  
quit  
reading?  
He should  
have kept  
reading.  
Great  
article.  
Now we'll  
see who  
really  
runs  
Germany.  
BTW, Jim  
Willie  
predicted

all this,  
even that  
the  
Handelsblatt  
types  
would be  
the ones  
objecting.  
Spoiler  
alert. He  
also  
described  
how it will  
all turn  
out.

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Sat,  
08/09/2014  
– 00:26 |  
[5068960](#)

**Marigold**



Then  
you  
are an

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absolute idiot  
and have  
closed your  
mind to  
perhaps one  
of the best  
composed  
articles on the  
crisis from a  
German  
perspective  
who are key  
players in this  
developing  
saga.

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Sat,  
08/09/2014  
– 02:53 |  
[5069159](#)

**Ayr Rand**



These  
are the  
same

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German  
corporate  
who  
supported  
Hitler. They  
have a new  
model in  
Putain, who  
meets their  
moral  
requirements.

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Sat,  
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– 09:33 |  
[5069477](#)

**conscious  
being**



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Don't you have some roasted baby pics to gloat over??

[reply](#)

Fri,  
08/08/2014  
- 21:13 |  
[5068484](#)  
**Idaho potato head**  
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Sampson option?

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Sat,  
08/09/2014  
- 02:04 |  
[5069108](#)  
**Dr. Everett V. Scott**  
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-9 The old KGB  
is now the new and improved FSB. It has infiltrated every major organization, including every enviro group, national newspaper, and most large defense companies.  
  
In the case of newspapers like the *NY Times*, and groups like *Greenpeace*, the infiltration is welcome. They are all comrades, with very similar goals. And those goals are *not* good for America.  
  
What the KGB/FSB could never do militarily, they are doing with the active connivance of those groups and flexible B. Hussein, the Manchurian Candidate.

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Fri,  
08/08/2014  
- 16:19 |  
[5067303](#)  
**angel\_of\_joy**  
 23  
-1 Big money (German) is getting restless.  
Remember who is talking here...  
"Gabor Steingart, the **chief editor** of Handelsblatt, **Germany's leading economic newspaper**"

[reply](#)

Sat,  
08/09/2014

- 01:36 |

5069085

**CheapBastard**



3 "Big German Money" understands they'll be in a world of hurt:

Here's from March, 2014:

Siemens chief says supports ties with Russian companies(Reuters)

*During a trip to Moscow, in which he met Putin at his residence on Wednesday, Siemens CEO Joe Kaeser said his firm wanted to honor long-standing business contracts and did not pay too much attention to "short-term turbulences" in its business planning.*

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/03/26/us-ukraine-germany-siemens-idU...>

[reply](#)

Fri,

08/08/2014

- 16:05 |

5067218

**Mister Ponzi**



14 I'm impressed. Steingart is the same clown who asked his readers some years ago to buy Greek government bonds. That did not turn out too well. Big evolution since then!

[reply](#)

Sat,

08/09/2014

- 03:31 |

5069192

**Dr. Everett V. Scott**



3 Mister Ponzi,

0 I wish I had bought Greek gov't bonds. They were paying 50% interest, now they pay less than 5%. A stupendous return.

Tbat was good advice indeed. \$1 mil invested would give an annual return of \$500,000. Wish he'd have given me that advice [and that I would have listened!]

[reply](#)

Fri,

08/08/2014

- 17:01 |

5067475

**Kirk2NCC1701**



2 Another fine report from the "Land of

Molson Milk and Maple Syrup"?

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Fri,  
08/08/2014  
- 15:46 |  
[5067066](#)

[RafterManFMJ](#)



**27** The purpose of the Army in  
**-1** Europe is to keep the US in, the  
Russians out, and he Germans

down.

[reply](#)

Sat,  
08/09/2014  
- 04:41 |  
[5069233](#)

[giovanni\\_f](#)



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[Lost My  
Shorts](#)

Sat,  
08/09/2014  
- 03:05 |  
[5069165](#)



My

**11** favorite line:

**-2** "The last successful major  
military action the US conducted was the  
Normandy landing."

Amazing to see signs that Germany is growing a pair. For the longest time, Euro-lefties bleated about US arrogance, but Europe as a whole always fell in line and for decades were key enablers of everything the US did. As the great poet Bryan Adams once said, "nothing can last forever."

The whole thing really is hard to figure. Here was my uneducated guess: Barry-O has been faxing it in for a long time, and foreign policy was not his passion to begin with. Everything is run by his political people, who pay a lot of attention to the chattering classes of NYDC, and are desperate not to have the Democrats called weak. They thought it politically expedient to give the Vicky Nuland and her neocon plumbers a free hand in Eastern Europe, because then the White House couldn't be called weak. Perhaps Barry also didn't mind to give Putin a bit of trouble to get even for Putin's non-cooperation on Iran and Syria. The neocons told Barry that Putin was in a weak position -- baroquely corrupt tyrant (despite the man-love he gets at ZH), bad for his people, not strong enough at home to fight abroad. Barry was too busy with his tee-shot on the 14th hole to question their advice. Probably the White House never really thought much about what might happen. And they were totally unprepared when Ukraine blew up, and they have been kinda making it up ever since. They have a political need to look tough, despite the fact that no one in the White House personally gives a crap about Ukraine, and their every move seems to dig the hole deeper, and their poll numbers would go through the zero line if they actually got US troops involved. Barry probably walks around the White House whistling "take this job and shove it; I ain't working here no more."

I am not one to ever doubt the power of the Tribe in Washington, but what is their angle here? Yes, the Israel lobby is unhappy with Putin for supporting Iran and supplying them with nuclear

technology. But how does the Ukrainian cluster-frog help? If it was AIPAC's idea, so far it looks like either a miscalculation or a very long game. If you can draw a line from the Ukraine mess to the US bombing Iran, congratulations you win the prize.

The score so far: standing up to the West for mother Russia has made the corrupt tyrant very popular bordering on invincible at home. Ethnic Ukrainians are not willing to fight to keep the Russian speakers under their control, so the separatists have no risk of military defeat. Barry finds himself the foster-dad of two ethnically divided failed states that don't make sense, when all he wants is to have dinner parties and play golf.

But some things are so bad they are good. If Barry succeeds in growing a pair on Europe, and stranding the neocons in a ditch outside of Donetsk, and ending US imperium, it would benefit the American people and be the greatest accomplishment by an American president since forever. So what if he did it by accident. A win's a win.

[reply](#)

Freddie

Fri,



The EU 08/08/2014  
is total - 14:15 |

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shit. It 5066498

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is filled with criminals like the US Senate and the scum running Kiev. The EU is bad for all Europeans including Germans.

[reply](#)

Fri,

08/08/2014

- 14:45 |

5066714

Truthseeker2



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**UKRAINE IS THE WATERLOO  
EVENT FOR THE US DOLLAR!**

[reply](#)

Fri,

08/08/2014

- 16:36 |

5067387

quadratic\_equation



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I disagree...I believe ISIS is the "Waterloo" because ISIS is supported by Saudi Arabia and they control OPEC (petrodollar). Once the Saudi's gets pissed at Obama for bombing the ISIS that will be the end of OPEC. That's also the reason why Obama supported and armed ISIS against Hassad in Syria to make the Saudi's happy and now his hands are tide going after ISIS in Iraq but in limited manner not to pissed off the Saudi's. Iraq will eventually fall to ISIS control because this is what the Saudi's want and Obama couldn't do anything about it; otherwise, US "Waterloo" will occur.

[reply](#)

Fri,

08/08/2014

- 17:04 |

5067485

Kirk2NCC1701



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Hey, quadratic\_equation,

Eureka, I've got it!

;-)

[reply](#)

Fri,  
08/08/2014  
- 19:15 |  
[5068003](#)

**espirit**



1 Perhaps it would be  
0 best to re-read Oded  
Yinyons take on

creating Arab nation states.

Crucify, then divide.

Isis will persevere, then 'dissolve'  
when they have served their purpose  
(aka useful idiots).

[reply](#)

Sat,  
08/09/2014  
- 01:24 |  
[5069068](#)

**Ward no. 6**



0 that doesn't look very  
0 interesting

i think the proof of an area of a circle  
is more interesting

<http://math.stackexchange.com/questions/187987/calculus-proof-for-the-ar...>

[reply](#)

Fri,  
08/08/2014  
- 17:41 |  
[5067655](#)

**Keyser**



4 ISIS has played their  
0 masters for fools and  
have their own agenda... If

SA were in control, why are they  
bolstering troops on the border and are  
afraid that ISIS will destroy Mecca?

[reply](#)

Sat,  
08/09/2014  
- 09:45 |  
[5069110](#)

**conscious being**



1 I agree ISIS is off the  
0 reservation, but they  
are so toast. They're

making it a contest between USA,  
Russia, Iran, Syria, Hezbula and Iraq  
and the Kurds about who can claim  
the most ISIS scalps. Good luck  
surviving that in a wide open desert  
with little or no cover.

Edit: I see August has a post  
following this where he's predicting  
ISIS Caliphate success.

IMO, ISIS was sent into Iraq to die.

[reply](#)



Sat,  
08/09/2014  
- 13:34 |  
[5070158](#)

**11b40**



0 Once you unleash the religious fanatics, there is no controlling them, and this feels like a fire that has been started on purpose but may be burning out of control.

Pandora's box has been thrown open, but there is some very mysterious leadership at the top calling the shots here. This rapid military offensive exhibits unusual planning, coordination, and execution. How has this been accomplished? How is their command & control communications network invisible to our intelligence operations?

Hmmm....maybe...nah, we wouldn't do that, would we? Would we?

[reply](#)

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- 19:45 |  
[5068158](#)

**August**



6 >>>Iraq will eventually fall to ISIS control because this is what the Saudi's want

Ultimately, Iraq will be divided between the Sunni-Saudi factions, and those of Iran. Tehran will not allow a militant Sunni state to rule the Shia area of Iraq, hard on the Iranian border, and their own Arabistan.

New borders are easy enough to draw - ask the Brits: give a disinterested guy from Oxbridge a map, a desk and a pen. Worked great in India.

[reply](#)

Fri,  
08/08/2014  
- 22:55 |  
[5068790](#)

**TheReplacement**



1 It is times like this that great leaders step up and lead the way. I'm not betting we have any great leaders in the west today.

[reply](#)

**California  
Nigh...**



Sat,  
08/09/2014  
- 03:17 |  
[5069174](#)

2 Don't know what Obama would do if he could do, but he's too weak to do anything but follow orders.

In times like these, Nixon looks good. He was a real president, even if more than a bit naughty.

[reply](#)

**Dr.  
Everett  
V. Scott** Sat,  
08/09/2014  
- 03:35 |  
[5069194](#)



0 Nixon was a GREAT  
-5 President. He knew how the  
game was played — with a  
treaty in one hand, and a switchblade in the  
other.

History will treat Nixon better than the WaPo  
ever did.

[reply](#)

#### Cast Iron Skillet



0 it  
0 still  
0 is.

Fri,  
08/08/2014  
- 16:35 |  
[5067379](#)

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#### WTFx10



12 Just like  
-1 Germany  
pre-WW2.

Fri,  
08/08/2014  
- 13:52 |  
[5066316](#)

We did lose WW2 didn't we?

[reply](#)

#### ThroxxOfVron



18 History  
0 would  
0 seem

Fri,  
08/08/2014  
- 15:14 |  
[5066858](#)

to indicate that the  
victor in a conflict/war is the aggressor which is left  
holding/controlling the most landmass/resources at the end  
of the conflict/war.

When WW2 ended it was the USSR that had gained control of  
the largest volume of landmass over which it had not  
previously controlled.

IMHO that fact pretty much sums up who had won what at  
the conclusion of hostilities.

[reply](#)

#### piliage



1 Yes,  
-1 but

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08/09/2014  
- 01:32 |  
[5069079](#)

traditionally then  
they don't shut off the economy with communism. In fact  
the soviets blocked international competition from the  
traditionally powerful Prussia when they implemented the  
blockade and built the wall effectively giving the USA  
market monopoly in Europe. In that way, yes, the USA  
was the big winner as it gained the most economically.

[reply](#)

#### The Proletariat



8 We did  
-1 lose  
WW2

Fri,  
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- 15:47 |  
[5067082](#)

didn't we?

Yes. Because nobody wins in war...

[reply](#)

#### SMG



11 "Just say  
-30 it like it  
is, the

Fri,  
08/08/2014  
- 14:31 |  
[5066606](#)

United States is controlled  
by the tribe" You are implying the Oligarchs are Jewish, but  
they're not. They're more fond of Lucifer actually. You wouldn't  
want to blame the wrong people right?

[reply](#)

#### Herd Redirectio...



23 Maybe  
-2 he

Fri,  
08/08/2014  
- 14:45 |

implied a Tribe of Zionists? [5066709](#)

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- 15:43 |  
[5067045](#)

[InTheLandOfTheBlind](#)



[1](#) Political ideologies do not equate to tribes.  
[-9](#)

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[conscious](#)  
[being](#)



Sat,  
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- 09:51 |  
[0](#)  
[0](#) [5069512](#)  
That's the enchalada they want you to swallow.

[reply](#)

[TheReplacement](#)



Fri,  
08/08/2014  
- 23:00 |  
[2](#) Ah  
[-5](#)

there I get it. That [5068804](#)  
is a terrible use of the language. A much more applicable and accurate phrase might be Gang of Criminals. Tribe means blood relations. There is no way all the people behind this are related - Pols (Obama), Bankers, MIC, petty tyrant beaurocrats... There is a long list of people in on it.

Would people start using Gang of Criminals instead. It will be factual and much less hateful, thereby not crazy paranoid Nazi sounding.

[reply](#)

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[being](#)



Sat,  
08/09/2014  
- 09:56 |  
[1](#)  
[0](#) [5069524](#)  
How about the antiSemetism term? Is that a terrible, Orwellian NewSpeak use of language? I mean the Semetics are the people getting slaughtered and maimed in Gaza. Who are the 'anti's'?

[reply](#)

[HamFistedIdiot](#)



Fri,  
08/08/2014  
- 16:30 |  
[14](#) The  
[-1](#) highest  
level  
[5067336](#)

Zionists are members of a Secret Society, the Death Set, and while they may pay homage to their respective religions (Christian or Jewish) they are more indebted to their true God Lucifer/Baal. All this drive toward centralized control (EU, NAFTA, WTO, NATO) is fueled by their soulless greed.

[reply](#) [edit](#)

[Thisson](#)



Fri,  
08/08/2014  
- 15:58 |  
[11](#) Enough  
[-23](#) with your  
decisive  
[5067172](#)

bullshit. Believe it or not there are plenty of Jews who are pissed off at Obama and that want to End the Fed. Go fuck yourself.

[reply](#)

[WhackoWarner](#)



Fri,  
08/08/2014  
- 19:36 |  
[3](#) Most  
[-5](#) people  
do  
[5068110](#)

understand that Jewish

does not EQUAL Zionist. Not like I say potatoe and you say POTato.

[reply](#)

**TheReplacement**

Fri,



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See  
my  
post

08/08/2014  
- 23:13 |  
[5068835](#)

above. Zionist is not a good word for it. Tribe is bad too. One means there is a blood relationship and the other a sort of nationalism, as in for the good of 'the people and the nation'. The people making all of these bad things happen are not related, hence no tribe. Many of them do not care what happens to their people or their nation, hence no zionism. This diverse subset of people really don't share anything in common beyond being criminals of the first order. They are a Gang of Criminals. I use criminals because they don't just lie, cheat, steal, murder. No, they do them all and even worse, they get others to do these things willfully or not, aware or ignorantly. They are manipulators without conscience.

What's worse is there isn't just one gang. There appear to be several. If all the Muslims were on the same team they wouldn't be killing each other. Same for white people going to the verge of WWII. Latin America is just a cesspool with little tyrants here, there, everywhere. Examples are limitless. Within the just the US you have many factions; the MIC, bankers, unions, team red, team blue, and so on. They are like the olympic rings with different spheres that overlap here and there. Sometimes the overlap looks like cooperation like the Patriot Act and how that gives them more power over us or it looks like conflict like when one party tries to put the other on trial.

I'm not sure that accepting reality and trying to reconcile with them all is going to work for us.

Wow that took a turn.

[reply](#)

**conscious  
being**

Sat,



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- 10:01 |  
[5069537](#)

Sorry Replacement, Zionism is the enemy. At its most basic, Zionism is a racist, apparthied ideology.

[reply](#)

**Onoron**

Fri,



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Btw. polls in Germany show that 80% of the

Germans think pro Russian. The MSM propaganda does not succeed!

[reply](#)

**fockewulf190**

Fri,



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Really? If you have a link to one please post it if you would.

08/08/2014  
- 14:10 |  
[5066457](#)

[reply](#)

**aleph0**

Fri,



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Onoron is correct.

08/08/2014  
- 14:45 |  
[5066716](#)

The number I saw was 79% ... good enough .

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Fri,

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– 16:01 |

5067189

InTheLandOfTheBlind



4 I guess your text is as good as a link.

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Fri,



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– 17:43 |

To the Khuban! 5067661

The Volga Germans will be avenged!

(Oh, wait...we're already in the Khuban.)

To the Volga then! AND BEYOND!

reply

tvdog

Fri,



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– 20:42 |

NTV did a 5068378

telephone survey and suppressed the results when 89% indicated "understanding" of Putin's position:

<http://www.sott.net/article/279079-German-media-censors-poll-result-show...>

BTW, use of polls to manipulate public opinion is an old tactic first employed by the Tavistock Institute back in World War I.

reply

papaclop

Sat,



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The only flexibility I've seen in the White

House is the backstroking

Slobama did on Syria. Putin is not evil, he is a much better chess player than Slobama.

08/09/2014

– 14:29 |

5070352

reply

Bokkenrijder

Fri,



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KGB? The KGB no longer

08/08/2014

– 13:34 |

5066139

exists.<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/KGB>

ZH needs to check some facts: many years ago, the KGB was split up into the FSB for domestic and counter-intelligence, and the SVR for international intelligence gathering.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Federal\\_Security\\_Service](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Federal_Security_Service)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Foreign\\_Intelligence\\_Service\\_%28Russia%29](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Foreign_Intelligence_Service_%28Russia%29)

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MsCreant

Fri,



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Too literal.

08/08/2014

– 14:27 |

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Herd Redirectio...

Fri,



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There were excessive Cold War

08/08/2014

– 14:38 |

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references in the article, which don't help IMO, but it shows the background of the author, as well as his target audience.

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dontgoforit

Fri,

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Westerners understand

- 15:20 |

5066888

what 'KGB' means, split or not. Geo. H.W. Bush was Director CIA, so essentially, Putin has held the counterparty position.

[reply](#)

**Socratic Dog**

Fri,



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Got it.

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And

5067342

the moon is made of green cheese, right?

Read his lips. The kgb hasn't existed for 23 years. Headline writer looks fucking stupid. End of story.

[reply](#)

Fri,

08/08/2014

- 23:19 |

5068841

**TheReplacement**



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So someone wrote a wiki page and now the kgb doesn't exist? So what if it was split? Who do both arms ultimately work for - the same guy they used to work for back in the day.

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If you have a sandwich and cut it in half you still have a sandwich.

Did you read the ZH article above? You have to first accept reality. Putin is still in charge of what was the kgb. Hence it is accurate to refer to it as the kgb still. It does the same thing and works for the same guy even if it is called new names.

[reply](#)

**conscious being**

Sat,

08/09/2014

- 10:13 |

5069557



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MsCreant - not too literal. Part of the Knoodleman-Kaganites agenda is to conflate the new

Russia with the old Soviet Union. Given the Holdomor, this has special significance in the Ukraine. Strangely, the descendants of those who ran the Holdomor are now running the Junta in Kiev. I would think the typical Ukrainian would be pretty upset about that.

[reply](#)

**Serfs Up**

Fri, 08/08/2014



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Energy. The entire op- ed skipped over the energy part. How can

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that still be true in this day and age? Energy is \*everything\*, the rest is noise.

[reply](#)

**1000yrdstare**

Fri,

08/08/2014

- 13:07 |

5065984



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Bingo! the Germans like Russian

energy.....soon to be cut off by the Ukes....

[reply](#)

**MarsInScorpio**

Fri,

08/08/2014

- 13:32 |

5066131



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I noticed he skipped over the Kosovo

vote to break away and become an independent country. For some reason, critics of the Ukrainian

votes fail to mention that the legal concept of voting oneself out of a country was validated in Kosovo.

They also fail to mention the illegal acts of the US in funding a violent overthrow of a legitimately elected democratic government – and fail to call for the issuance of an international warrant for the arrest and trial of the perps who funneled the \$5-billion to the Nazis who now occupy the government buildings in Kiev.

Minor points . . . right.

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[reply](#)

**BlindMonkey**



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I am just  
happy to  
see

somebody in the west take  
a breath and advocate for...wait for it.....statesmanship.

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08/08/2014  
– 13:32 |  
[5066142](#)

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Fri,  
08/08/2014  
– 16:59 |  
[5067467](#)

**OpenThePodBayDoorHAL**



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We all know this is about one thing: money.  
With their prior shitstorms winding down  
(Iraq, Afghanistan) they desperately needed  
another way to channel taxpayer dollars into more war. We  
tried Libya, Egypt, Syria, now it's Ukraine

[reply](#)

**Keyser**



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Think big picture...

If Ukraine cuts off their nose to spite their face and shuts  
down the pipelines to southern EU, the ONLY pipeline  
into eastern Europe from Russia goes to Germany...  
KaChing!!!!

Fri,  
08/08/2014  
– 17:45 |  
[5067668](#)

[reply](#)

**old naughty**



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but wait...are [5069155](#)

you in effect saying the opposite is true:

"This could almost lead you to think that the  
rabble-rousers of the West are on the payroll of  
the Russian secret service."

"This could almost lead you to think that the  
rabble-rousers of the German papers are on the  
payroll of the Russian secret service?"

So the oligarchs will help, no?

[reply](#)

**conscious  
being**



Sat,  
08/09/2014  
– 10:22 |  
[5069569](#)

2  
0 One of the points he's making is  
that the German papers are in a  
kind of rabid lock-step with the

Zato line. Maybe the MSM in Germany is all  
bought off, just like the USA! USA! MSM? Certainly  
looks to be the case. Don't you agree? Maybe the  
Rupert Murdochs and other Western Oligarchs  
are helping out, wink, wink, if you know what I

mean. Do you think so?

[reply](#)

**disabledvet**

Fri,



0 And 08/08/2014  
0 Iraq. - 17:45 |

Again.

[5067669](#)

"Third times a charm Big Brother!"

[reply](#)

**crazziecanuck**

Fri,



15 Kosovo 08/08/2014  
-5 didn't vote - 14:58 |  
itself out

[5066783](#)

of anything. All Kosovo has

been allowed to become is a parcelled off part of  
Serbia/Yugoslavia to become an American military base, like  
Guantanamo Bay. But with a token "elected leadership" that can't  
do anything without Washington's approval.

Kosovo isn't a good example here, except for Western hypocrisy  
when it comes to military interventions on the other side of the  
globe.

With regards to this portion:

"The last successful major military action the US conducted was  
the Normandy landing. Everything else - Korea, Vietnam, Iraq,  
and Afghanistan - was a clear failure."

The author has forgotten about Grenada and Panama. lol

[reply](#)

**FlyingDutchman**

Fri,



3 Cuba 08/08/2014  
0 was also - 16:12 |  
a great

[5067259](#)

success.

[reply](#)

**August**

Fri,



5 "The last 08/08/2014  
0 - 19:55 |

[5068208](#)

successful major

military action the US conducted was the Normandy landing.  
Everything else - Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan - was  
a clear failure."

Successful enough.

**"The purpose of war... is not victory."**

- Emmanuel Goldstein

[reply](#)

**conscious being**

Sat,



2 Kosovo 08/09/2014  
0 isn't a - 10:32 |  
good

[5069593](#)

example here, except

for Western hypocrisy when it comes to military interventions  
on the other side of the globe.

Huh? Isn't a good example?

I think he was trying to draw attention to Western hypocrisy.  
And appropriately so. Kosovo set a precedent whether Zato  
likes it or not.

[reply](#)

**ThroxxOfVron**

Fri,



12 No 08/08/2014  
0 - 15:19 |

[5066874](#)

Administration in any nation

on this Earth wishes to concede the right of individuals to their  
self determination. The plantation system must be maintained at  
all costs lest the citizenries opt out of the bureaucracies and their



programmes and/or rise up in arms against the machinations of the management classes of the Corporate States.

[reply](#)

#### TheReplacement

Fri,



3 His point  
-1 was to be  
realistic.

08/08/2014

- 23:21 |

[5068844](#)

You can rave about everything under the sun and nobody will listen. He is simply calling for everyone to take a deep breath and take an objective and realistic look at this showdown with Russia before it turns into a war. He was being realistic to set an example.

[reply](#)

#### Sudden Debt

Fri,



29 The war is  
-1 between those who  
own the energy.

08/08/2014

- 13:22 |

[5066078](#)

And we don't own it, we pay for it.  
So is it for the Americans, they fight for the oil and gas and when they come home, sometimes shot to pieces or shell shocked, they still have to pay for it.  
And those who own it, won't send their kids to war. At least not on a battlefield at the front lines.

[reply](#)

#### Herd Redirectio...

Fri,



3 Germany is a  
-7 worldwide  
leader in wind  
energy. Not enough to replace  
gas or coal or nuclear, but its a supplement.

08/08/2014

- 14:39 |

[5066672](#)

[reply](#)

#### Sandmann

Fri,



12 Total joke.  
0 Germany  
imports

08/08/2014

- 14:47 |

[5066724](#)

nuclear electricity from  
France. Windpower is de-stabilising the electricity grid in  
Czechoslovakia and Poland.

[reply](#)

#### NotApplicable

Fri,



2 Is that  
0 due to

08/08/2014

- 14:56 |

intermittent production? [5066786](#)

[reply](#)

#### crazzziecanuck

Fri,



7  
-1

08/08/2014

- 14:59 |

Yes. And this is why [5066799](#)

German has prematurely ended nuclear power and  
instead built over a dozen coal power plants in 2013  
alone. Wind is intermittent, but solar has this nasty trait  
of not producing power when it's actually needed (i.e., at  
night).

[reply](#)

#### Herd

Fri,

#### Redirectio...

08/08/2014



Well,  
wind

- 15:56 |

[5067154](#)

3 serves a purpose, because its easier  
-6 to scale up and down.

If you need more energy, and the coal plants are all  
online, not a lot you can do. Similarly, if you need to  
just decrease energy by a few % points (the ebbs and  
flows throughout the day/night) its easier to shut  
down some wind turbines than some nuclear or coal  
plants.

The key is storing the energy until it is needed/is not disruptive.

[reply](#)

piliage



6

Fri,

08/08/2014

- 23:13 |

[5068827](#)

0 Easier to scale down? wtf? If by 'scale down' you mean bury millions of kilowatts in the dirt thrown away, great. The Germans spend 12 bil euros a year subsidizing 'clean' energy that has actually forced them to import 33 million metric tons of coal. And, for extra bonus points, they have the highest cost per kilowatt in the eu. And the tragic irony in all this is the USA is exporting 10 mil metric tons of coal a year to Germany, literally exporting its carbon footprint to 'green' Germany. Germany's renewable strategy is a left wing vote whoring cluster fuck of stupid epic proportions.

Oh, and despite them spending a gagillion euros on renewables, there were two weeks in December of 2013 of cold, cloudy, sub freezing weather with no wind where Germany produced fuck all energy from renewables and the grid was pushed to the breaking point due to poor investments in alternatives to unreliable renewables. Great strategy they have being ass fucked by the Green Party.

[reply](#)

Sat,

08/09/2014

- 19:44 |

[5071214](#)

Parrotile



0 The problem with "renewable" energy (in the form of Solar PV / Wind) is that both

technologies are quite picky w.r.t. to operating conditions. Solar is VERY susceptible to even slight cloud cover / haze (along the lines of a 50% reduction in output - we have a small PV installation on our floating home, and I am very aware of just how much our panels shove into the batteries at any time!)

Wind power is just as picky re. windspeed - not enough, and the output is pretty feeble; "too much" (and a reasonably stiff gale is FAR too much!) and the output drops to feeble once again, in order to "protect" the turbine. Remember that wind energy increases as the cube of wind speed, and "rated power output" is usually around maximum safe speed, so your "1kW" turbine might not be that great a generating source unless you live in a particularly windy area, with a fairly constant (and high) wind speed.

[reply](#)

daemon



5

0

" Total  
joke."

Fri,

08/08/2014

- 16:27 |

[5067063](#)

Not at all. The Germans can export electricity relatively often it seems. To the point that in other european countries some people don't hesitate to call this : unfair competition. As you may know it, the german government, in its willingness to get out of nuclear energy, **subsidises massively** projects of renewable energy.

You can take a look at the page 8 of this document:

<http://www.ise.fraunhofer.de/en/downloads-englisch/pdf-files-englisch/ne...>

[reply](#)

ThroxxOfVron



12 I agree. The  
0 Oligarchs and  
thier progeny  
5066944

Fri,

08/08/2014  
- 15:43 |

are never required to sacrifice themselves first to uphold the resource extraction and retail distribution matrix.

Ditto for the warmongers and war profiteers.

The sons of the Untied States Congress were not REQUIRED to take the point when the U.S. stormed Normandy.

Maybe the President and the entire U.S. Congress should have been seated/conveined in the embassy compound in Bagdad for the last several years.

I think that the war would have been avoided entirely and/or prosecuted quite differently if Bush and Cheney and the whole Rep/Dem clown brigade had been stranded inside the Green Zone since the morning that the armoured column drove into Bagdad.

**Just imagine them: Bush, Cheney, McCain, Clinton, Pelosi, Reid, Schumer, Obama, Rangel, etc., etc.: ALL sitting in a room together in Bagdad while the Iraq War with it's IEDs and suicide bombers and the works raging in the streets and markets around them for the last decade or so... NO Administration would ever go to war again without absolutely exhausting every alternative.**

**IF the Oligarchs and Statist Hawks want wars let them sit right in the fucking trenches and holes at the front with their husbands/wives and children for the entire duration.**

Likewise to the point with the isolation of the Oligarchy from the damage caused by managing the resource extraction and retail distribution matrix.

You want SAFE nuclear power?

**-FORCE the largest bond and shareholders, the entire corporate upper management, and all of the regulators involved in ever aspect of safety and diligence to live right inside the nuclear plant compounds. In the event of ( so much as any perception of ) a problem: lock them all inside and shoot anyone that tries to get out before the ( perceived ) problem is mitigated entirely.**

IMHO, absolutely everyone involved with managing and regulating TEPCO should have been and should still be imprisoned inside the actual perimeter of the damaged Fukushima plants today.

**IF the Oligarchs and Statist Hawks want to make money running scemes with dirty power/nuke waste/etc. let them live right in the shadow of the smokestacks next to the rod pools and slag heaps with their husbands/wives and children for the entire duration.**

[reply](#)

daemon



0 " IMHO,  
0 absolutely  
everyone  
5067424

Fri,

08/08/2014  
- 17:13 |

*involved with managing and regulating TEPCO should have been and **should still be imprisoned inside the actual perimeter of the damaged Fukushima plants today.***

I'm not 100% sure but Japan doesn't apply death penalty anymore, you know ?

After checking, I realize I was wrong. They still do apply death penalty.

[reply](#)

Captain Willard



14 The author would  
0 sacrifice some  
style points if he  
5066181

Fri,

08/08/2014  
- 13:39 |

just cam right out and discussed energy. So he took us on a walk down memory lane, cleverly recounting the story of the development of Ostpolitik from the Realpolitik perspective. But it's all the same stuff.

The difference nowadays is that Germany is reunited. We can debate

whether Ostpolitik had more impact on modern-day central Europe than the Cold Warriors from Kennedy to Reagan. I'm thinking that there was synergy between both strategies.

However, the Germans need something fresher than the author's freeze-dried perspectives. True, the US failed a lot. But German success and reunification was to some extent built on the back of these failures. What does he suggest now?

Realism? Yes, this is a start. But whose reality beckons? Putin's?

So let the Germans handle this one. He's right – it's their time and their turn. We'll see how useful the author's history lesson is in developing detente in Eastern Europe. They have to live with the results, so it's only fair.

[reply](#)

**Freddie**

Fri,



20 The people  
0 and banskters  
behind all this

08/08/2014

– 14:24 |

[5066560](#)

shit in Europe and the middle east have been making money off of wars with Chirstians killing Christians, Muslim and Christians killing each other and all variations. They profit from chaos and killing someone else's children.

They control the media and until they are brought to heel then nothing will change.

[reply](#)

**Herd Redirectio...**

Fri,



10 Not only  
0 profit,  
Divide and

08/08/2014

– 14:41 |

[5066692](#)

Conquer.

In other words, Divide and *RULE*. You got to keep people divided. And divided in as many ways as possible, to provide as little potential for UNITY as possible.

[reply](#)

**Badabing**

Fri,



2 "The people  
0 and  
banskters

08/08/2014

– 15:13 |

[5066853](#)

behind all this shit in Europe"

I believe it's all to create instability in Europe to bring an end to the euro!

[reply](#)

**August**

Fri,



4 >>>However, the  
0 Germans need  
something fresher

08/08/2014

– 20:11 |

[5068252](#)

than the author's freeze-dried perspectives.

...Realism? Yes, this is a start. But whose reality beckons? Putin's?

My spin is that Germany isn't looking to become the dependent appendage of a new big brother, but for a partner whose resources have synergies with Germany's own strengths and weaknesses.

The only benefit I see Germany getting out of the current US–NATO relationship is that they have a military guarantee against Russian aggression, which, frankly, is a guarantee that Germany no longer needs.

[reply](#)

**zorba THE GREEK**

Fri, 08/08/2014



37 The rats are starting to  
0 jump the ship of fools

– 13:06 |

[5065973](#)

[reply](#)

**McMolotov**

Fri,



75 Over the past half-  
0 century of playing  
World Police and

08/08/2014

– 13:07 |

Corporate Enforcer, the United States has squandered all the credibility and moral standing it once enjoyed. We are witnessing the rest of the world turning away from a dying superpower.

5065986

The backlash has been building for decades now. If the last century was the American Century, this one will be the Anti-American Century.

[reply](#)

johnny2



22  
0 the country that  
has to accept  
that its gold is

"stored" in usa and uk, and has  
usa millitary base is less independent than the countries in soviet  
union were.

Fri,  
08/08/2014  
- 13:29 |  
5066124

[reply](#)

El Vaquero



25  
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*If the last  
century was the American  
Century, this one will be the Anti-American Century.*

Fri,  
08/08/2014  
- 14:01 |  
5066389

On that, I disagree. I don't see the US surviving in its current form. I see it breaking up, or simply ceasing to exist. Maybe something will rise from the ashes, maybe not, but in a few decades, "America" will elicit a response on par with "Yeah, those assholes?" and this country will be relegated to the history books. It won't be anti-American. It will be non-American.

[reply](#)

disabledvet



1  
0 The English  
Empire  
lasted a long

time dude. Seems ridiculous  
even in retrospect actually.

The USA only had two "imperial possessions" in her  
history...Cuba and the Phillipines. Look how Cuba turned out. Or  
worse still...Florida.

Hard to tell if "Secret Plan ZATO" is to add another 100 States to  
the Union or not. Right now it looks like we have 49 too many  
actually.

Fri,  
08/08/2014  
- 17:55 |  
5067691

[reply](#)

Keyser



0  
0 "America"  
will survive,  
but as part

of the "North American  
Union"...

The beatings will continue until morale improves...

Fri,  
08/08/2014  
- 19:08 |  
5067987

[reply](#)

Renfield



5  
0 This editorial is  
my first  
indication that

Barky may actually face a war  
crimes tribunal within the not-so-far future. I think Ukraine will  
prove a bridge too far for NATO.

Fri,  
08/08/2014  
- 14:31 |  
5066601

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Anusocracy



3  
0 Leaving the USS  
Flying Dutchman.

Fri,  
08/08/2014  
- 14:02 |  
5066391

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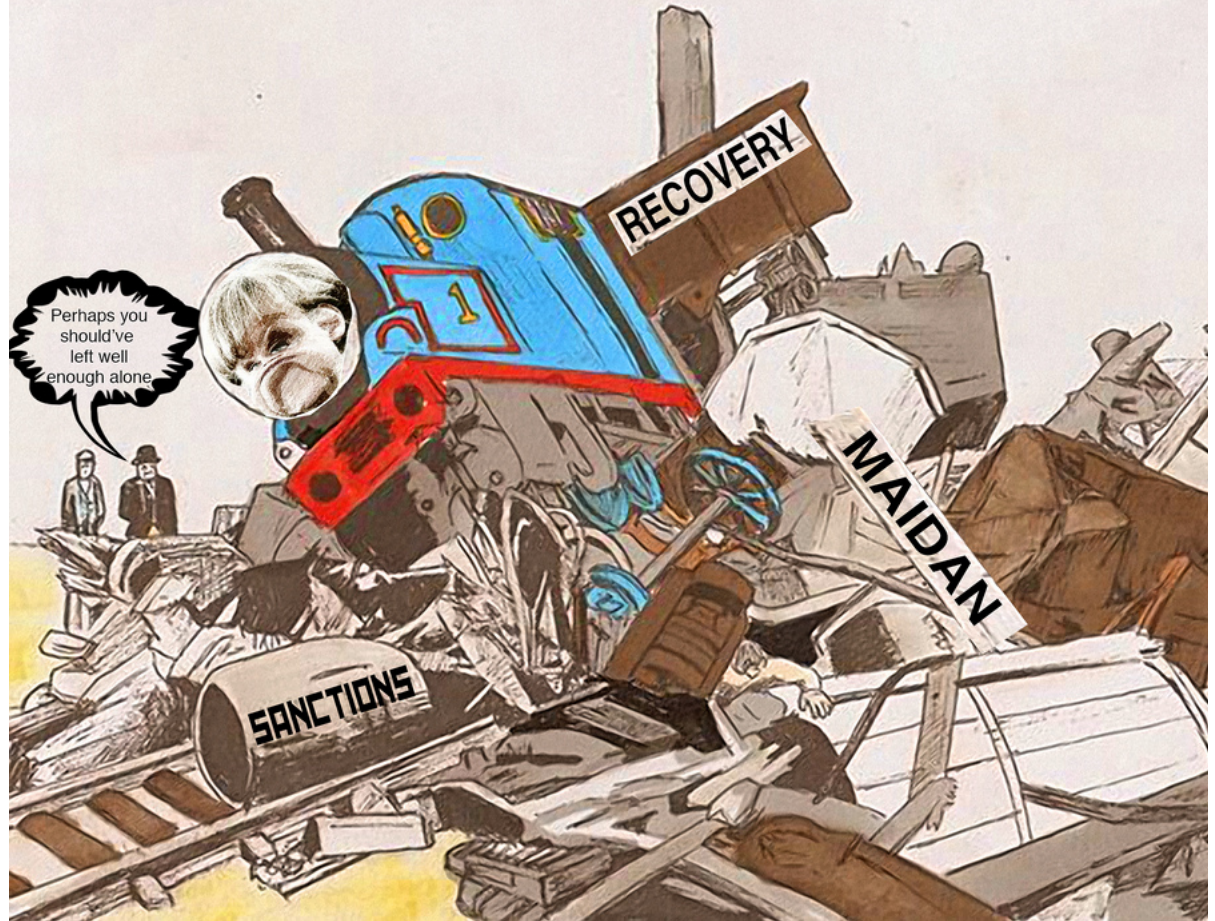
williambanzai7



39

Fri, 08/08/2014  
- 13:10 |  
5066000

# MUTTI THE SANCTIONS ENG



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**john39**



11 that was a pretty low blow against Thomas...  
-1

Fri,  
08/08/2014  
- 13:34 |  
[5066154](#)

[reply](#)

**Jumbotron**



25 Sounds like somebody doesn't want to be very, very cold this winter.  
-1

Fri, 08/08/2014  
- 13:13 |  
[5066012](#)

[reply](#)

**Sudden Debt**



22 2 to 3 more months and winters there.  
0

And to make matters worse, there's 3 nuclear installations who won't be working at full capacity due to malfunctions and cracked vessels. This will be fun.... And in total, about 30% of europe's industry runs on gas... This will be fun...

Fri,  
08/08/2014  
- 13:25 |  
[5066091](#)

[reply](#)

**Jumbotron**



14 No cheap energy from Russia.....no European hope for recovery.  
0

Fri,  
08/08/2014  
- 13:52 |  
[5066297](#)



Not that there is much now. But will just hasten things a bit.

Russian Honey Badger doesn't care. Russian Honey Badger doesn't give a shit.

[reply](#)

**crazziecanuck**



4 Cheap and  
0 energy as  
quickly

diverging.

Fri,  
08/08/2014  
- 15:04 |  
[5066825](#)

[reply](#)

**zjxn06**



5 "No cheap  
0 energy from  
Russia.....no

European hope for  
recovery."

No problem. Germans could just pay with some of their gold.  
Oh, wait...

Fri,  
08/08/2014  
- 16:09 |  
[5067242](#)

[reply](#)

**TheReplacement**



1 If you are  
0 at the  
point

where you have to trade

your gold for a fuel that will be used once and gone, you  
better be buying it to run your war machines because you are  
going to need to go take the rest of it once the gold runs out.

Fri,  
08/08/2014  
- 23:32 |  
[5068865](#)

[reply](#)

**conscious being**



3 Sing  
0 that

song to Gordon

Brown who dumped 1/2 th UK's for a song, The Brown  
Bottom. How's that tune go?

Sat,  
08/09/2014  
- 10:45 |  
[5069623](#)

[reply](#)

**Keyser**



2 With the  
-1 sanctions  
russia

placed on imported goods

today, the EU won't make it to winter before imploding... Half  
their domestic agro output goes to Russia...

Fri,  
08/08/2014  
- 19:11 |  
[5068000](#)

[reply](#)

**conscious being**



1 Its  
0 harvest  
season

in Russia coming up,  
so they have a buffer to arrange other deals while the people  
enjoy local.

Where as the Western farmer who was planning to export to  
Russia can do what with his harvest before it spoils?

Sat,  
08/09/2014  
- 10:51 |  
[5069633](#)

[reply](#)

**schadenfreude**



0 You  
-2 are a  
stupid

fuck Keyser. Why don't

you keep Your mouth shut? I have yet to see one post with at  
least some logic conclusion or some facts. Just spewing your  
unfounded opinions more often doesn't make them more  
credible.

Sat,  
08/09/2014  
- 12:44 |  
[5070014](#)

[reply](#)

**Bokkenrijder**

Fri, 08/08/2014



4  
-27 The KGB?!?! The KGB  
was dissolved in  
1991! Wake up ZH!

- 13:34 |  
5066092

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/KGB>

For the sake of ZH's credibility, perhaps it's better to quickly check Wikipedia when making references to the Russian intelligence services. For domestic spying there's the FSB, and for international operations there's the SVR;

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Federal\\_Security\\_Service](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Federal_Security_Service)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Foreign\\_Intelligence\\_Service\\_%28Russia%29](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Foreign_Intelligence_Service_%28Russia%29)

[reply](#)

**MarsInScorpio**

Fri,



37  
-1 Maybe it's not ZH's  
job to run editorial  
corrections in the  
copy of another journal. You don't  
have a right to change the meaning of another's essay.

08/08/2014  
- 14:04 |  
5066169

Write the publication that wrote it.

-30-

[reply](#)

**Bokkenrijder**

Fri,



9  
-4 Well,  
Handelsblatt  
DIDN'T write it!

08/08/2014  
- 14:23 |  
5066545

Search the article on the letters  
"kgb" (control + F) and you won't find anything.

You're right though, ZH shouldn't quote things that simply aren't there!

[reply](#)

**Bokkenrijder**

Fri,



3  
-2 p.s. funny  
to see that  
I get so

08/08/2014  
- 15:40 |  
5067025

many negative kudos. It's not that I really care though, but it's a perfect illustration of how easily the supposedly 'critical thinkers' here on ZH, turn into sheeple as they clearly prefer to be presented with not only wrong facts, but also an incorrect representation of the Handelsblatt article.

Hong Kong is obviously not a city in Brazil, that was an easy 'score' for ZH, but the fact that the KGB was dissolved 23 (!) years ago does not seem to bother the Golden Truthseekers here...  
<http://www.zerohedge.com/news/2014-08-08/whats-wrong-picture>

As a matter of fact, in true CNN style, ZeroHedge still touts "...on the payroll of the KGB" in the title of this thread. ;-)

[reply](#)

**Herodotus**

Fri,



5  
-3 Details,

08/08/2014  
- 15:58 |  
5067164

details! The Germanic types are always worried about details. This is why they lost the war. Can't see the forest for the trees.

[reply](#)

**Keyser**

Fri,



4  
-2

08/08/2014  
- 19:11 |  
5068006

Anyone that uses Wiki are a reference for "factual" information doesn't deserve a response...

[reply](#)

**Bokkenrijder**

Sat,

OK, 08/09/2014





here's a - 06:57 |  
link  
2 from 5069314  
-1 Encyclopedia Britannica:

<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/203373/Federal-Security-Servic...>

Happy now, you crazy fuck? Or you still prefer to be brainwashed?

[reply](#)

conscious Sat,  
being 08/09/2014



I'm - 10:56 |  
5069659  
0 with you on this Bokkenman. Its  
not benign to conflate the two.  
0 Present day Russia is not the  
communist dictatorship that was the Soviet  
Union.

[reply](#)

August Fri,  
1 The 08/08/2014



-2 - 20:20 |  
5068288

Germans lost their  
20th century wars because their leadership bit off more  
than they could chew; they may have been brilliant at  
modern warfare, but ultimately they were dumb as bricks  
strategically and diplomatically.

[reply](#)

booboo Fri, 08/08/2014



0 Stunning Cunt or  
-2 Cunning Stunt? 5067595

The later..... and yer falling for it

It reads like a misdirection attempt to blame this shit show on "The Tea Party", "The "Republican vote(r)" and anyone but B.O.

Even when trying to tell the truth the best they can manage is half truth that results in nothing more than half lies by a German Newspaper and also a fish wrap no doubt instrumental in waging a war of propaganda against the German anti Federal Reserve movement in calling them "Nazi's" Their words, not mine.

More Weak Sauce and Blather.

[reply](#)

TheReplacement Fri,  
5 What are you talking  
about? This guy is  
0 just trying to keep 5068872

Germany from freezing to death or  
worse, war with Russia again. If there is a war between the US/EU and  
Russia who cares who is blamed? We'll all be dead.

[reply](#)

Ghordius Sat,  
€ 4 are you pissed  
-1 because the Tea  
Party is not 5069282

mentioned in the *friendliest terms*  
*only* in this **excellent** German article? Read again, the author just wrote  
that *we Europeans can't afford the luxury of looking at Russia as the Tea  
Party does*

he is not happy with the *whole* US political establishment, and this is very  
visible in this other part:

*"The politics of escalation show that Europe sorely misses a realistic goal.  
It's a different thing in the US. Threats and posturing are simply part of  
the election preparations. When Hillary Clinton compares Putin with  
Hitler, she does so only to appeal to the Republican vote, i.e. people who  
do not own a passport. For many of them, Hitler is the only foreigner  
they know, which is why Adolf Putin is a very welcome fictitious  
campaign effigy. In this respect, Clinton and Obama have a realistic goal:  
to appeal to the people, to win elections, to win another Democratic  
presidency."*

a bit undiplomatic. but yes, this guy is not the only European **exasperated** by various kinds of Americans, including the gullibles, the **never-traveled-around-but-know-it-all**, the Adolf Hitler crowd, the Putin Fan Clubs, the Cowboys-Without-A-State, the America-First-Bombs-First, the Great-War-Is-Coming-Now trolls *and* believers, the Zombie Apocalypse Brain Eaters, the Christianity Will Triumph Over Evil Islam Purists... and the politicians who found out that the American Electorate is not interested in truth, only *truthiness* (you know, the one that you "feel is right") and deliver a political propaganda that is both cynic and full of threats and posturing

I repeat: exasperated. look at your comment. you reacted like if this article was

"a *misdirection attempt to blame this shit show on "The Tea Party", "The Republican vote(r)" and anyone but B.O."*

FULL PARTISANSHIP GOGGLES ENGAGED?

this guy actually gave the Dems a way bigger blow in this article. for us Europeans it's **insane** that Clinton is comparing Putin with Hitler **in such a casual way**

but that is *our* problem, isn't it? it's the American power, casualness, carelessness, utter lack of attention and of course currency... and our problems

and so, yes. "*people without a passport*" (PWP) is a *European prejudice*. Perhaps an unfair one. It would be interesting to see how many PWPs are Republicans or Tea Party adherents or libertarians. But you have to understand that people like the author **have** this prejudice, and it goes very, very far down a rabbit hole you might not like at all

the *kindest* version of it is... childlike

[reply](#)

booboo



0  
-3  
"It would be interesting to see how many

Sat,  
08/09/2014  
- 08:44 |  
[5069393](#)

PWP are....."  
Really?

And who has the partisanship goggles on?

For someone who is seeped in their social stew and unwillingness to admit that Germany has a piss poor record of decision making at the highest level it must be painful to admit that while it's mouth pieces are pretending to understand and deflect they are the ones throwing around the Nazi label in order to kowtow a lockstep populace which should give you an indication of where you are headed. As for this great rag of record, you never addressed my other point. In other words, how many times have you joined in the press labeled "nazi" anti fed rally's in the German streets?

[reply](#)

conscious being



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0  
Booboo, the poor author is trying to

Sat,  
08/09/2014  
- 11:10 |  
[5069696](#)

run his business while avoiding demands for more reparations. Maybe he pulled a few punches. The great point to me here is that here is an alternate, powerful voice to the stampede for war. A voice that better reflects how the Germans feel about recent events in Ukraine than the propaganda they're fed in the rest of their corporate, captured media.

Thanks for mentioning the End the Fed rallies.

[reply](#)

booboo



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Greened you for the

Sat,  
08/09/2014  
- 12:57 |  
[5070051](#)

diplomacy and I over reacted.

[reply](#)

Ghordius



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what

Sun,  
08/10/2014  
- 07:29 |  
[5072234](#)

partisanship goggles *can* the author or me have? we are *both* continental europeans

meanwhile your criticism of German politics is so generic to be useless

anyway, here a guy came with a calculation of passportholding and political stance in the US: <http://www.theexpeditioner.com/2010/02/17/how-many-americans-have-a-pass...>

takeaways:

*"Since there were 133,959,114 passports issued in the last 10 years, that means that 46% of the American population has a passport. For those keeping score, this means that a little less than half the population can't fly to Canada, let alone travel to any other country in the world."*

and

*"there is a striking correlation between the states that voted for Romney in 2012 and those states with the lowest number of passport holders. Those states that voted for Obama had the highest percentage of passport holders (Alaska is a notable exception — a state which is historically conservative, but no not surprisingly has a high percentage of passport ownership given its remote location)."*

yet I repeat: how *partisan* can a foreigner outside of your country be? this is a constant source of amazement, for me, this idea that partisanship extends automatically to foreigners. a continuation of the *Bush Doctrine* of "You are either with us or against us"?

[reply](#)

**good man**



0 My last pay check was \$9500 working 12 hours a week online.

Sun,  
08/10/2014 –  
01:14 |

[5071979](#)

My sisters friend has been averaging 15k for months now and she works about 20 hours a week. I can't believe how easy it was once I tried it out. This is what I do... <http://goo.gl/bhiamE>

[reply](#)

**lordylord**



22 Well it does seem that all our politicians are anti-constitution, anti-freedom, anti-free market capitalism, etc.

Fri, 08/08/2014 –  
13:00 |

[5065921](#)

[reply](#)

**Greenskeeper\_Carl**



16 this guy better be careful...

Fri, 08/08/2014  
– 13:06 |  
[5065976](#)

"sounds like you've had a little bit too much to think, citizen...."

[reply](#)

**eurogold**



10 Finally an outcry or whimper of sense ! Thanks

Fri,  
08/08/2014  
– 13:42 |  
[5066225](#)

Handelsblatt !

[reply](#)

**IANAE**



5 Breaking ranks or breaking bad? No matter, I can hear the drums beating now...

Fri, 08/08/2014 –  
13:00 |

[5065924](#)

[reply](#)

**Urban Redneck**



15 The image from the Handelsblatt homepage is priceless

Fri, 08/08/2014  
– 13:17 |  
[5066046](#)

<http://www.handelsblatt.com/images/protesters-hold-petrol-bomb-during-cl...>

[reply](#)

**BlindMonkey**



6 I am very confused by the current protests in Kiev.

Fri,  
08/08/2014  
– 13:36 |

Are they protesting that the government is simply making them "move along"? This would imply that the protesters are concerned they are not Nazi enough. If they are protesting the Nazis the crack down seems rather lightly handled.

5066175

That priest makes a good pic but I just have no idea what side he thinks he is on.

[reply](#)

Urban Redneck



9 Meet the new boss, same as the old boss.

Fri,  
08/08/2014  
- 13:38 |  
5066187

[reply](#)

BlindMonkey



3 You ever listened to the lyrics of "Won't get Fooled Again?"

Fri,  
08/08/2014  
- 13:54 |  
5066335

Crazy how things don't change much. Meet the new boss, same as the old boss indeed.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rtHshBWFryg>

[reply](#)

ceilidh\_trail



2 Russian Orthodox priest holding a Molotov and a rock. Happy endings guaranteed...

Fri,  
08/08/2014  
- 17:05 |  
5067491

[reply](#)

IANAE



1 Breaking ranks or breaking bad? No matter, I can hear the drums beating now...

Fri, 08/08/2014 -  
13:00 | 5065929

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JustObserving



55 The NSA owns Merkel having spied on her since 2002. With US and British troops on German soil, Germany has no chance of an independent foreign policy.

Fri, 08/08/2014 -  
13:01 | 5065937

Ask the foreign military presence to leave, if you have the balls. Then Germany has a chance at freedom.

[reply](#)

dontgoforit



5 If we left, they'd have to spend 1/2 a trillion a year for

their own defense. Cheaper to keep her (as in America) than to divorce her (send her packing).

Fri, 08/08/2014  
- 13:04 |  
5065952

[reply](#)

JustObserving



50 If we left, they'd have to spend 1/2 a trillion a year for their own defense

Fri,  
08/08/2014  
- 13:18 |  
5066030

Where did you pull that number from? From your ass because it stinks. Germany may have to spend a few billion more and it will create German jobs. And the savings from not being spied upon and controlled will easily pay the extra costs.

Cite a reference for your number or forever hold your dick.

Russia spent \$58.2 billion on its military in 2013.

[reply](#)

**MalteseFalcon**

9 The idea that  
0 Germany could  
not defend itself  
against one of the major powers  
flies in the face of WWI and WWII.

Fri,  
08/08/2014  
- 15:04 |  
[5066821](#)

You'll need 3 or 4 on 1.

[reply](#)

**Herodotus**

4 This time,  
0 the Germans  
would be in  
Paris before the French  
could find the launch button for their nukes.

Fri,  
08/08/2014  
- 16:01 |  
[5067190](#)

[reply](#)

**TheReplacement**

0 I think he  
-1 guesstimated  
that number.

Fri,  
08/08/2014  
- 23:46 |  
[5068892](#)

There would still be spying and all the covert stuff. A half trillion wouldn't be hard to imagine if other nations arm up as they probably would if Germany went solo or Brics. Europe remembers WWII as much as the Germans. Germany kicking out NATO would certainly inspire a buildup around Europe.

[reply](#)

**conscious being**

0 Stay in Zato  
0 to save  
money?

Sat,  
08/09/2014  
- 11:20 |  
[5069723](#)

Zato comes with lots of baggage. Zato's got the soul destroying baggage like the Maidan snipers that kill both sides and Baggage that destroys business, like the current and growing sanctions regime.

[reply](#)

**swmnguy**

16 The US spends  
0 about \$1 Trillion a  
year on the

Fri,  
08/08/2014  
- 13:42 |  
[5066222](#)

military, and that's more than the rest of the world combined by a large margin. Or, to put it another way, we spend as much on the military as we spend in a year propping up the insolvent banks.

If Germany spent \$50 Billion per year, or 1/10 of your estimate, they'd be nearly runner-up to the US.

[reply](#)

**Freddie**

17 The USA  
0 spends \$1  
trillion on  
defense and police state and  
the borders are wide open.

Fri,  
08/08/2014  
- 14:34 |  
[5066645](#)

[reply](#)

**Parrotile**

0 One  
0 wonders  
just how

Sat,  
08/09/2014  
- 20:01 |  
[5071271](#)

much of that trillion goes into "Defence" spending, and how much "disappears" into the pockets of the well-connected.

It might be very relevant indeed to remember the "Phantom Legions" from the end days of the Roman Empire – especially in regard to the "Missing Pentagon Billions" – and the oh so unfortunate collapse of WTC-7.

Does ANYONE really know whether the US Taxpayer is getting "value for money"? Without INDEPENDENT (joke, I know) oversight / audit, there is no control.

With no control, "they" can spend "it" on whatever they like. And you may rest certain in the knowledge that they WILL.

[reply](#)

#### TheReplacement



0 I think he's saying that if Germany went  
-1 5068897

their own or the Brics way then there probably would be war or at least a panicked buildup to it. A solo Germany would probably want their own nukes when everyone else in the neighborhood has them (Britain, France, US, Russia).

We might be to the point where no matter which way this goes is goes badly.

[reply](#)

#### Grumbleduke



22 as a conquered and dumbed down nation Germany not  
0 5066323

only pays for US military bases on its soil, it also is responsible (money wise) for their maintenance.

Yeah, the Germans will be shedding some tears. Tears of joy.

[reply](#)

#### iceCube



4 Even if that number was correct (which it surely isn't), it would  
0 5066728

be a small price to pay to see those suckers go.

[reply](#)

#### dontgoforit



1 @justobserving 08/08/2014  
-9 - as a matter of fact, not out 5066953

of my ass, but out of the air - it was a *point* I was making, not the actual cost. Point is, it would cost Germany a whole lot more to develop weapons to get up to speed and then to arm and deploy a complete defense system of its own than it is for them to keep American troops and weaponry on their soil.

[reply](#)

#### Zerozen



6 Germany already has an  
0 5067223

armaments industry and they produce some of the best stuff in the world.

Their diesel subs and tanks for example are world-class, if not the best.

[reply](#)

#### JustObserving



1 Relax. 08/08/2014  
0 Sorry, a bit of poetic - 20:41 | 5068376

license and a couple of cognacs. I understand. Normally I am kinder and gentler but hate to see Germans have limited freedoms so many years after World War II.

Wishing you the best.

[reply](#)

#### Winston Churchill



3 Until the nukes land. - 13:04 | 5065958  
0 "The American way of life is not negotiable".

[reply](#)

gcjohns1971

Fri, 08/08/2014



5 No offense, but I don't  
-3 think that 1 brigade of  
5066112 combat troops is a  
credible 'occupation'.

Seriously, there were more US combat personnel in Russia last year for training than are currently stationed in Germany.

They should have left 20 years ago, except Germany asked them to stay to stabilize 'reunification'.

It was long-since finished. And the last brigade should have left long ago.

The soldiers don't want to go, because Germany is a great place to live and they like it there.

[reply](#)

Againststhe

Fri,  
08/08/2014



0 No offense, but I  
0 don't think that 1  
5067122 brigade of combat troops is a  
credible 'occupation'.

You still don't understand how plutocratic occupation works, do you?

It's about establishing the financial and economic regime, the media regime, the telecommunication control, the content of education and the knowledge transfer (industrial and economic espionage). Once the debt slavery of the plutocratic regime has been installed and local vassals are put into power, the vassals keep the show running on their own. Because they know, that they are only on top, as long as their masters' are on top, therefore vassals are often even more cruel to the own people, than foreign occupation powers.

The military presence is more for emergency purposes, in case a vassal would not follow his role and try to throw the occupants out with the help of a few courageous soldiers.

That's the tragedy, that people – especially in the West – simply do not understand how the matrix works. Every day they are brainwashed about dictators being a threat, while they are made to believe in the lie of "free press". People in the West do not even understand how money rules, how much power and influence the private owner of a TV-station, new agency or publisher has.

Especially the "free press" lie shows the tremendous amount of brainwashing in the plutocracies: although everyone in his daily life knows and understands the power of the boss, the sheeple simply do not see, that the same mechanism applies to the media and that a "free press" never ever anywhere has existed. It's nothing but a lie. A Jewish lie, btw.

[reply](#)

JustObserving

Sat,  
08/09/2014  
- 07:25 |  
5069330



0 Beautifully and  
0 aptly put.

[reply](#)

JohninMK

Fri,  
08/08/2014



4 You are also missing  
0 the point that you  
5067543 don't actually need  
the troops there, you just need their

heavy equipment and runways. Very large amounts of US equipment are pre-positioned all over Germany and Europe just waiting for their operators.

This is a brilliant way for the US to mount an occupation at low cost and low visibility. The people of the occupied country have no idea that they are and the quick flying in of a few troop transports would hardly be noticed.

To give another example. Last week the US announced that it was upgrading its pre-positioned equipment, stored in bunkers etc around Trondheim in the middle of Norway, with main battle tanks (only trucks and APC there ATM). Yet when you look at the geography where could they use MBT and against who? Against Russia – it would take weeks to get there. Against Sweden – its neutral and the other side of mountains. That only leaves one country, Norway. I wonder if the Government there has thought this through?

[reply](#)**Greenskeeper\_Carl**

Fri, 08/08/2014



3 not gonna happen  
0 without a major catalyst. [5066149](#)  
major enough for the

us/usd to no longer matter. we may be headed there, but we arent there yet.  
its in germany's interest not to rock the boat, and not just because we have  
their gold. Douche bank has the highest derivatives exposure of all the banks.  
a move in interest rates happening to far/too fast, and they are wiped out,  
insolvent, and so are millions of their people and businesses. the german  
economy collapses. ours might too, but that won't protect the german  
politicians and bankers from the pitchforks or lamp posts

[reply](#)**Anarchy 99**

Fri, 08/08/2014



2 for that to happen  
0 Merkel has to go,  
elections this fall? [5066236](#)

[reply](#)**Jacksons Ghost**

Fri, 08/08/2014 -



11 No Gold for you!  
0 [5065938](#)

[reply](#)**eddiebe**

Fri, 08/08/2014 -



7 The gloves come off...  
0 About time. [5065941](#)

[reply](#)**Winston Churchill**

Fri, 08/08/2014 -



8 The cat is out of the bag.  
0 [5065944](#)

[reply](#)**dontgoforit**

Fri, 08/08/2014



3 But there's another bag,  
0 and another, and  
another. But only one

cat, eh?

[reply](#)**swmnguy**Fri,  
08/08/2014  
- 13:43 |

5 But can we tell if the  
0 cat is dead or alive  
without taking it out  
of the final bag? [5066232](#)

[reply](#)**Jumbotron**Fri,  
08/08/2014  
- 13:53 |

8 "There is no  
0 bag"  
The Matrix [5066324](#)

[reply](#)**dontgoforit**Fri,  
08/08/2014  
- 15:31 |

0 You guys are  
0 great! So,  
how many  
bags will it take before the  
cat no longer bounces? [5066968](#)

[reply](#)**SmallerGovNow2**Fri, 08/08/2014 -  
13:04 | [5065953](#)

4 das ist gut....  
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[reply](#)**SuperVinci**

Fri, 08/08/2014 -





7 freegold bitchez

13:03 | 5065954

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[reply](#)

alexcojones

Fri, 08/08/2014 -



6 Mockingbird.

13:04 | 5065960

0 Operation MOCKINGBIRD.

[reply](#)

ebworthen

Fri, 08/08/2014 -



47 "The American tendency to 13:07 | 5065980

-2 verbal and then also military escalation, the isolation, demonization, and attacking of enemies has not proven

effective. The last successful major military action the US conducted was the Normandy landing. Everything else - Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan - was a clear failure."

WOW.

The entire thing is spot on dead to rights scathingly accurate.

[reply](#)

NotApplicable

Fri, 08/08/2014



1 Oh, they've all been very - 15:01 |  
0 effective... 5066806

... at promoting unending divide and conquer opportunities.

DC has done been bitch-slapped!

In other news, I'm having a hard time cleanly sorting the Axis from the Allies.

[reply](#)

DOGGONE

Fri, 08/08/2014 -



1 Ask journalism how much it 13:07 | 5065987

0 got for its soul. "The Public Be Suckered"  
<http://patrick.net/forum/?p=1223928>

[reply](#)

LawsofPhysics

Fri, 08/08/2014 -



7 Well, history certainly does not 13:08 | 5065988

0 have to repeat itself, but, let's all be honest about one thing; *There is not, nor will there ever be a political or monetary solution to resource scarcity.*

hedge accordingly.

[reply](#)

BullyBearish

Fri, 08/08/2014 -



9 What Merkel would say if 13:08 | 5065991

0 she really had a pair...

[reply](#)

kowalli

Fri, 08/08/2014



0 mb she is he - 13:21 |

0 now, strange times, but  
sure anyway no balls 5066071

[reply](#)

buzzsaw99

Fri, 08/08/2014 -



30 we torture some folks 13:09 | 5065993

-1 we spy on some folks

we bomb some folks

we detain some folks without trial

so what?

whiny bitchez

[reply](#)

Dubaibanker

Fri, 08/08/2014



13 In addition.... - 13:21 |  
 0 we drone some folks. 5066069

we sanction some folks

we send inflation to some folks and destroy their currencies too

and the rest we call allies

Q: How many are allies?

A: Well, just 7 out of 200 plus. oops!

[reply](#)

**kowalli**



10 you have a gay Fri,  
 -2 president with 08/08/2014  
 trance woman as - 13:23 |  
 5066081  
 his wife.....

[reply](#)

**walküre**



12 and he likes Fri,  
 0 bananas! 08/08/2014  
 - 14:14 |  
 5066497

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**Richard Hannay**



0 It's nice to have mainstream Fri, 08/08/2014 -  
 0 media publishing more than banalities . 13:08 | 5065994

Even if it is motivated by the narrow interests of Vater Land .

[reply](#)

**Kirk2NCC1701**



8 Operation Valkyrie. Fri, 08/08/2014 -  
 0 US is Hitler. 13:13 | 5066008

[reply](#)

**Freddie**



5 Sadly the USA has not Fri, 08/08/2014  
 -1 Count von - 14:41 |  
 Stauffenbergs, 5066698  
 Rommel's or other patriots.

<http://www.dw.de/germany-remembers-officers-who-tried-to-kill-hitler/a-1...>

Hitler was another usurper from another country.

Looks like stupid Deutsche Welle is still pushing the bad Russian and bad Putin line.

[reply](#)

**Sandmann**



0 Stauffenberg and Fri,  
 0 the rest were 08/08/2014  
 ineffectual but a - 14:46 |  
 necessary grouping for Germany to 5066718  
 have a resistance movement it could make into a new regime symbol

[reply](#)

**Gringo Viejo**



0 RUH ROH! Fri, 08/08/2014 -  
 0 13:17 | 5066022

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**Never One Roach**



2 He obviously doesn't Fri, 08/08/2014 -  
 0 understand Merikan "exceptionalism." 13:14 | 5066023

/sarc

[reply](#)

Urban Redneck

Fri, 08/08/2014 -



3 Nothing says **MOAR** 13:14 | [5066024](#)  
-5 **circulation & ad revenue!** like cock slapping the competition in public...

The Tagesspiegel: "Enough talk!" The FAZ: "Show strength". The Süddeutsche Zeitung: "Now or never." The Spiegel calls for an "End to cowardice": "Putin's web of lies, propaganda, and deception has been exposed. The wreckage of MH 17 is also the result of a crashed diplomacy."

[reply](#)

kato

Fri, 08/08/2014 -



3 Herr von Handelsblatt 13:14 | [5066028](#)  
-27 sounds like the guys from Krupps Werks et al who back then said Hitler is good for business so we like Hitler. Russia has always cast a large shadow across the continent, there is ample reason to be cautious of Russia.

and Gerhard Schröder, who as Chancellor gave away to Russia western secrets and subsequently took a big, big payday from Russia - he has expensive tastes and an expensive wife - is one reason Germany gets an extra dose of spying to its politicians: enough German political types want to be in bed with Russian money - no so different from the SEC types who want to go to work for a bank after they lightly regulate the banks. Handelsblatt is whining for some in-bed-with-Russia money.

[reply](#)

walküre

Fri, 08/08/2014



7 The US wouldn't dare - 14:16 |  
0 pull this crap in Europe [5066513](#)  
if Schröder was in office.

Merkel is easy bait.

[reply](#)

Itch

Fri, 08/08/2014 -



2 Fuck Russia, and its cabal 13:15 | [5066035](#)  
-47 of one-eyed thieves.

[reply](#)

astoriajoe

Fri, 08/08/2014



1 our thieves appear - 13:36 |  
0 blind, as they can't see [5066172](#)  
the havock that they

have wrought.

[reply](#)

rwe2late

Fri, 08/08/2014



2 Itch - 13:58 |  
0 your bedazzled [5066356](#)  
argument yields blinding insight

[reply](#)

astoriajoe

Fri, 08/08/2014 -



10 Shut up and get behind 13:20 | [5066039](#)  
0 the guy that won the Nobel Peace Prize! /s

[reply](#)

lotsoffun

Sat,



0 boogie down! (and learn 08/09/2014 -  
0 to love it) 12:00 |  
[5069879](#)

[reply](#)

lasvegaspersona

Fri, 08/08/2014 -



3 Who knows what zee Germans 13:17 | [5066041](#)  
0 are really thinking. On one hand they don't want to piss off the USA. On the other they really, probably, almost certainly will act in their own best interests. They'll eventually figure it out and I'm guessing a continued long term cozy relationship with the USD is not in their future....how to break up without hurting the other persons feelings too much???

[reply](#)

Winston Churchill

Fri, 08/08/2014



19 This was the Dear John letter, if you hadn't noticed. - 13:26 | [5066102](#)

[reply](#)

walküre

Fri, 08/08/2014



10 What makes you so sure we give a shit about the US of A? - 14:19 | [5066532](#)

Come on, go ahead and nuke the entire bloody world already.

We all know you're fingers are on the triggers and just itching to do it!

US is the biggest aggressor and worst ally anyone could ever imagine.

[reply](#)

Zerozen

Fri,



7 U.S. over the last 60 years has accumulated a track record comparable to the British over 250 years, but whereas at least the British brought railways to India and Africa and modern sewage systems to industrial cities, U.S. brings us...FaceBook and fiat currency? - 15:06 | [5066832](#)

record comparable to the British over 250 years, but whereas at least the British brought railways to India and Africa and modern sewage systems to industrial cities, U.S. brings us...FaceBook and fiat currency?

[reply](#)

walküre

Fri,



8 Let's just call it the age of the Rothschilds. - 15:18 | [5066873](#)

Names of the empires they control with their debt bondage don't matter.

[reply](#)

SpanishGoop

Fri, 08/08/2014 -



1 When the wall came down the route to the east opened ? 13:18 | [5066043](#)

[reply](#)

Anarchy 99

Fri, 08/08/2014 -



0 If this isn't a "shot up their nose, not across it", I don't know what is. 13:18 | [5066051](#)

[reply](#)

The Duke of New...

Fri, 08/08/2014 -



12 I guess Handelsblatt didn't get the Pentagon/CIA memo; Chaos is the new global business model. 13:19 | [5066054](#)

[reply](#)

F0ster

Fri, 08/08/2014 -



31 German Industry titans won't allow the country to blindly follow the West. The people of Germany will demand/vote for a pivot East once Germany is in full blown recession and Merkel is voted (or resigns early) out of office. This article is how the German elite have chosen to begin the public debate/transition to save their country from the collapse the US and it's elite globalists are prepared to put on Germany. They stole Germany's gold (held to ransom to be more clear) and are now blackmailing Merkel. This wont stand. Germany will save Europe by cementing the Eurasian axis very soon. There will be economic pain though this process but Europe's future is with the BRICS axis. -2 13:25 | [5066056](#)

[reply](#)

eurogold

Fri, 08/08/2014



5 To F0ster..... + 1000. You understand ! - 13:50 | [5066301](#)

[reply](#)

walküre

Fri, 08/08/2014

11 Eurasia is connected - 14:24 |



0 by land. Pipelines and overland trade routes, [5066558](#)

short shipping routes from Vladivostok / Shanghai / Mumbai to Hamburg and Rotterdam.

BRICS plus EU rules the world except North and maybe Central America. Even Canada is better off being a close BRICS partner.

Who needs the US and the USD anylonger? The overhead is too expensive!

[reply](#)

**lotsoffun**

Sat,



0 i am an american, 08/09/2014  
and i can only - 11:57 |  
hope. i don't see [5069875](#)

that we do anything world wide  
except to bring suffering and death to other people to keep our  
corporations buying things cheap. i'm ashamed. the us is a spoiled,  
sociopathic brat that needs and needs and needs and never has enough  
and never gives thanks. it is a shame.

[reply](#)

**Freddie**

Fri, 08/08/2014



6 Oddly, Dr. Jim Willie just - 14:43 |  
0 last week said his [5066707](#)  
network and info

sources say that Merkel will resign sooner than later.

[reply](#)

**tbd108**

Fri, 08/08/2014 -



1 It would be very interesting 13:21 | [5066064](#)  
0 to find out who owns this newspaper.

[reply](#)

**Jayda1850**

Fri, 08/08/2014 -



12 There seems to be a 13:21 | [5066068](#)  
0 concerted effort by TPTB to keep reiterating that, yes, this is  
indeed the 21st Century and we've moved on from the barbarism  
of the past, but more and more we seem to be replaying the 20th century from  
the beginning. Panic of 1907, WWI, Spanish flu 1918, Crash of 1929 to present  
2008 financial meltdown, WW3 in the makings, Ebola pandemic in the works and  
for fuck sake we all know the world monetary system is a house of cards. The  
only difference may be our technology allows these events to occur on a  
truncated time table.

[reply](#)

**Volaille de Bresse**

Fri, 08/08/2014 -



4 Well done Gabor! 13:23 | [5066076](#)

-1 Now could you take another MUCH harder job? Taming that  
dyke anchor"woman" Marie Labory from French/German TV channel Arte?

Every time that dyke speaks about Putin I feel like throwing up... She reminds me  
of Hitlary.

Gab could you drive to Strasbourg, kick "her" bitch whining ass and shut "her"  
up?

Pictures of this "woman" :

<https://encrypted.google.com/#q=marie+labory>

My fellow US herdgers you don't know how lucky you are not to have this lot  
polluting your TV screen...

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**Anarchy 99**

Fri, 08/08/2014



4 she's a MAN, baby..... - 13:46 |  
0 [5066265](#)

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**Herd Redirectio...**

Fri,



2 Androgyny! The 08/08/2014  
0 very definition of it. - 16:02 |  
[5067200](#)

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1000yrdstare



5 We got Rachel Maddow  
0 though,...so we are  
even....

Fri, 08/08/2014

- 14:32 |  
5066616

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Itchy and Scratchy



0 You can take a German  
-15 out of the Stazi ...but you can't take the Stazi out of the  
German!

Fri, 08/08/2014 -

13:26 | 5066095

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JuliaS



9 But, but what about Ze Geld!  
0 Geldmein Schlecht gotisch ze Deutschland geld!

Fri, 08/08/2014 -

13:26 | 5066098

Guess they finally realized they're never going to see it.

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NOTaREALmerican



4 When Hillary Clinton  
-15 compares Putin with Hitler, she does so only to appeal to the  
Republican vote, i.e. people who do not own a passport. For  
many of them, Hitler is the only foreigner they know, which is why Adolf Putin is  
a very welcome fictitious campaign effigy. In this respect, Clinton and Obama  
have a realistic goal: to appeal to the people, to win elections, to win another  
Democratic presidency

Fri, 08/08/2014 -

13:29 | 5066100

Did that goddamn Kraut call the citizens of this great and glorious country a  
bunch of ignorant White Trash simply because they vote Republican ? What is  
this goddamn country coming to when we let some goddamn Kraut insult the  
hard working taxpayers of this great-n-glorious nation like that and get away  
with it? He must be one of them goddamn hippy loving peaceniks who never  
worked a goddamn day in his goddamn life and spends his entire day bitching  
about the greatest goddamn country in the goddamn world.

In my day, we would of sent a goddamn armada of B-17's over there and kick his  
commie liberal ass from here to Elba river. Goddamn Kraut hippies. Green of  
the outside and pink on the inside.

[reply](#)

kowalli



3 In my day, we would  
-2 sent a goddamn  
armada of B-17's over

Fri, 08/08/2014

- 13:29 |  
5066123

there

and can't do anything to Vietnam... only chemical weapons save your ass...

[reply](#)

swmnguy



7 Why do you call the  
0 Germans "Krauts" when  
you describe them as

Fri, 08/08/2014

- 13:46 |  
5066264

Watermelons?

[reply](#)

NOTaREALmerican



0 All those Euro  
-7 panzies are  
commie greens.

Fri,

08/08/2014  
- 13:55 |  
5066340

Hell, they've had Obama care for  
decades over there now, THAT should tell you all ya need to know!

[reply](#)

walküre



10 Sorry for the  
0 American  
"smart'n

Fri,

08/08/2014  
- 14:29 |  
5066581

savvy". Your pensions are surely  
guaranteed, haha. When the imaginary USD train stops, the whole  
enchilada comes crashing down and you're all broke! Right now, it's  
suspended in mid air wth the "full faith and credit" of the world but  
that's going to change, sucker!

[reply](#)

gcjohns1971



8 You are  
0 aware that  
the actual  
5066824

Fri,

08/08/2014

- 15:04 |

and proper name of what  
you call 'the imaginary USD train' is actually the "**United Nations  
Monetary and Financial Conference**"?

You know that right? That this was not done by the US alone?  
That it was in fact REQUESTED of the US since everyone else had  
expended their Gold in war?

This is an important point. Because once you understand that,  
you can understand that we're not talking only about the dollar.  
We're talking about the currencies of all the industrial nations  
because of what was resolved at that UN conference.

European central banks knew exactly what they were doing. It is  
the people of their nations that did not know.

And that fact gives a more accurate picture of what is financially  
going on.

It is not ONLY the US and US dollar that are bankrupt. It is all the  
currencies of the industrialized world that are bankrupt.

China simply wants to rename that international currency 'yuan'  
and change the management team to a chinese one.

Russia is positioning itself to let its strength in energy establish  
the value of the Ruble.

But if you think this is happening because of the Dollar, then you  
are confusing the tail with the dog.

This is happening because of the owners of the Federal Reserve,  
who include Deutsch Bank, and Societe Generale, amongst  
others.

If this were purely an American phenomenon you would be  
observing it much as the world observes the collapse of the  
Venezuelan Bolivar or the Argentinian Peso.

You can't escape it, or escape a share of culpability for it,  
because your banks too number amongst the owners of that  
system.

Those, I am sorry to say, are facts.

[reply](#)

dontgoforit



1 Rests  
-1 his  
case.  
5067008

Fri,

08/08/2014

- 15:38 |

And he's got a real  
point.

[reply](#)

August



0  
0  
5068416

Fri,

08/08/2014

- 20:52 |

>>>everyone else had  
expended their Gold in war

The state-owned gold was not exactly "expended", but  
transferred into other, more private, hands.

Privatization of wealth, coupled with the socialization of  
destruction/death. I think we have a winner here!

[reply](#)

eurogold



4  
0  
5066320

Fri, 08/08/2014

- 13:52 |

NotaRealmerican.....you forgot the Sarc.

[reply](#)

gcjohns1971



2 I think he missed the  
0 point that it is the  
Republicans - well all  
except the NEOCONS - who want isolationism.  
5066752

Fri, 08/08/2014

- 14:52 |

Insulting the intelligence of your policy ally is not a good way to get what you  
want.

[reply](#)

Zerozen

Fri, 08/08/2014



5 Most Europeans think of the Republicans as some crazy right-wing nutjob

- 15:22 | 5066899

party, and that the Democrat party is a bastion of centrist moderation and reasonableness. Not sure why.

I met an Indian living in Sweden when I was over in Europe on holiday a few weeks ago who, when talking about politics, brought up the Red Team as an example and expressed condolences ("...and for example you guys over there have those crazy Republican right-wingers..." were his exact words).

Then again he did refer to the ultra-leftist children of leftist Uruguayan immigrants to Sweden as "good people" and that "they've done really good things for the country."

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Tsunami Wave

Fri,



1 That's the power of propaganda from mass media for you.

08/08/2014  
- 16:22 | 5067312

Republicans (People whom are pro traditions, smaller scale of government programs/beaurocracies, pro liberty like gun & small business & other rights) are demonized.

Then again, Eurpoeans depending on where they live are all prideful of the country they're from, and constantly compare themselves to their neighbors. Swedes for example think they're secret geniuses whom think they've cracked their code for cultural tolerance, welfare state, and overall enhanced citizenry.. Even though those exact beliefs/structures will do them in (destruction of culture/national identity, the money always runs out someday, and their people aren't as smart as Germans/Dutch or creative or well-mannered like certain other Europeans or have industries like Italy/England/Germany).

[reply](#)

Ghordius

Sat,



2 that's the point you two are missing.

08/09/2014  
- 06:21 | 5069288

by defining Republicans as

"People whom are pro traditions, smaller scale of government programs/beaurocracies, pro liberty like gun & small business & other rights" you are describing people who have conservative issues very similar to the European conservatives. with the exception of gun rights, which *isn't* an issue, here

this is **not** the "crazy" in the "those crazy Republicans", from a typical European view. the "crazy" part is in the *acceptance* of warmongering neocons

the "crazy" part is in: "*let's bomb them*", "*let's invade them*"... even without having a damn **clue** what the whole thing is about

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17:19 | 5066105

**"Demonizing Putin is not a policy. It is an alibi for the lack thereof."**

And the rest. ZH has provided some good stuff here. The significance of the Handelsblatt piece, as always, is not in what was said but who said it and when...

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Stilicho

Fri, 08/08/2014 -



4 I bet they were overcome with hope/change fever in 2008, crying tears of joy when O was elected.

13:36 | 5066168

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germanski

Fri, 08/08/2014 -



9 There is actually also a new article in the FAZ, the conservative respectable outlet

13:39 | 5066194



<http://www.faz.net/aktuell/konflikt-in-der-ostukraine-urlaub-unter-waffe...>

which clearly identifies the Ukrainian hordes as fascists.

for those who can read German look also at the first comment "Das schwarze Korps"

On my daily Tour through Dresden I passed at least 100 posts demanding "Kein Krieg mit Russland", No war with Russia

Maybe we start a race with the Russians, who is the first to Kieve with his tank divisions to fire one hundred rounds at the war ministry.

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**Freddie**

Fri, 08/08/2014



3 Good to see Germans  
0 speaking up. Germany  
and Germans have been

- 14:51 |

[5066743](#)

dragged into banks-ter-elites-overlords wars for centuries by evil scum  
profiting from war and murder.

Das schwarze Korps? Sounds like Obama and the Russian laser projection  
with the banana.

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**germanski**

Fri, 08/08/2014 -



3 There is actually also a new  
0 article in the FAZ, the conservative respectable outlet

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**lasvegaspersona**

Fri, 08/08/2014 -



10 Ultimately the USA will have  
0 to accept that it is a nation among nations. Once the almighty  
dollar has been rejected (no entity still buys treasuries and helps  
us keep all those 40 billion \$ each month that the USG spends (and has to  
borrow to get)) is gone, we will have to get along somehow. If we try to remain  
the image of our former powerful selves we will be viewed as a dangerous  
neighbor. If we compete, as we certainly can, and provide the world with things  
they want and need, I believe the USA can be great...even without the 'exorbitant  
privilege' of the reserve currency.

13:39 | [5066201](#)

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**walküre**

Fri, 08/08/2014



5 I thought Belgium was a  
0 decent customer?

- 14:30 |

[5066598](#)

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**Zerozen**

Fri,  
08/08/2014



5 U.S.A won't survive  
-1 the coming  
demographic  
changes. By 2040 the country will

- 15:27 |

[5066937](#)

be ~30% Mexican/Hispanic, and all the border states will be majority Mexican. The school system here in Texas is already 52% Hispanic, 13% black and only 29% white. This is a snapshot of the future.

If this comes to pass, and there is no reason to believe it won't, then after 2040 or so it's just a ticking time bomb until the country balkanizes itself into Spanish/English pieces. Financial and economic troubles will accelerate the decline.

There is no such thing as an ethnic American, and that's America's greatest weakness.

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#### Herd Redirectio...



5  
0 Balkanization is  
not the end of  
the world.

Fri,  
08/08/2014  
- 16:05 |  
[5067221](#)

Decentralization would do this land (North America in the general sense) some good.

[reply](#)

#### Zerozen



3  
-1 Sure,  
maybe it  
will...

Fri,  
08/08/2014  
- 16:28 |  
[5067355](#)

I just wanted to point out that in as short a time as 25 years from now the unimaginable may happen and the name "United State of America" might be seen only in history textbooks from then on. I don't think it's a given, but I think the chance of that happening is much much greater than most people realize.

An ethnic identity tied to ownership of a piece of land, e.g. Germans living in the country called Germany, Vietnamese in Vietnam, etc. lends stability to a society, I think.

America has no such ethnic identity. It had a chance to make its own identity which I think would have been the white majority of the country but instead chose to go the multiculturalism route in the 1960s. One can see this in the way Americans (usually white) talk about themselves...it's not "I'm an American and this is our land", it's "well this land used to belong to the Indians, then my ancestors came over and we're all just immigrants passing through so what does it matter if we lose majority status because of some other ethnic group, they're just immigrants looking for jobs too and have just as much right to be here".

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#### Herd Redirectio...



1  
0 I've  
looked  
at

Fri,  
08/08/2014  
- 16:38 |  
[5067392](#)

enough (historical)  
maps to get used to the idea of maps changing, borders  
being redrawn, countries coming and going (in their current  
form).

[reply](#)

#### lotsoffun



0  
0 we have

Sat,  
08/09/2014  
- 11:52 |

[5069855](#)  
mcdonalds, coke and  
lebron james. and thanksgiving. dude - you don't  
understand. america has no ethic identity. it doesn't need  
one. it has CONSUMPTION!! CONSUME AND JOIN! until  
recently, it was working.

/sarc

[reply](#)

#### Omen IV



0  
0 the  
country  
will be

Sat,  
08/09/2014  
- 20:02 |  
[5071266](#)

broken up - there is no  
reason for "United" only need the word State(s) - fifty states  
will become 20 or more Nations

no one wants to support this place -- not corporations, not  
people - none identify with the - whole - only "some" of

the parts – it's very very sick wild animal that requires one solution

They shoot Horses dont they?

[reply](#)

jusman



3 ...or its strength  
0 if it so chooses!

Fri,  
08/08/2014  
– 16:12 |  
[5067258](#)

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IronForge



0 I know it's off-  
0 topic; but I just  
wanted to list

Sat,  
08/09/2014  
– 06:20 |  
[5069286](#)

some data as to USA's rate of  
changing Demographics

Much worse, Zerozen. I personally don't mind if the demographic changes were by Natrualization/Legal Immigration; but too much of it is based on Illegal Immigration and Drug/Human Trafficking. People who have been upholding the Immigration Regs have been waiting for years with no Visa. Something is definitely wrong with USA Policies.

Here are some stats. Last time I checked The Gipper helped a swarm of people rush in from the Southern Border from the late 70's to the 90's in SoCal. Birthrates have tipped to a Hispanic Majority in several States already:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_U.S.\\_states\\_by\\_Hispanic\\_and\\_Latino\\_...](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._states_by_Hispanic_and_Latino_...)  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_U.S.\\_cities\\_with\\_large\\_Hispanic\\_pop...](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._cities_with_large_Hispanic_pop...)  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_U.S.\\_communities\\_with\\_Hispanic\\_majo...](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._communities_with_Hispanic_majo...)  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_California\\_communities\\_with\\_Hispani...](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_California_communities_with_Hispani...)  
[http://www.hacu.net/images/hacu/OPAI/2012\\_Virtual\\_Binder/2010%20census%2...](http://www.hacu.net/images/hacu/OPAI/2012_Virtual_Binder/2010%20census%2...)  
(note pg 16 – love the 43% increase Nationwide from 2000 to 2010 Census)

It's changing very rapidly; and not via Legal means I've concluded. Regrettably, the Reconquistas are flaunting about my location in LA.

However, the .01% (not redundant – it really is one percent of the one percenters) Demographics won't change for awhile. It would be interesting to see if the Southwestern Reconquistas (I've several in my city – decorate their cars discreetly) actually kick off the Aztlan Nation Project; and secede from the Union (the Hispanics DO have the votes now, actually – especially if they split up California).

Me? I missed asking out a Beautiful Brazillian Dame at the Gym due to the Dot Com bust (a bit of an Old Fashioned Prude here. Can't afford a Wife and Children? Wait 'til you can). Had I stayed East in NYC (where IT/Finance does live on a bit) and met someone like that – I MIGHT have settled down in the USA and/or considered Brazil for a Vacation Spot (I like the Brazillian–Latino Jazz/Bahia much better than the Caribbean Reggae/Mix (when I was stationed there) and the Mexican Band Pieces (I hear my neighbors play out loudly)).

Instead I'm headed elsewhere. Since several White Supremacists/Christian Identity (Cross Burner) Types keep talking up about upcoming Race Wars(whenever they call in a Talk Radio Program and are allowed to talk a bit freely) and breaking off a piece of the Union, I wouldn't be surprised if CONUS splits up eventually. Heck, Texas, Hawaii, and Alaska have several Ballot Initiatives raised continuously, right? Should CA split in to 6 States (per one proposal), the Southern Portions have all the means to split off permanently. There you go.

[reply](#)

rwe2late



16 Gave article a "5"  
–1 though don't see how annexation of Crimea "violated  
international law"

Fri, 08/08/2014 –  
13:45 | [5066218](#)

or deserves supposed equivalent comparison to the war crime US invasion of Iraq.

It certainly did not violate the spirit of peaceful resolution of differences.

The elected government of Ukraine was overthrown

and replaced by a coup government regionalized around Kiev and hostile to other regions which had supported the former elected government.

The Crimea region voted to reject the coup authorities and secede from Ukraine.

Crimea then voted to be annexed by Russia, and thereafter Russia agreed.

[reply](#)

[gcjohns1971](#)

Fri, 08/08/2014



5 I think the  
-6 'international Law' part  
had to do with the fact

5066405

that there were Russian Army troops in the streets at the time of the referendum.

The problem with doing a referendum that way is that those opposed would be likely to stay home rather than face the Army. Normal people would be intimidated whether the Army were actively repressing dissent or not.

Guns in hand do that.

I am pretty sure that the Tartars, at least, would be pretty strongly against the annexation.

So where are we? We can look at the demographics and say that PROBABLY it was genuine... But with the Army in the street during the 'referendum' it looks a lot like a big show, and not a real election. So what do we do?

I, for one, think the West needs to simply concede the Crimean point, and then support some sort of mediation between Russia and Ukraine with regard to the eastern oblasts.

But the word "Reasonable" hasn't thus far been applicable to any area of the Democratic Progressives currently in charge of the US Democratic party. And the Progressive Republicans a.k.a. 'NeoCons' in charge of the US Republican party are no better.

So, since most of us don't want to die in nuclear fire, it is probably best to pursue some other method to resolve the situation.

[reply](#)

[rwe2late](#)

Fri,

08/08/2014



6 You are being a  
-1 ridiculous stickler  
for *pointless*

5066818

formality.

The election was fairly held under acceptable conditions.

Do you really think were the vote redone that the outcome would be any different than **overwhelming support to remain with Russia** rather than be turned over to the tender and forgiving authorities in Kiev, the IMF, and NATO?

Is your only point that you think the vote should be repeated (with the same outcome certain)? Would there then be no objections?

If one is not concealing an objection to the outcome of the vote, Crimea choosing to be with Russia, then the objection of proper form not being followed does seem an overblown pretext for all the Russophobia, sanctions, threats, and NATO build-up.

If Crimea had successfully battled it out with Kiev, and then seceded, would that have been more "legally" acceptable? Is the "law" biased toward military resolution of secessionist conflict?

Texas followed a similar, though more violent path to independence and annexation. Is the US now under legal obligation to return Texas to Mexico? Or should the US be sanctioned until the vote is properly redone?

[reply](#)

[gcjohns1971](#)

Fri,

08/08/2014



3 It is hard to  
-3 respond to  
your 'response'

5066925

when it has no resemblance to what I said.

I said that having an foreign Army in the streets when voting whether to submit to that Army automatically invalidates a vote, because it is a vote under duress. Other details of how the election was performed won't change that.

What I recommended was to concede that Crimea is part of Russia, and then mediate the situation for the rest of East Ukraine.

What you may not appreciate is that the world's idea of 'acceptable' behavior depends on precedents.

If East Ukraine ALSO goes to Russia through military conquest FIRST, then every country with a strong neighbor will live in fear. And I might add, that every country who believes itself strong, or wishes to be respected, will resort sooner or later to military annexation.

Alliances to counterbalance all the strong neighbors will follow. And that leads to a repeat of WWI – only with modern technology.

You can't look at the Ukraine in isolation.

Making Ukraine's internal conflicts into an international military conflict was the first grave geopolitical error. It is understandable why Putin did it given how eager the US is to get into bed with anyone who will play with them.

He was thinking about US humiliation, and about Russian prestige.

But being understandable is different than being a good idea.

You have to be able to look at this with eyes other than your own.

There is a degree of ethnic and cultural balkanization everywhere in Europe. Many strong neighbors just looked at many parts of Europe where the population is ethnically the same as their own, but due to history, is under a different government and said to themselves, "If Putin can, then why not us?"

And many tiny nations, who have been invaded by their stronger neighbors again and again just looked at each other and said, "Who do we need to ally with to weaken country (X)".

If you imagine that there exists a 'pure-hearted' people who 'only want peace' on planet earth, then you are too naive to be considered an adult.

Individuals are good and pure-hearted. Mobs (collectives) always seek the lowest common denominator. The collectives we call 'nations' are no exception.

[reply](#)

**Zerozen**



0 That  
-1 foreign  
army in

Fri,  
08/08/2014  
- 15:34 |  
[5066987](#)

Crimea has been there since the 1700s. Crimea has historically been Russian-populated, Russian-speaking and with a Russian military presence for quite a long time. And as I'm sure you know, the only reason Crimea was part of Ukraine was because of internal border-jiggling in the USSR in the 1950s. It's a piece of Russia that got stuck on the wrong side of the border after 1991.

What would you have them do? Vacate their military bases and posts and go to Russia proper for the duration of the vote, then return afterwards? Why should they? I don't think it have made a difference to the vote anyway – a majority was clearly in favor of leaving Ukraine.

[reply](#)

**gcjohns1971**



2 I am  
-3 well  
aware

Fri,  
08/08/2014  
- 15:51 |  
[5067110](#)

how long it was there.

It was sent by TZarina Catherine.

There is a difference between being on base and being in the street with loaded weapons.

Every nation world wide saw the difference.

Now everyone with a territorial dispute knows exactly how to solve it.

And that is not a good thing.

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**Herd Redirectio...**



0 GC,  
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Fri,  
08/08/2014  
- 16:07 |  
[5067235](#)

Ukraine had just had it government overthrown, and the new gov't decided they wanted to keep Russia's downpayment, AND take Sevastopol back.

That was the circumstance under which Russia MAINTAINED control of Sevastopol/Crimea.

Crimea is the land you come to if you sail down the Don River. And Russians have been doing that as long as they have lived on the Don!

[reply](#)

**JohninMK**



0 The 08/08/2014  
0 US - 17:27 |  
have 5067587

certainly learnt the lesson, look at the size and equipment fielded by Homeland Security and how local law enforcement now resembles the Army, with its SWAT teams etc.

The US sheeple WILL stay in line.

[reply](#)

**rwe2late**



4 I think we 08/08/2014  
-1 disagree as - 16:12 |  
to facts 5067194

about the voting conditions.

1) Neither Russian troops nor Kiev supporters intimidated voters at the booths, and voters were not intimidated as you claim.

2) The percentage voting was high, and overwhelmingly pro independence and annexation. (I expect it would be even higher and more pro today).

Even if true, having some familiar and **not-so-foreign** Russian troops near booths does not have the same descriptive meaning for annexation as does the suggestive phrasing of annexation by "military conquest" of a "foreign army".

(Emotionalist phrasing you obliquely and misleadingly claim describes the annexation of Crimea, "If East Ukraine ALSO goes to Russia through military conquest FIRST".

and "foreign army in the streets".)

[reply](#)

**Ghordius**



1 "The 08/09/2014  
-1 election was fairly held - 06:31 |  
under acceptable conditions" 5069292

but it wasn't an election, it was a **referendum**. and they tend to be - when *misused* - a question posed only *once*, and *never again*

remember that the referendum is the *heaviest hammer* in democracy's toolkit

*annexation is*, per definition, *against* the commonly agreed rules among sovereigns, aka "international law"

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**rwe2late**



0 so, 08/09/2014  
0 if - 18:03 |  
5070602

Russia had just recognized Crimea as independent, and then given them "commonwealth status" like Puerto Rico -- would that have been legal enough?

still no?

How about if a violent coup in Crimea declared itself the legitimate government for *all* Ukraine,

Russia quickly recognized it, and then helped it conduct a military offensive to crush

the Kiev terrorist separatists ---

that seems to meet the "international law" standards you argue to defend

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**Ghordius**

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Sun,  
08/10/2014



0 - 07:38 |  
it is a bit 5072245

more complicated than that, starting with the fact that "international law" is a misnomer that leads to many false conclusions

Crimea's status is now similar to that of Northern Cyprus. *Recognized* by only one country, in that case Turkey

"international law" is **all** about those *recognitions*. Russia's "*naughtiness*" is in the **fact** that it signed many treaties *recognizing* Ukraine's sovereignty, inviolability of borders, independence of politics, inviolability of borders and... grabbed a separatist piece of it while heavily helping other separatists

"international law" is **not** about laws *above* the sovereigns. it's about the laws (aka treaties) they make *among themselves*

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[assistedliving](#)

Fri, 08/08/2014 -



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-10

**The German soul, which we generally claim to be on the romantic side, showed its cruel side.**

13:42 | 5066227

when you read sentences like this...run.

Substitute RUSSIA wherever Handelsblatt writes German economic interests and you will have a better screed

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[Son of Captain Nemo](#)

Fri, 08/08/2014 -



22  
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So what the fuck took the Germans this long to get here?....

13:44 | 5066246

Wait a minute perhaps that was a bit hasty when you have two psychopath Nation(s) in your Country. One that eavesdrops on all of your voice and data communications and when the idle coercions and blackmail doesn't work?... has military bases with nuclear weapons on them and a partner-in-crime (that wears a beanie that extorts 700 million Euros from your taxpayers every year for 70 years) and threatens to use them against you if you "don't obey"!

With allies like that, who the fuck would consider Russia an enemy?!!!

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**"The American tendency to verbal and then also military escalation, the isolation, demonization, and attacking of enemies has not proven effective."**

13:50 | 5066273

Well. He is certainly right there.

Though, he may not be giving enough credence to the idea that the lust for larceny is a universal in the human soul, politicians no less than others.

Certainly the Obama administration uses a different ruler when measuring its own deeds, than when measuring others'. And while Putin has absolutely been provocative in Ukraine, he has absolutely not been as provocative as the Ukrainians themselves with the tacit and sometimes explicit permission of the Obama administration.

And given Steingart's background in financial reporting he is likely very aware of the socialist progressive disaster that is the Federal Reserve. However, he may or may not understand that that Federal Reserve is Socialist-Fascist in nature rather than Capitalist.

The main problem for Germany is that given its energy weakness and geographic proximity, it cannot really ally itself with Russia without becoming Russia's client and pawn to a degree that is absolutely not the case with the US.

If Russia were storing Germany's gold, no one would dare demand to repatriate it for fear of seeing tanks, like Czechoslovakia and Poland did.

Germany's energy 'eggs' already lie in the Russian basket. If they put their political eggs there too, then there will be no German sovereignty, as the

sovereignty will now lie with the basket rather than the notional 'owner'.

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**Zerozen**

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*it cannot really ally itself with Russia without becoming Russia's client and pawn to a degree that is absolutely not the case with the US.*

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...find it hard to imagine how Germany could become even more of a bitch than it currently is for the U.S....

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**dontgoforit**

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Another couple of very good points, indeed.

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**Joe Tierney**

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Western media and politicians, and German media and politicians in particular, have been playing on the deep-seated German guilt over Hitler and how Germany could have let him happen.

You know - Putin is Hitler - we Germans must stop him this time. We must atone for our sins of the past.

But this is a cheap and sleazey substitute for intellect, one offered by the likes of the CIA, Obola, and German apologists.

I applaud the author and hope as well that it speeds German independence from the U.S. This is long overdue.

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**Fuku Ben**

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They have to hedge their bets with the communists to their east and in their midst

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**nostromo17**

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13:57 | [5066345](#)



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**LET Germany get in Bed with Putin.** Drop the Ukraine b.s. the U.S. started. We don't need them. Its only our Energy Corporations wanting control of the gas pipelines anyway that caused this...To hell with the E.U. they are a sunk boat anyway. Better to focus on getting Middle East and China under control. The best way to defeat Putin is hand him bankrupt Europe. Might miss the Beemers but nothing else.

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**walküre**

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LOL Neither the Middle East nor China want anything to do with the US.

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And you've lost control in Africa despite a black President!

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**Gadfly**

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Tell you what. You go get 'em nostromo17. Enlist, strap on a

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helmet, pick up a gun, and go get 'em. And while you're at it, you can spend your money too. but do not fucking ask me to help you, or to die for your insanity. And don't aks me to spend my money either. Nice try.

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**dontgoforit**

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The only thing





0 holding this rattle-  
trap world together  
at all right now (other than  
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God Himself) is the fact that groups of nations have come to realize their interdependence. It would be sweet if whoever it is that is stirring up all the (non-muslim) trouble would just cease and decist. We on the end of the spectrum who hold no power other than a single voice and a single vote are stuck with the screwed up politcal menacing going on all around us. No one wants revolution. The end result is not guaranteed - you could wind up worse off than before (pick a number) of people died. So we keep on bitching and stuff just keeps on happening. Answer?

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eurogold

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0 Joe....+1000 to you !  
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nostromo17

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1 What German Soul?  
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teslaberry

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2 what a bunch of nonsense,  
-5 this 'dissident' german bullshit didn't mention the financial crisis  
in europe, currency warfare, oil wars, natural gas.

this is a critique of 'diplomacy'. the german's are staunchly under the control of their own german corporatist masters. many of them the grandchildren of german industrialists that were happy to work with hitler.

these are hard-core power brokers and powerful people. they care not for their own peasants. it is the same virtually everywhere. this dissident critique will be taken seriously only by those already critical of the elite directed mainstream policy. --that is the majority of peasants and possibly the majority of people. but that makes NO difference. the world war never ruled by the 'majority' and democracy can never change that.

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ThisIsBob

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4 Since pre-history there  
0 have always been a  
couple of guys in the  
village who end up owing most of the goats.  
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basho

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4 it also didn't talk about  
0 beer and sausages, the  
price of a kino ticket,  
merkel's new hairdo. what's your point?  
- 14:37 |  
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WhyWait

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1 "these are hard-core  
0 power brokers and  
powerful people. they  
care not for their own peasants. "  
- 16:47 |  
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Granted. But they also have to deal with a restless public, which could spell danger or opportunity for them. And like any sub-capo they dream of throwing off their boss and taking over their own neighborhood.

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Ghordius

Sun,




0 "this 'dissident' german  
0 bullshit didn't  
mention..."  
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07:41 |  
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did you note how much he did mention in this extremely long article?


"they care not for their own peasants"

are you *still* talking about Germany?


**nostromo17** Fri, 08/08/2014 - 14:01 | [5066372](#)

 2 All the E.U. ever wanted was to become the United States of Europe and move into number one positon (a perhaps misguided goal)...cut em loose and let them keep trying.

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 3 With enemies like this, who needs friends?  
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**nostromo17**  **4** "Let these arrogant non-entities like Van Rompuy, Catherine Ashton, Angela Merkel or José Manuel Barroso deal with the shitstorm their stupidity and spinelessness have created." Excellent piece.

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