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80 Years Since Victory/Europe-Day—Thank You Russia

A reader, responding to my V/E article, suggested that I check my numbers—always a good thing to do. I had US, WW2 battle deaths correct, but adding in non-battle deaths, US casualties were 400K. So, it's only 7X dead Russians as compared to Americans.

He points out that the Brits think they did the heavy lifting, being at war 2 years longer than the US. And, *Lend-Lease* gave Britain and Russia time to prepare. And Russia only came in because of a German peace treaty betrayal. Adding to that, US bombing seriously disrupted German supply to Russia, where multitudes of Russians died in useless slaughter waves—with little hope—against an all powerful Wehrmacht.

He recommends I not forget the US took on Japan, alone, in the Pacific—and without Soviet help in N. Africa. He ends with: 'So perhaps the US actually did have the major role in winning the war globally'. Valid observations that I fear beg the question.

No matter how it's sliced/diced, far more Russians died than did allies. And a factor for US nuclear attacks on Japan was to forestall the Soviets coming east to attack Japan in Manchuria/China/Japan. But, another, more important factor—was at play.

The horror that became US foreign policy was incubated at the end of WW2. What was the OSS (Overseas Secret Service), morphed into the CIA, a front for a Dulles brother's mission to take over the world, designating Russia—as forever whipping boy. Forget any notion the Dulles acted to thwart a Stalin tyranny—they had an agenda.

Their every action added to Stalin's already huge paranoia—a reminder that the US tyranny was coming after him. So powerful was their hold on foreign policy that Eisenhower's *Farewell Address*, and warning, was his admission he'd been Dulles-duped.

WW2 was existential for Britain/Commonwealth/Europe/United States. Even with valid claims that allied reparations on Germany, post WW1, gave us Hitler and WW2, or that Hitler's rise was not possible without support of European/US corporations, or Roosevelt brought on Pearl Harbor by cutting-off Japanese oil supply, Nazi Germany/Imperial Japan needed to be defeated. Without Russia, it could not have been done.

Now, with a cruel misrepresentation of history in which he demeans the sacrifice of the Soviets, Donald Trump degrades the concerted allied effort it took to defeat Hitler. Rather than show up in Moscow for the 80th anniversary (where he could have conducted the 2nd *Yalta* with Putin/Xi, he chose to act-out a 3rd Dulles brother, trashing Russia (27 million dead in WW2), losing an global humility opportunity—and greatness.

Instead, Treasury Sec. Bessent shows-off a grand encirclement plan: gather together our allies to encircle and starve the Chinese economy—in the same way we've encircled China with scores of military bases? It ought to be entitled: The George Armstrong Custer Plan—or, how to encircle 5000 pissed-off Indians using 300 cavalymen.

Bessent and Trump don't consider a China producing hypersonic missiles, 24/7, in unmanned factories. For the US to catch up with China, is not about years—it's decades.

And a more important question: Is it patriotic (in terms of the Constitution), to support (going to war), with China/Iran/Russia. It is not. Refusing to go is patriotic. Neocons want to go to war with these nations—for drummed up reasons. One can fault Iran for many things, but not for being an ethical supporter of the resistance against Western hegemony/colonialism. A case can even be made for Iran having nuclear deterrence. How else can they keep, madman Netanyahu, and scores of illegal nukes—at bay?

If one follows the news, beyond the networks, it's clear the US is doing its damndest to assure that China goes down. The CIA allegedly funds proxies to attack China's infrastructure/pipelines. Trump is going to sanction any nations doing energy business with Iran. Using financial coercion, we starve them out because we can't win the war.

What will happen when the Global South puts on its big-boy pants, offering ultimatums back at the West? *Any hinderance from the West to restrict BRICS trade, is to be viewed as an act of war. Any attempt to stop such trade will be dealt with militarily.*

What's our supposed beef with China? We are signed-on to the 1 China Policy—though now, we act as if we are not. Because of 1 China, our military advisors left Taiwan in 1979—but now they are back, as if Taiwan were independent. China is okay, for now, with the status quo in Taiwan, but if Taiwan declares itself independent—look out.

How will our encirclement of the Chinese economy work out? Japan's finance Minister has suggested selling all US securities as a negotiating measure. Japan, South Korea, Vietnam are meeting to soften the blow caused by the *delinquent kid*—Trump. Xi went to Vietnam (object of high tariffs), where 40 bi-lateral agreements were signed.

The US is getting ready for god-knows-what? Trump, allegedly, has a directive out, to have weapons systems developed to fight China—that have to be ready to go by 2027. How convenient. And, the US is arming the region—the 1st foreign, nuclear armed, land based, missile system with a 1200 mile range, capable of striking China, was set up in the Philippines during the Biden's tenure. Will it be used by Trump?

It all ties together—the US has to win across the globe to stop China. Iran is vital for Belt/Road. Iran is a buffer against Russia being attacked from the south. Does Trump really think BRICS will allow him to stop Belt/Road—the only global trade alternative?

For Trump, BRICS exists for a bad purpose (challenge the dollar). Is Trump, an old school colonizer with neither understanding nor sympathy for why and how BRICS will bring down the Empire? 100 days in—still time to change. But is Trump capable of it?

Trump's tariffs will defeat China—and force manufacturing back to the US? Tell me how that works when 40% of Americans can only read at a 6th grade level, and 99% of Chinese read at a high school graduate level. US does 12% of the world's manufacturing, but it's the expensive 12%. China's manufacturing accounts for 32% of GDP.

Trump: 'I would not allow countries to go off the dollar. Tariff is not the most beautiful word in the dictionary.' Who the hell does he think he is? Will critics such as myself be subject to threat more under Trump than we were under Biden? Are Americans stupid?

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