US Attempts to Vilify Russia are Astounding Hypocrisy

In the wake of the West's horrifying handiwork in Libya, Syria, Iraq, and Afghanistan, condemnation for Russia's "intervention" falls flat. For all intents and purposes, "intervention" in Ukraine has already been carried out. Without the extensive backing by the West, its media machine, its corporate-funded foundations, and covert political manipulation for years in Eastern Europe and in Ukraine in particular, the "Euromaiden" mobs would never have materialized in the first place - let alone successfully overthrown an elected government. Surely without the Western media spinning what are otherwise detestable, literal Neo-Nazis, racists, and bigots, the world would have recoiled from events unfolding in Kiev, not cheered them on.

While the West points its accusing finger toward the more overt, superficially dramatic mobilization of Russian troops responding to the foreign-backed chaos consuming Ukraine, extraterritorial meddling was first initiated by the West, not Russia.

Astounding are the comments coming from US Secretary of State John Kerry and UK Foreign Secretary William Hague "demanding" Russia respect the territorial integrity of Ukraine, after provoking the conflict in the first place. This is with the burning wreckage of Syria, Libya, Iraq, and Afghanistan still billowing smoke in the duo's rear-view mirror - with US and British troops still occupying the nation of Afghanistan and the consequences of Western intervention abroad still destroying lives and sowing chaos for millions.

Slight of Hand

The key to the West's strategy is to covertly carry out their conflicts and immediately pounce on any overt reaction they are able to provoke. This is documented policy put to paper in 2009 in regards to Iran by the corporate-funded think tank, the Brookings Institution. In their lengthy report, "Which Path to Persia?" they stated the following (emphasis added):

If the United States were to decide that to garner greater international support, galvanize U.S. domestic support, and/or provide a legal justification for an invasion, it would be best to wait for an Iranian provocation, then the time frame for an invasion might stretch out indefinitely. With only one real exception, since the 1978 revolution, the Islamic Republic has never willingly provoked an American military response, although it certainly has taken actions that could have done so if Washington had been looking for a fight.

Thus it is not impossible that Tehran might take some action that would justify an American invasion and it is certainly the case that if Washington sought such a provocation, it could take actions that might make it more likely that Tehran would do so (although being too obvious about this could nullify the provocation). However, since it would be up to Iran to make the provocative move, which Iran has been wary of doing most times in the past, the United States would never know for sure when it would get the requisite Iranian provocation. In fact, it might never come at all.

- page 65 (page 78 of the PDF) "Which Path to Persia?" 2009, Brookings Institution
And (emphasis added):

...it would be far more preferable if the United States could cite an Iranian provocation as justification for the airstrikes before launching them. Clearly, the more outrageous, the more deadly, and the more unprovoked the Iranian action, the better off the United States would be. Of course, it would be very difficult for the United States to goad Iran into such a provocation without the rest of the world recognizing this game, which would then undermine it. (One method that would have some possibility of success would be to ratchet up covert regime change efforts in the hope that Tehran would retaliate overtly, or even semi-overtly, which could then be portrayed as an unprovoked act of Iranian aggression.)

- page 84-85 (page 97-98 of the PDF) "Which Path to Persia?"
2009, Brookings Institution

It is a dirty ploy the West has used against many nations, not just Iran. In the case of Ukraine and Russia, there is clearly a growing number of people around the world that recognize the "actions" the West has taken as being "too obvious" - intentional provocations that have led to this growing, but entirely unnecessary confrontation.

**Systematic Provocations**

The West - and in particular the US, UK, NATO, and the EU - have been pursuing a not-so-clandestine encirclement of Russia, targeting nations that have traditionally laid within its sphere of influence, both politically and culturally. The West has been backing opposition movements in Belarus, Ukraine, Georgia, and even within Russia itself.

US Senator John McCain, chairman of the International Republican Institute (IRI) - a subsidiary of the National Endowment for Democracy (NED) which is chief among the foundations funding proxy opposition groups carrying out regime change on behalf of the West worldwide - has openly declared Russia and China as the ultimate targets of widespread global political chaos being fueled by the US.

His International Republican Institute (IRI) was mentioned by name in the New York Times as being behind the supposedly "indigenous" "spontaneous" "Arab Spring" unrest in the first place. In an April 2011 article published by the New York Times titled, "U.S. Groups Helped Nurture Arab Uprisings," it was stated:

"A number of the groups and individuals directly involved in the revolts and reforms sweeping the region, including the April 6 Youth Movement in Egypt, the Bahrain Center for Human Rights and grass-roots activists like Entsar Qadhi, a youth leader in Yemen, received training and financing from groups like the International Republican Institute, the National Democratic Institute and Freedom House, a nonprofit human rights organization based in Washington."

After helping overthrow the Egyptian government, McCain would lead representatives from Wall Street's Fortune 500 corporations on a tour of Cairo like conquerors surveying their new dominion. He would also taunt the heads of state of both Russia and China, revealing the final destination of the chaos and destabilization he has been helping along by claiming:

"I would be a little less cocky in the Kremlin with my KGB cronies today if I were Vladimir Putin. I would be a little less secure in the seaside resort [of] President Hu and a few men who govern and decide the fate of 1.3 billion people."

The Daily Beast reveals what McCain and the operational plans he and his foundation are figureheads for have in store for Russia in this latest round of confrontation in an article titled, "Exclusive: McCain Tells Obama How to Punish Putin." In it it states:

*President Obama promised Friday there would be “costs” if Russia moved troops into Ukraine, but he didn’t specify what those costs might be. Sen. John McCain has several suggestions for Obama, including the sanctioning of high-level Russian officials; restarting missile defense plans in Eastern Europe; and bringing Georgia, a former Soviet republic, into NATO. McCain plans to push from the Congressional side, he told The Daily Beast in an exclusive interview Saturday evening.*

Of course, this is an agenda that has been being pursued before Obama ever took office, and is the grand strategy the West has been pursing in order to contain, overthrow, and reconstitute Russia as part of the Wall Street/London
global order, for decades. Large leaps made in the agenda are generally the result of "quiet" provocations that are met with more overt Russian responses. With the Western-backed destabilization of Ukraine forcing Russia to react in defense of itself and an important historical, cultural, and economic ally, the stage is once again set for the West to push forward otherwise unjustifiable moves eastward.

What should ultimately be remembered is that the West, when it "intervenes," does so with the most tenuous of lies, and in nations thousands of miles beyond their borders, and even the borders of their immediate neighbors. Ukraine on the other hand is on Russia's borders, speaks Russian, shares a common history and heritage, have fought alongside one another against grave threats from abroad, and are entwined across a broad spectrum of socioeconomic metrics.

In terms of justifying an intervention, Russia has a headstart - with documented Western meddling destabilizing its neighbor and sowing violence that has directly threatened its own security. It is a far cry from fabricating intelligence regarding "weapons of mass destruction" and invading a nation on the other side of the planet for dubious ulterior agendas.

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