

The reason for my letter is to inform you about "the other side of the coin" of events that have taken place, and continue to take place, in Ukraine. I am disturbed by what I know is going on there, and disturbed even further about how it is being presented in the "mainstream media". I am from Kemerovo, Siberia, Russia. I am a U.S. citizen, age 51. I know a good deal of the history of the region of Ukraine. My husband, Charles Newland, is helping me write this letter, as it is very emotional for me. Let me try to explain:

We hear a lot about meddling in the internal affairs of other countries. How can it be that Senator John McCain, Victoria Nuland, etc., goes to Ukraine saying to the "peaceful protestors" that the "American people are behind you". Is this not "meddling"?

Speaking of "peaceful protestors", many of the film clips I've seen show many "peaceful protestors" throwing Molotov cocktails at police. If these are the actions of "peaceful protestors", what would "violent protestors" be doing? I believe the old corrupted government (yes, I agree that the government under Yanakovich was corrupt) was destroyed and the "peaceful protestors" are now in control. I believe the current government is extremist, and does not at all represent Ukraine. They have successfully implemented an illegal coup. They are, in reality, Banderas (followers of Stepan Bandera movement who fought with Germans against the Soviet Union in WWII). They are Nazis descendants, supporters of Nazism ideology, brutal and violent force, with no tolerance or understanding of human rights, freedom of speech, etc. The Nazis are mainly in western Ukraine. They hate anyone not pure Ukrainian (and only speak Ukrainian), and are anti-Semitic. There are many "un-pure Ukrainians" in eastern and southern Ukraine.

In Crimea: The Russian speaking Ukrainians and Russians (or anybody who did not support new regime) were, and are, under threats of their lives from the new regime in Kiev, so they raised up to protect themselves and their families from physical violence that would come from Kiev. Russia has a big naval port there, leased from Ukraine through 2014. Under the lease, Russia is authorized to have an upper limit of 25,000 personnel, and at this time has 16,000. These troops must remain on base, and there are reports that they have spread out across Crimea, but Russia maintains they have not. I'm not sure if they have stayed "on base", or not. But Russia has every right to protect its base. An analogy might be made with Guantanamo Bay. If Cuba was experiencing a coup d'etat from "peaceful protestors", would not the U.S. send military reinforcements to protect American personnel and families? I'd like to think so.

Back to "meddling in the internal affairs of other countries": there seems to be numerous calls for sanctions, and other actions, against Russia - to punish the Russian people and make them, supposedly, rise

up against President Putin. Would not sanctions, embargos, etc., against a country in order to bring about a change meet the definition of "meddling in the affairs of other countries"? I urge you to reject any sanctions toward Russia. Plus, I don't think it is in our best interest to make an enemy out of Russia, who was our ally in WWII against Nazism.

Thank you for your consideration,

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