

The Ukraine Conflict. Two Uncommon Perspectives on the Great Tragedy

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“A cloud of confusion has settled on many people, as the lusty calls for war with Russia grow louder and the propagandistic appeals to patriotism, racial nationalism, and the defense of “white civilization” intensify. For BAP, there is no confusion. The conflict in the Ukraine has only exposed the hypocrisy and contradictions of imperialism, war, and militarism – and the demand for peace means to fight against U.S. imperialism and the U.S./EU/NATO axis of domination.

“On this strategic focus, BAP says once again that there will be No Compromise and No Retreat!”

-Black Alliance For Peace [1]

“There’s also other countries that are helping America help Ukraine, however, this help, I don’t think it’s going to the people. It’s going to the army mostly. And if anything, people need to be evacuated and taken somewhere safe.”

- Olya (from this week’s interview)

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As this introduction is being written, we are approaching the anniversary of the day people of the country of Ukraine were being subjected to a foreign power’s attempt to wrench the country out of the grasp of the democratically assigned leadership. This move resulted ultimately in [thousands of dead Ukrainians](#) and major instability in the region.

Am I speaking of the “Special Military Operation” by Russia a year ago this month?

Well, no. I am referring to the events of February 2014, when a coup waged by the United States with the assistance of the European Union, well documented but seldom mentioned in the major media, forced the ousting of democratically elected president Viktor Fedorovych Yanukovych with assistance of the NAZI-backed Maidan protests. They then played a role in backing a new leader. [2]

Having witnessed this coup, and then fearing that violence perpetrated by the militant segment of the opposition that has taken over, the populations in the more Russophone areas in the south and east were bracing for upheaval and even calling for secession from Ukraine. [3]

As discussed on the Global Research News Hour and throughout Global Research, it is important to take this information into consideration before coming to the conclusion that Russia blazed into battle a year ago simply as a first step in rebuilding the Soviet Empire.

But this episode takes analysis a bit further. It seeks to look at some of the other alternative voices kept out of mainstream discourse. How should you and I and several citizens throughout the Western world react to a war waged because of the coup our own leaders orchestrated? As well, what about individual Ukrainians who don't quite fit the standard "thank you for helping save us from the Russians!" stereotype? We have taken the time to sample these voices on this week's show if the legacy media will not!

In our first half hour, Ajamu Baraka, frequent guest on the Global Research News Hour joins us. As a member of the Black Alliance for Peace, he articulates the message of the war in Ukraine being a proxy war against Russia in several articles over the last year. He joins us to express rejecting the war and NATO as important not only for peace, but as an activist in the Black Liberation Movement.

In our second half hour, we are joined by a Ukrainian named Olya who left the country in 2008. She shares her story, her objections to what media in the West portrays and what it doesn't portray about her homeland, and the devious role she sees the U.S. playing with her country.

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1. <https://www.globalresearch.ca/african-colonized-peoples-understand-ukraine-de-center-europe-focus-imperialism/5772591>
2. <https://www.globalresearch.ca/the-road-to-moscow-goes-through-kiev-how-the-protests-in-ukraine-transformed-into-a-coup-that-could-target-russia/5370479>
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