



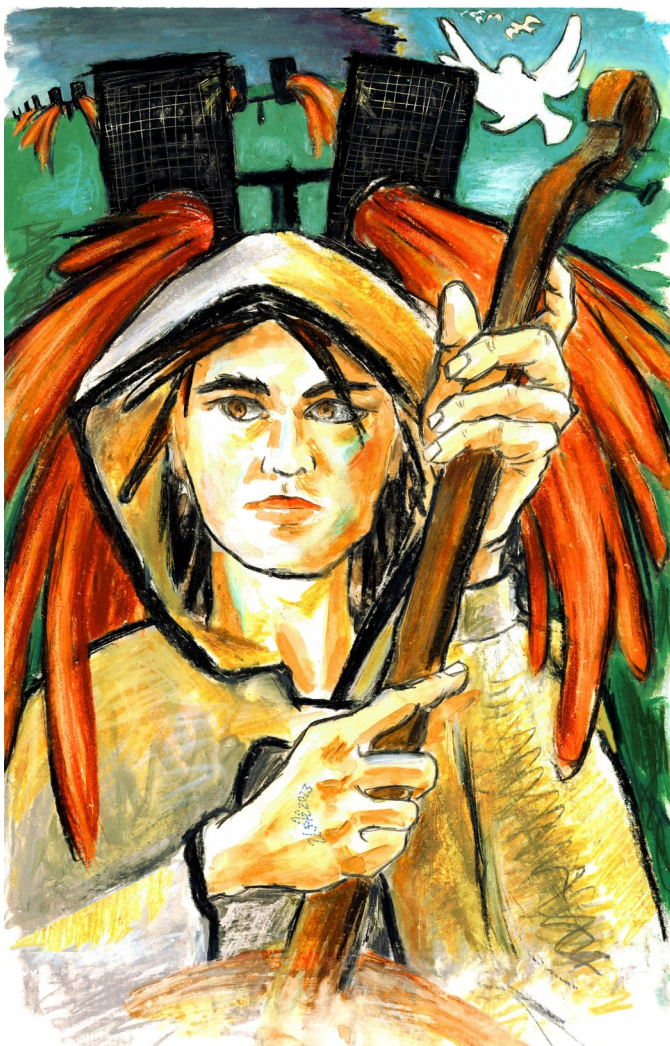
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'Little fissures': The U.S.-Ukraine war unity is slowly cracking apart

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As Bakhmut Falls, US May Turn From Ukraine, Starting With Pipeline Story

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Ukraine: Dying for freedom? A plea against the war alliance of the West

A reconciliation of facts and narratives in an information war that turns almost everything on its head, from the fundamental character of the United States and its policies to the perception of the current conflict with Russia. Politics is rarely an honest business. But the extent and perfection of U.S. disinformation already go far beyond the ordinary - and without fundamental changes, it will get worse in the future.

1. Complete unity is untypical for free societies

Everywhere in the West, Ukraine and its brave fight against the Russian invasion is celebrated. More and more weapons are being supplied ever more rapidly, with mantra-like assurances that this will not lead to the West becoming a war party and thus a target for Russia's attack. The West sees itself as fighting for the rule-based world order and the fundamental values of free societies.

Anyone who even cautiously questions this or tries to place it in a larger context is vilified as a Putin understander and accused of spreading propaganda for the Kremlin. Anyone who asks questions or even has a dissenting view of things is either naive or a morally depraved conspiracy theorist who undermines the free world order with disinformation and makes himself an accomplice of war criminals.

But isn't it constitutive for rational positions and free societies that own convictions are always regarded as provisional,

dissenting opinions are respected and others are encouraged to formulate and substantiate counter-positions to measure their own convictions against them again and again?

2 Enlightened rationality is rarely black and white

The battle of "good versus evil" is typical of totalitarian regimes and fundamentalist ideologies. How can it be that it doesn't send shivers down everyone's spine when Ukrainians declare in interviews that Russians are not human beings?

„If it walks like a duck, talks like a duck and looks like a duck it might BE a duck.“

Hate against Russians, uncompromisingness, maximum war aims, escalation of war, and demonization of the enemy, who is made contemptible as amoral and inferior, all this is typical for fascists. This is the image of the Russian subhuman, as the Nazis already had.

„Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy greeted the European Parliament with a traditional Ukrainian saying: "Slava Ukraini!" (Glory to Ukraine!), and received the traditional choral response: "Heroyam Slava!" (Glory to the heroes!)“

This does not look like the war of an enlightened, free society for a rule-based world order. This is what fascism looks like. And the goal of a victorious peace with the destruction of Russia according to the model of the Versailles Treaty shows whose kind of person this is and what dangers it conjures up.

3. It is no "unprovoked offensive war" by Russia

The U.S. war against Iraq can probably be considered an unprovoked war of aggression since everyone knew before the war that the accusations were fabricated. The bombing of Serbia and Libya by the West was against international law. The suppression of an uprising does not justify foreign military intervention and certainly not overthrowing the government or move borders. All of these violations of international law by the West went unreacted.

The situation is different in southern and eastern Ukraine and Crimea. Here, the conditions under international law for military intervention by Russia are present. This was true in 2014 and it is even more true in 2022 when Russia responded to the escalation of Ukrainian attacks against Donbas to recapture to eradicate Russian identity in this originally Russian-dominated area - after neither threats nor negotiations were able to dissuade Ukraine from escalating its attacks.

International law is the basis and limit of national and territorial integrity. A government can NOT claim territorial integrity if it (like the regime illegally couped into power by the USA in 2014) systematically and massively violates the most basic fundamental rights of its people or individual ethnic communities, explicitly if the persecution serves the denial of tolerance of the national or cultural identity of an ethnic group.

The aggressive campaign of the U.S.-affiliated central government in Kyiv against everything Russian establishes the right of the oppressed Russians to secede their territories - and thus for third countries like Russia the right to support the enforcement of this claim, all the more so in the case of attacks on members of their ethnic group.

Crimea was not annexed, but a predominantly Russian population legitimately withdrew from an illegitimate central government and its ethnic anti-Russian policy and later joined the Russian Federation for its protection.

4. The separation of the Donbass was legal

In the Russian-influenced Donbas, separatism, and separation were also following international law, as was Russian military aid. In contrast, the U.S. intervention in 2004-2010 and since 2014 has been a violation of the national self-determination of the multi-ethnic state in the former Soviet republic.

Biden bragged in the U.S. election campaign about how he managed to establish the Ukrainian prosecutor general within hours. And the extermination campaign against everything Russian is a massive human rights violation for which the Kyiv regime, as well as those responsible in the U.S., should answer to the International Criminal Court.

But: The USA does not recognize the ICC in The Hague and has even threatened to use military force to free arrested US

citizens. This is what they look like, the "noble fighters for a rules-based world order.

5. War and overthrow are the "business model" of the USA.

The USA is a former British colony, founded by immigration to a continent where European diseases killed off much of the native population before the USA (before as well as after independence) expelled and slaughtered the remaining natives and confined the rest to reservations.

The U.S. economy was based on slave labor in the South. The supposed liberation of slaves was the subjugation of the South, which wanted to export agricultural products worldwide, by the industrialized North, which wanted to keep foreign competition out of the U.S. market through protectionism. If about human rights were the reason, they would not have continued to slaughter the remaining Indians together afterward and outsourced the exploitation of other ethnic groups to the colonies.

In the first 20 years after the independence, the USA went to war in the Mediterranean against North African states, which made sea navigation unsafe with piracy for about 250 years and enslaved more than 1 million Europeans according to estimates. In Japan, the USA later used warships to force the opening of the Japanese market for US products. In addition to the war against Mexico, they brought other colonies in the Caribbean and South Pacific under their control around 1900 in the war against Spain.

After World War 1, the victorious European powers saw the supremacy of the European nations defended and, together with the French and British, generously redistributed the world in Eastern Europe, the Middle East, and the Ottoman Empire - as they had previously divided up Africa.

In the Ottoman Empire, they failed because of the resistance of the Turks. In Eastern Europe, they created a multitude of small states with sometimes unclear borders for about 20 years, which led to quite a few wars over borders and quickly to dictatorship in the countries. The Poland that Germany occupied in 1939 was an ultra-nationalist, aggressive military dictatorship. Not something you would weep for if you hold European values.

The American people overwhelmingly rejected World War II until Roosevelt used massive sanctions to give the Japanese the alternative of "unconditional submission or war." In alliance with Stalin, the U.S. armed a regime that stood for unprecedented terror against its people. After the war, they gave all of Eastern Europe to Stalin for the expansion of his dictatorship.

The USA supported the French after 1945 in the Indochina war in their attempt to restore colonial rule. Later, they supported dictators from Taiwan to Korea to Vietnam. In

addition, overthrows in Iran, Guatemala, and among others later Chile, where brought the Pinochet regime to power. The Iran-Contra affair showed how indifferently intelligence operations were conducted not only against international law but also against congressional resolutions. And in Afghanistan, the Taliban owe their rule to the CIA to overthrow the socialist government and bleed the USSR economically and militarily.

Wars against Serbia, Iran, and Libya as well as the support of Islamist terrorist groups in Syria show how indiscriminately the U.S. selects - and drops - its partners. Whether Saddam Hussein, Assad, Gaddafi, or Mubarak, whoever is a partner today can be invaded or removed by the USA tomorrow. We should be aware of this in Europe as well. The former president of Pakistan, Musharaf, has just made public that the USA threatened to bomb Pakistan back into the Stone Age after 9/11 if the country did not support the USA's war against Afghanistan.

6. Surveillance state and lawless violence

Documentaries like "Hunt for Bin Laden" show clearly how comprehensive the surveillance by the USA is even in the last corners of the earth.

Satellites and drones spy on everything in high resolution, and radar and infrared technology can be used to find and track people and groups partly through thin roofs or at night through the clouds and leaves on the forest floor. The NSA is a data sucker and increasingly intelligent programs for linking and evaluating data create profiles that say more about people than they are aware of themselves (which is then used again for the targeted control of supposedly own decisions).

The espionage is supplemented by special forces that can strike anywhere in the world at any time, and by drones (guided out of Ramstein, among other places) that kill worldwide. In addition, kidnappings in secret CIA prisons and Guantanamo a torture prison without access to justice.

7. USA: Oligarchy instead of democracy

According to some theories, democracy was never meant to be the implementation of collective self-determination, but rather a political system of feigned co-determination from the beginning, which does not stand for a turning away from totalitarian rule, but only for more efficient enforcement of the rule of the same elites. What sounds like the worst conspiracy theory has long been substantiated by scientific research:

The central findings are:

- Political decisions largely reflect the interests of small elites, not those of the majority, as they should in a functioning democracy.
- People make decisions much less rationally and are much more susceptible to emotional and subconscious influence than the human image of democracy would suggest.

- Money and function elites instrumentalize language, science, and media to control public opinion and the decisions of the citizens incl. election decisions by the information war to a large extent.

Money, education, and degree of the organization decide in the western democracies. Particularly impressive are the campaigns of Edward Bernays in the 1950s, who achieved an overthrow of the socialist government in Guatemala for the United Fruit Company, and the PR agency Hill&Knowlton, which in 1990, by spreading a lie about the alleged theft of incubators for premature babies by Iraqi soldiers, achieved that the USA restored the monarchy in Kuwait - by defeating Iraq. In science, among other efforts, redirecting attention from sugar as a significant driver of obesity to fat has been successful - in part through a selective choice of data used and dominance in the media. Even the Nazis used films in particular for indoctrination, because they recognized that this works better than facts or documentaries.

Cambridge Analytica has shown how data analysis can be used to create personality profiles and then manipulate potential voters in their election decisions with tailored messages. Just in mid-Feb. 2023, the case of "Team George" from Israel has become known, which among other activities creates artificial profiles to manipulate public opinion under fake identities via social media.

Those who do not want to appear in public can found associations to promote certain topics. They can offer networks and support for certain professional groups or steer supposed grass-roots movements from the background, such as the Koch brothers, who are probably behind the Tea Party, among others.

In addition to the active dissemination of messages and opinions, there is also an increasing use of tactics, as already used by the Stasi (Note of the editorial office: Stasi is the short form for Staatssicherheit, some kind of spying secret service in the former, Russian occupied Eastern Germany): Decompose and destroy.

Currently, such campaigns are taking place against Gabriele Krone-Schmalz, Daniele Ganser and Hans-Georg Maaßen (Note of the editorial office: Well-known Germans who are critical to mainstream narratives, e.g. increasing weapon deliveries to Ukraine), among others, who are being consistently defamed and their credibility destroyed by an alleged scientific community in solidarity with several leading media outlets. The interesting thing is that this tactic also works against people of integrity with a high level of competence and a good reputation up to that point.

Information and awareness run much less on fact checks than on credibility and moods. Hardly anyone is able to reliably check concrete facts. Instead, we gather input and look for patterns. And when almost everyone in politics, the media,

and science claims something, no matter how wrong it may be, most people are persuaded by a broad consensus or manipulated by emotions.

As a result, the privileged explain the world to us and they deliberately and systematically suppress and destroy any narrative that threatens the credibility of their own narrative - e.g. lectures by Krone-Schmalz and Ganser or statements by the former president of the Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution (Note of the editorial office: Hans-Georg Maaßen). And where it is not successful to defame the contents or messages, they try to destroy the reputation of the messengers and to make the messages about it untrustworthy and devalued. Once branded as a conspiracy theory, most people block it mentally to avoid being assigned to the camp of the lepers - even if it is only because they talk to the "wrong people", listen to them, or repeat their theories.

Democracy means the free informed decision of the majority. Extreme inequality in education and resources leads to a few dominating the perceptions and decisions of the majority. This is the rule of the few, the oligarchy, and this extends to thoughts and language.

8: Fake NGOs as a Weapon in hybrid warfare

Under Reagan alone, 3 of the most important fake NGOs have emerged in the USA: "International Republican Institute" (IRI), "National Democratic Institute" (NDI), and "National Endowment for Democracy" (NED). The NED is financed by the US Foreign Ministry, the other two are financially supported by the Foreign Ministry through the NED. In addition, there are the Soros organizations "Soros Foundation" and "Open Society Institute" as well as the organization "Freedom House", which was already founded in 1941 to fight the Nazis.

The Spiegel (Note of the editorial office: a German journal) describes with admiration how such organizations work in an editorial of 13.11.2005 under the title "Die Revolutions-GmbH".

In many cases, the goal is simply the non-violent overthrow of the government or the organization of the election of the own candidates - only in foreign countries. I.e. groups were supported, which prevented among other things the re-election of Milosevic or served in 2003 in Georgia and 2004 in Ukraine the interests of the USA by the implementation of a certain government.

Interestingly to this topic also the broadcast Fareed Zakaria GPS from 16.10.2022 on CNN, which refers to the particularly high success rate of non-violent overthrows in the past, but at the same time states that this has recently declined dramatically.

And, interestingly, nonviolent overthrows are especially successful where organizations are run very tightly hierarchically and proceed very strategically.

In plain language, they are successful when they are organized, financed, and tightly managed by governments or powerful backers. This has nothing to do with any kind of spontaneous mass protest. This is organized war by other means - including the thugs who, if necessary, ensure security on the ground.

9: In Ukraine, the USA has staged two coups d'état

If we look at Ukraine against this background, then in 2004 Soros activists prevented the election of Yanukovich, the candidate of the pro-Russian population in eastern and southern Ukraine and the desired successor of the retiring President Kuchma. Instead, in the "Orange Revolution" with Yushchenko, they forced the election of the husband of a Ukrainian-American, a former employee of the U.S. State Department, and in the White House under Reagan with months of mass demonstrations.

In Feb. 2010, the candidate pushed through by Soros had just 5% in polls and elected was the 2004 prevented candidate, Yanukovich. Yanukovich negotiated the EU Association Agreement and was willing to sign it even though it contained military components that were predictably unacceptable to Russia. The agreement failed because the West refused to grant economic aid to the bankrupt country. Instead, it boycotted the European Championship in Kyiv in order to force the release of Yulia Tymoshenko - in other words, it interfered massively in internal politics. When Putin offered Ukraine cheaper gas and a loan worth billions, Yanukovich turned away from the EU and towards Russia - especially since Ukraine, even after independence from Russia, received raw materials at prices well below the world market price, which supported the economy.

In response, activists, funded and led by the U.S., launched the Euro-Maidan permanent demos, which were by no means consistently peaceful. These demos at some times set up thugs to protect the demonstrators "from the assaults of the security organs." In fact, the aim was to prevent the dissolution of the months-long demo by force. So we have a president in a multi-ethnic state who emerged from an election. And when, for understandable reasons, he aligns his policy more strongly with Russia, the USA organizes his overthrow. This is radically anti-democratic and lawless behavior that violates all norms in international law. Even on the evening before the coup, Germany and France had negotiated a compromise. Then the lawless overthrow of U.S.-led and financed Western Ukrainians against the president of all of Ukraine happened, whose supporters were based primarily in the pro-Russian south and east.

Legendary is the intercepted and published telephone conversation of Victoria Nuland, Secretary of State in the U.S. State Department and in charge of coordination on the ground.

Nuland estimated in a 2013 speech that the U.S. had "invested" a total of 5 billion in Ukraine since 1991. Legendary her sentence "Fuck the EU!", in which she clarifies that the USA intends to enforce "their man" against the concerns of the Europeans. A few days after the unconstitutional coup, the EU recognized the coup plotters, and funds from the EU, the US, and the IMF, among others, flowed into Ukraine to prop up the illegal regime.

The escalation in eastern Ukraine and Crimea, as well as in Odesa, happened due to the fact that the U.S. did not want to risk again that 5 years after a "successful" coup, a pro-Russian government would be elected again. Therefore, this time the Ukrainian fascists were brought on board, whose brutality cannot be better demonstrated than by the murder of almost 50 pro-Russian demonstrators in Odesa, who were first hunted down and then killed in a house set on fire by the fascists, into which they had fled.

10. The facts do not condemn Russia but the USA

Against this background that the secession of the Donbas and Crimea happened - and that was supported by Russia. This was legitimate resistance of the Russian population against the illegal, foreign-directed takeover of power in Kyiv, recognized and supported by the EU and the USA, with the participation of Ukrainian fascists, who have only one function: To permanently suppress everything Russian in order to permanently stabilize the rule of the USA.

The facts are clear: the aggression and the violation of international law and human rights were organized by the USA, supported by fascists, and carried by the EU. Russia, on the other hand, protected the human rights of Russians and their claims under international law - which is legitimate and moral. The case of eastern Ukraine is classic for a situation in which international law allows secession - and thus also its support by foreign countries, especially for citizens of their own people. There was no annexation of Crimea. There was a secession of Crimea that was permissible under international law and later Crimea's accession to the Russian Federation.

11. Minsk was the outstretched hand of Moscow

Russia could have overrun Ukraine in 2014 in a coup d'état and would have had every right to do so. The behavior of the United States, on the other hand, was blatantly contrary to international law. The West's recognition of the coup plotters and inclusion of the fascists in the government would have given Russia every mandate to occupy and set up an interim government. In retrospect, it is difficult to understand why, after 2004, Russia again tolerated the unlawful turnover of power by the United States in 2014.

Russia once again trusted the West - and once again was smeared. Instead of implementing Minsk, i.e. establishing minority rights in the constitution, Ukraine, under the directive of the U.S., did not implement Minsk. Kyiv has even denied the binding nature of the Minsk agreement, citing the

military threat posed by Russia. This is a logic that would render any peace treaty non-binding.

12. The war is the result of systematic escalation by the USA

Biden made it very clear in the election campaign that the U.S. was making the decisions in Kyiv. And the USA has decided to arm Ukraine, make it militarily capable and integrate it into the West, and to make the military reconquest of the territories the legal duty of every government.

Thus, war was inevitable and the U.S. systematically escalated it through more and more arms deliveries, more and more intense attacks on the Donbas, and no substantive offer of negotiations. Russia tried to negotiate, and it built up a backdrop of threats. In the end, Putin had no choice but to give the order to invade - and the U.S. was prepared, inflicting ever more severe defeats on the Russians.

13. A nuclear power can draw red lines at any time

The goal is to repel and crush the "criminal" Russia. Russia should pay reparations and hand over war criminals and never again be able to threaten neighbours. This is the Versailles approach. And it would threaten Putin's head.

But Russia is a nuclear power. Russia can threaten to destroy human life on Earth unless Eastern Europe submits to Moscow again. That has not changed since 1990. Russia can wipe out the Ukraine, Poland or even Berlin. And then? Not only would it be foolish for the U.S. not to back down then, it would ultimately destroy the U.S. with nothing to gain by doing so. If Putin decides tomorrow to unconditionally enforce the restoration of the blocs with nuclear weapons, then the West (including the USA) has exactly 2 options: Acceptance of the demand or just annihilation.

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EU Struggles to Find Way to Deliver Ukraine Ammunition Rapidly

- Ukraine needs massive stocks of 155mm shells immediately
- EU foreign, defense ministers will discuss the issue next week



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Ukraine short of skilled troops and munitions as losses, pessimism grow

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'Rigorous' Maidan massacre exposé suppressed by top academic journal

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KRAYDEN: Seymour Hersh laughs at report of pro-Ukrainian group blowing up Nord Stream... 'These people are not very smart.'

By David Krayden Mar 8, 2023



Seymour Hersh (right) talks to the Western Standard's David Krayden. Hersh is highly sceptical of a new narrative suggesting that a pro-Ukrainian group was responsible for blowing up the Nord Stream pipelines.

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Ukraine live briefing: Putin's ICC arrest warrant is justified, Biden says

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US Threatens International Criminal Court

Visa Bans on ICC Staff



Permanent premises of the International Criminal Court in The Hague, the Netherlands. © 2018 Martina Riera/Human Rights Watch

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U.S.: 'Hague Invasion Act' Becomes Law

White House

(New York) - A new law supposedly protecting U.S. servicemembers from the International Criminal Court shows that the Bush administration will stop at nothing in its campaign against the court.

U.S. President George Bush today signed into law the American Servicemembers Protection Act of 2002, which is intended to intimidate countries that ratify the treaty for the International Criminal Court (ICC). The new law authorizes the use of military force to liberate any American or citizen of a U.S.-allied country being held by the court, which is located in The Hague. This provision, dubbed the "Hague invasion clause," has caused a strong reaction from U.S. allies around the world, particularly in the Netherlands.

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American Service-Members' Protection Act

Article Talk

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The **American Service-Members' Protection Act** (ASPA, Title 2 of Pub. L. 107-206 (text) (PDF) H.R. 4775 (116 Stat. 820), enacted August 2, 2002, known informally as the **Hague Invasion Act** is a United States federal law described as "a bill to protect United States military personnel and other elected and appointed officials of the United States government against criminal prosecution by an international criminal court to which the United States is not party."^[1] The text of the Act has been codified as subchapter II of chapter 81 of title 22, United States Code.

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*"In the corona crisis, they wanted to save **lives** at all costs and sacrificed **freedom** for that purpose. In the Ukraine war, they want to save **freedom** at any cost and are sacrificing **lives** for that purpose.*

In both crises, it is considered moral to deny morality of dissidents."

Ulrike Guerot
Political scientist



Have we Germans learned from our past?

Recently, there was a survey of German adolescents and young adults regarding their knowledge and attitudes toward National Socialism. Fifty percent of all participants failed to accurately date the period of the Nazi regime and to mention more than three of its victim groups. The media concluded that there should be more education regarding the topic, but from my perspective, they and German society as a whole are completely missing the point. While accurate knowledge of historical facts may be helpful to put the topic in an appropriate context, from my perspective, it is not nearly the most important part if we aim to prevent such horrible madness from ever happening again. The events and developments during the last years and also at the moment let me come to the conclusion that we as a society have never really worked up the time of National Socialism. So if I have to answer the title question, I clearly say no, we haven't learned much from our past and I will explain the reasons why.

Let's look back to the last few years of the corona policy. Without any sense of proportionality, the government of Germany decided on unprecedented restrictions on fundamental rights. With systematic propaganda of fear, as an internal leaked government paper has proven, the Covid-19 Virus was portrayed as a killer virus to justify the restrictions, and modeling of questionable value has been used to pretend a scientific foundation. The restrictions had been unnecessarily kept on without any scientific evaluation of benefits and costs as well as appropriateness.

The mass media failed completely in their role as control instance, saw their primary role in accompanying political decisions instead of critically reflecting on them and there have been secret consultations between media and policy. The public discussions were completely one-sided since policy and media spared no efforts to transfer the position regarding the corona restrictions from a content-related question to a moral-related one and thereby completely poisoned the debate. To put it simply, positions pro restrictions were labelled as

morally good, and positions criticizing restrictions as morally bad. People were called out to denounce their neighbours, e.g. if they got a visit from more than four persons (meetings with five persons at maximum were allowed at some times). Some people inhaled the feeling of moral high ground by abusing others who, from their perception, wear their masks wrongly and even people with medical attestation against wearing masks. Old people were imprisoned in their nursing homes, suffering and dying from loneliness with the cynical explanation that it is for their own benefit. Children were indoctrinated that they put their grandparents in danger if they do not wear face masks.

But the greatest low point by a far extent was the unprecedented aggressiveness and ruthlessness people were blackmailed to take the vaccine and dealing with unvaccinated people. The unvaccinated were excluded from public life and labelled as scapegoats for a failed policy. Politicians, journalists, and celebrities spread out their hate for the unvaccinated in the media, followed by demands for humiliation and discrimination. There were even discussions regarding common occupation bans, higher payments for health insurance, refusals of treatment in intensive care units, or vaccinations by force, and a common vaccine mandate was only averted due to the spreading of the milder omicron variant. It was absolutely terrifying how much fundamental characteristics of a civilized society broke away in front of fear and hate propaganda and what's the worst of it, even afterward the majority of society has not nearly realized the outrageousness that happened here. While, from my perception, most people did not actively join the witch hunt for the unvaccinated, they did not protest or do anything against either.

Another example is the social climate since the beginning of the Ukraine war in 2022. I am completely shocked and disgusted by how quickly policy and media achieved to condition parts of the population of Germany into lust for war and military escalation. A country mainly responsible for two devastating world wars should know it better, one could think, but no.

War propaganda of heroic battles of the white knights of Ukraine for our democratic values against the barbaric Russians is spreading all out from our media. There are explanations about weapons that kill humans like marketing spots for cars, describing their functions in detail. War appears to be some kind of sports event where you can cheer for every success of your sight, completely ignoring that you cheer about dead people. Russians are dehumanized as orcs, everything Russian, e.g. products, has to be banned. Racism against Russians living in Germany is spreading as well and some of them lost their job, not because of supporting Russia's war but because of condemning it not loudly enough.

Naturally, in such an atmosphere, there is no place for differentiated perspectives and opinions, since the benchmarks

for good and evil have been clearly set. Anyone who does not see Russia and Putin as the devil himself is clearly suspicious of being a “Kremlin friend”. Don’t even start with a reflected position condemning the Russian invasion as well as the inglorious role of the western countries in the past that provided the field for the seed of war, because you have fallen under Russian propaganda since there can only be one guilty side. In addition, if you are a pacifist or plead for negotiations to end the war, you are the worst, a conscienceless and spineless bastard who wants to surrender. In short, if you don’t swallow the official narrative completely, you are considered some kind of enemy of the supposed free and democratic society. Like it was with corona, a majority apparently does not share these extreme positions advocated by an elite of policy and media and inherited by a loud minority of common people feeling legitimated through the permanent public propaganda.

What do these two examples have to do with Germany's reconditioning of the Nazi era? Quite much, I would say. Of course, a direct comparison is inappropriate since it was much worse back then. But some fundamental mechanisms from my perspective are comparable: Completely one-sided propaganda of good and evil throughout the public debate, characterized by emotionalization and moralization instead of civilized argumentation. A scapegoat mentality leading to the dehumanization and discrimination of people or groups not following the mainstream narrative. The belief in aggression and escalation as appropriate measures to deal with problems and human brutalization as a consequence thereof. And mass media actively support these devastating developments instead of acting as a critical corrective. All these are clear mechanisms of totalitarian systems becoming more and more present in the supposed democratic western societies.

And here is the misconception of us Germans regarding reconditioning our dark past: We think it is enough to condemn swastikas, nationalism, and racism, briefly speaking the Nazi ideology, and something like that will never happen again. But I think the ideology is completely secondary since it is replaceable. The more important factors are totalitarian mechanisms and their effects on the human psyche. This is the aspect reconditioning should focus on since despite technical and philosophical proceed, the core of the thinking and acting of humans and thereby their susceptibility to totalitarian mechanisms has not changed. While a majority are good-natured and do not advocate extreme positions, most people are also adapted, passive, and comfortable. Therefore they are stepping aside from the extremists in policy and media as well as from their willing vicarious agents in their community. This is the foundation for the success of totalitarianism which can end like the second world war in the worst case. To really recondition our Nazi past, the majority of Germany's population has to:

1) Develop awareness regarding totalitarian mechanisms independently of the ideology behind them. Awareness

includes self-reflection of the own thinking and acting to avoid falling under totalitarian tendencies as well as a mutual reflection of each other since self-perception can be biased sometimes. It has to be noted totalitarian mechanisms can not only occur through the suppression of a majority by minorities but also by the suppression of minorities by a majority.

2) Rigorously and collectively act against any, even the smallest totalitarian attempts. Immediate and rigorous acting prevents totalitarian mechanisms to be established (in structures as well as in minds) and further expanded. Collective acting is especially important since totalitarian attempts tend to punish individuals to frighten the majority - but they cannot do anything against the masses if they recognize the power they have by working democratically together. Rigorous and collective acting includes also building up structures and mechanisms to establish and control democracy. From my perspective, building up a radical-democratic society and its respective structures is the best way to prevent totalitarian mechanisms.

If I think carefully about it, these approaches should be inherited not only by the Germans but by all societies.

By Peter Mueller



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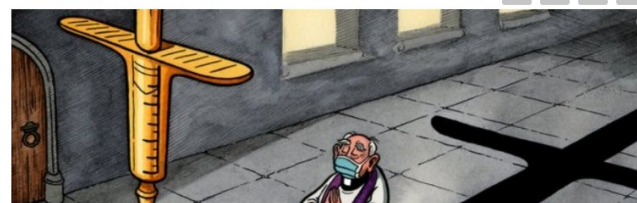
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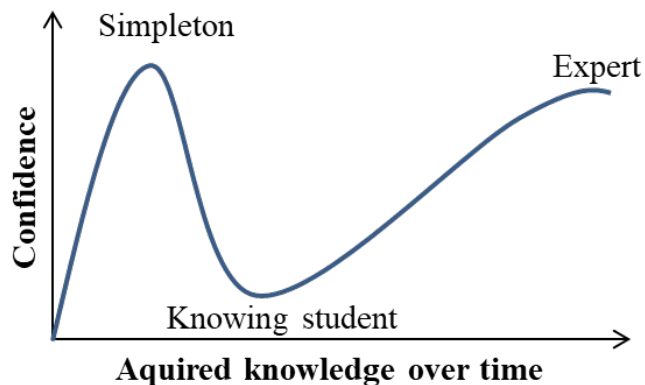


The Dunning Kruger Effect - a treat to society?

I think everyone has experienced it: Loud people with overboarding self-confidence capturing every discussion. They (from their perspective) know everything, see themselves as educated and as result, their opinion is superior to others. Especially scholarly persons tend to behave this way from my experience as a scholar person by myself. They see their opinion not as something personal but as an objective fact with a claim to universal validity. But if you look just a little bit behind their arguments expressed with so much

confidence, you will not see much more than superficial knowledge, simplifications, phrases, moralizations, and other things you do not want to have in a well-founded debate.

The social psychologists David Dunning and Justin Kruger describe this phenomenon as a form of cognitive bias within the self-perception of incompetent people being unable to judge themselves realistically. They tend to overestimate their own abilities, fail to acknowledge the superior abilities of others, and to be unable to correctly estimate the extent of their incompetence.



This graph describes the relationship between (self-)confidence and acquired knowledge over time when engaging with a new topic. If a person is getting little information about the respective topic, e.g. by one or two articles in a newspaper or reports on TV, it appears to be quite simple, easily understandable, with clear solutions. A person with this little extent of knowledge can be called a simpleton, and this person will be more likely very self-confident about her knowledge since the respective topic appears so easily graspable, at least on her limited knowledge. One example may be a person explaining the Ukraine conflict started on February 24th, 2022 and Russia is the only one to blame since it started the war. When a simpleton becomes interested and digs deeper into the topic, e.g. with his own internet research and by reading different sources with varying political agendas, he more and more realizes the topic is way more complex and complicated than initially thought and that there are different perspectives. The complexity and amount of information become more and more an apparently unsurmountable wall, so despite gaining more and more knowledge and becoming a knowing student, the self-confidence drops. For example, a person digging deeper into the history before Russia's attack on Ukraine, reading pro-Western sources as well as pro-Russian ones, may be confused about the complete opposing information and not sure which she should believe. There may be a point where all confidence is shattered and this is the moment when many people give up. But if a person continues gaining knowledge, the context of the topic will become clearer and clearer, the confidence will rise again and over time, she will more and more become an expert. As an expert, she has regained high confidence, based on a large amount of differentiated knowledge she can reflect. For example, an expert may see Russia's responsibility

regarding the Ukraine war but he will also see the history before and therefore the responsibility of the western nations. And he may see that both sides rely largely on propaganda and that all information has to be interpreted with caution.

To sum it up, this process of gaining knowledge takes time and effort, a price a majority of people apparently are not willing to pay, even if the respective topic is highly relevant to their life. We are living in a world with an overload of everything: A flood of information and other stimuli is rolling over us from all sides and instead of properly dealing with it and putting it into context by thinking, which takes effort and thereby is uncomfortable, many people prefer to just consume and keep being simpletons. And naturally, there is way too much knowledge to become an expert in every area. The lack of knowledge is not the main problem here, but the wrong (self-)perception of the own competence failing to recognize the limits of personal knowledge. So the Dunning-Kruger Effect can be seen as more of a character problem than a lack of education.

The theory behind the Dunning Kruger Effect goes along very well with Bonnhoeffers theory of stupidity I described in the last issue (https://deraufstand.wihuman.de/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/The_Carrier_Pigeon_Issue_1-1.pdf) and there are many things problematic when people are affected by it:

They are very susceptible to manipulation: Mass media nowadays are full of propaganda and simplified messages or conclusions easily to digest and therapy perfectly fitting for people under the influence of the Dunning Kruger Effect. They inherit these messages and think they are competent just by believing and unthinkingly repeating them.

They have the potential to do mistakes and evil without even knowing it: Naturally, persons overestimating their competence are at a higher risk of making mistakes like misjudging situations or coming to bad decisions. If they are in influential positions, the damage can be enormous. What is even worse, when their simplified perspective leads to a proclaimed moral superiority, people under the Dunning Kruger Effect may even do evil things unable to reflect their doings due to their incompetence.

They are charming and charismatic: Imaging the simpleton, knowing student and expert discussing a talk show: The simpleton will argue with complete confidence and certainty. The knowing student maybe will say nothing due to his lack of confidence despite his higher amount of knowledge. The expert will argue confidently but weaken his arguments with conditions since he knows the complexity of the topic does not easily allow definite conclusions. Which of the three will be most persuasive for the audience? It will likely be the simpleton due to the confidence he expresses his position as well as the lack of education of the majority of the audience in the respective topic. Confident people are charming, so people

affected by the Dunning-Kruger Effect can appear very competent and believable and thereby persuasive to others.

In the following, I provide recommendations I thought about, not only for dealing with people affected by the Dunning Kruger Effect but also for preventing being affected by oneself, which also can easily happen:

Reflect yourself: One of the most important aspects for the prevention of being affected by the Dunning Kruger Effect is an appropriate amount of self-reflection about the own competence. How much do you really know about a certain topic? What are your sources of information? Is this topic as easy as you think? Is the explanation you have in mind the only one possible? Does your amount of knowledge or competence regarding a certain topic really justify your confidence? Questions like these you can ask to reflect yourself. Note that the aim is not to downgrade yourself but to gain a realistic view regarding your knowledge and abilities that will also help you to make better decisions.

Be critical: Reflect on every piece of information you gain from others carefully. Is it objectively based on evidence? Is it complete or is something missing? What are the (potential) intentions of the information giver? Are there alternative perspectives? Keep your eyes open regarding what you receive and think for yourself. It is not about becoming a mistrusting hermit, but an open-minded person with an appropriate amount of reflective and critical thinking. Especially with information going along with our own opinion, critical reflection has to be an active process, since we tend to believe it more compared to information contrary to our own view of the world.

Do not give up gaining more knowledge: Even if you feel overwhelmed by the amount of information and different perspectives on the respective topic, do not give up gaining more knowledge. Over time, you will order your many thoughts in a more and more logical way and see the bigger picture.

Disclose incompetence in a non-offensive way: If you discuss with a person affected by the Dunning Kruger Effect before an audience and you are sure you are more competent regarding the discussed topic, it is quite easy to disclose her incompetence: Ask the person questions to explain her position, questions that go deeper into the topic. She will not be able to answer appropriately and thereby expose her incompetence by herself. Maybe she will repeat her superficial opinion just in other words, maybe she will try to distract from her incompetence by shifting the focus to other aspects, or maybe she will even get loud and attack you personally with accusations or insults. Don't be satisfied with that, don't let yourself get distracted, keep your cool, and repeat your questions to show everybody that there is no substance behind the phrases of the person. Maybe, if the person is at least a bit self-reflective, she also may realize her

incompetence to some degree. But since the Dunning Kruger Effect is a complete misconception of the own competence and the competence of others, better not count on it and consider carefully if you want to take time, effort, and nerves to take on a highly likely fruitless attempt to convince a person affected. Focus more on making the audience realize her incompetence and if there is no audience, discuss only if you consider the person important enough.

By the way, persons affected by the Dunning Kruger Effect may accuse you to be affected by the Dunning Kruger Effect ;-)

By Peter Mueller

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- The Fox News host has been given more than 40,000 hours of January 6 surveillance footage by Kevin McCarthy
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 - Carlson said the footage showed 'Shaman' Jacob Chansley being 'escorted' through the Capitol, and claimed Sicknick was 'healthy and vigorous'
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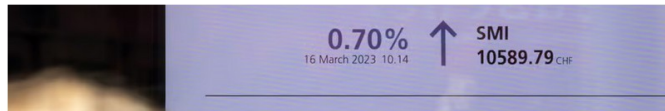
What Happened to Silicon Valley Bank?

By ERIN GOBLER Updated March 17, 2023

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By ANDREW NEIL FOR THE DAILY MAIL

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Is Gender Ideology About To Collapse?

Written By Daniel Bordman

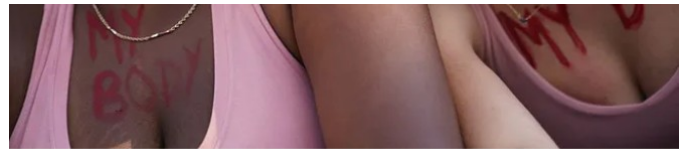
If there ever was an ideology that could be considered immune from reality, it would be gender theory.

The very inception of the phrase "gender" dates back to the 1950s and the controversial researcher John Money, who thought that he could transition a boy that suffered a circumcision gone wrong into a girl. The boy had a twin brother that acted as a control, so in theory, a great basis for a scientific experiment.

There were two giant problems. First, the experiment was an ethical abomination. The sexual experimentation and abuse of children should have been enough to condemn Money's theory to the dustbin of history. The second major problem was that the whole experiment failed. John Money was wrong, the story ends in tragedy as the subjects go on to suffer massive trauma and eventually commit suicide.



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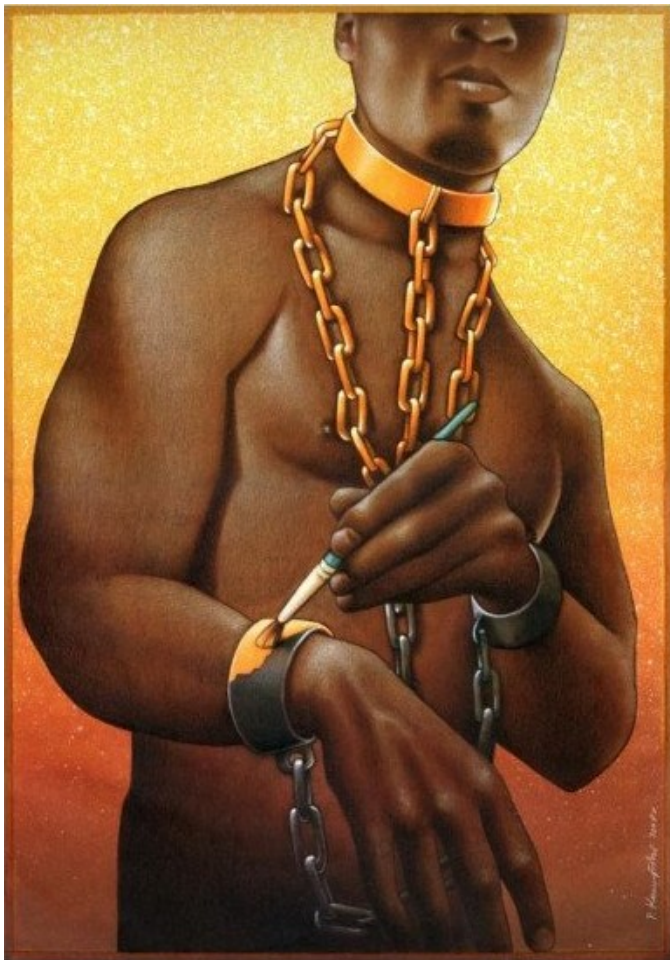
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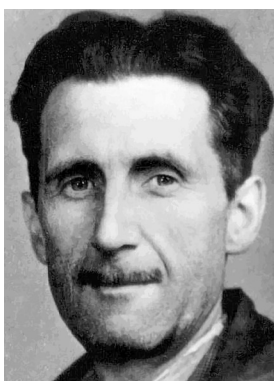
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