

A View of Tucker Carlson's Interview with Vladimir Putin



Before you get upset with me for telling you something that you may not like, please let me tell you why I think the way I do.

First of all, I lived in Russia from 1994 to 1997 in the cities of Novosibirsk in Siberia, [St. Petersburg](#), and [Murmansk in the Arctic Circle](#), to share the Gospel with the Russian people. And I visited one of the most remote places in the Russian Arctic, the [village of Teriberka](#). The Russians were very kind to me and I made lots of friends. It was fun learning to communicate in Russian and learning the customs and culture of the Russian people. Russians have a sense of humor just like Americans. They often use amusing sarcasm to make their point. They're a well-mannered people and sometimes corrected me on my manners, something I appreciated.

Besides Russians, I also met the peoples of all the 14 other republics of the former Soviet Union who lived in Russia. There were lots of ethnic Ukrainians in Russia including two sisters in Christ from Kiev, my partners in evangelism to the Russians. I can tell you at the time there was no natural enmity between Russians and Ukrainians, at least there wasn't until Putin came along. Russians and Ukrainians were like cousins, one big family. I couldn't tell them apart! All the Ukrainians in Russia speak the Russian language, and even in Ukraine 1/3 of Ukrainians speak only Russian.

At the time there was still a spiritual vacuum in Russia because of the demise of Communism. One lady told me Communism and the Soviet government was her god. She said it was as if her god had died when the Soviet Union broke apart. Many were disheartened. But because of that, they were open to hearing the Gospel! My [elderly friend from Moscow, Helen](#), one of the English-Russian interpreters to Japanese NHK journalists when they interviewed the first man to orbit the earth, Yuri Gagarin, appreciated all the Bible-based literature I gave her. I saw a lot of Russians come to know Jesus as their savior!

I also went to other former Soviet Republics, [Estonia where I lived for one month](#), Latvia for one week, and Lithuania for a couple of days. There's an ethnic Russian population in those former Soviet Republics, and they live in peace with each other. All the ethnic Russians had to learn the languages of those countries to earn a living there after the Soviet Union broke apart. Before that in Soviet times, they were allowed to do business speaking Russian. Now they are not!

Unlike Belarus and Ukraine then, there was a natural enmity between those

three Baltic nations and Russia! And why? Russian is not their language and they were forced to join the Soviet Union against their will.

I once passed through Belarus on my way from St. Petersburg to Poland, the land of my grandparents. Lukashenko was president of Belarus even then! I was surprised then (1976) to learn that not all of the Polish people like Russia. Much less now for sure.

I also passed through Ukraine by train from Novorossiysk, a city on the Black Sea, on my way back to St. Petersburg. Ukrainian immigration officials saw that I didn't have a visa for Ukraine, but my Russian friends talked them out of fining me! I was on a train line built during Soviet times. There were no borders then between Soviet Republics. The area of Ukraine I passed through is the Donbas region Putin annexed to Russia. I do not believe it was with the will of the people there.

Before I went to Russia when I lived in Japan, I met a young lady from Latvia in Tokyo. I knew she could speak Russian, and because I was studying the Russian language from NHK radio programs, I wanted to try out my Russian with her. I spoke to her some words in Russian and she immediately stopped me! "Russian is not my language," she said. But there's no doubt in my mind she understood what I said.

Once in Tallinn Estonia, I heard a lady scold a boy for standing on the park bench. At first, she spoke to him in Estonian, and because he didn't seem to understand her, she spoke in Russian and he got the point. That was in 1977. I'm sure Russian speakers in Estonia are less and less and all ethnic Russians in Estonia are Estonia speakers by now.

Of the 15 former Soviet Republics, only Ukrainians and Belorussians are Slavic peoples with a language very similar to Russian. It stands to reason they would get along with each other more. The other former Soviet peoples all have different languages, and those languages are not related to each other.

I'm telling you all this because I didn't know the attitudes of the people of these countries before I actually lived there, and therefore I'm assuming you may not know them either. It's one of the reasons why I was heartbroken over Putin's invasion of Ukraine! Not only Ukrainians, but the Russian people themselves are suffering and dying in this war! I only want the war to stop!

I also want you to know that I like Tucker Carlson. I appreciate his conservative views. I saw once a video an average New Yorker made when he saw Tucker Carlson fly fishing in Central Park New York City. Tucker was very cordial to him and answered all his questions. You can tell a lot about a person when you see how he treats others.

That being said, I was surprised Tucker went out of his way to give Putin an opportunity to spread his propaganda.

Putin, a former head of the KGB, is not to be trusted no matter what he says. I met lots of Russians on the island of Guam where I lived for 5 years. None

of them like Putin! They *ALL* call him a criminal! And they *all* support Ukrainian resistance to the Russian invasion! I know that for a fact. I had a Russian friend who attended my church in Guam, Alex from a town in southern Russia near Crimea and the Black Sea, and that's what he told me. And I met other Russians in Guam who agreed with him. Some of them actually fled from Russia to escape prosecution by Putin's government!

Putin is not merely just a criminal, he's a murderer of his OWN PEOPLE! The [1999 Moscow apartment bombings were a false flag operation](#) that brought him into power. Yeltsin appointed him to take over under the condition Putin would not prosecute the Yeltsin family for ripping off billions from the Russian government. They are ALL corrupt! And Tucker trusts that guy?! Incredible!

Putin is the aggressor. He invaded Ukraine. To justify him for the invasion is a great delusion. To think he's justified in what he's doing is spitting on all the graves of the ones that died in the war so far, the graves of BOTH Ukrainians AND Russians!!

Lydia from Kyiv was my evangelism partner in St. Petersburg and Murmansk. Wouldn't you think she knows the situation better than most Americans who never have been to Russia or Ukraine? This is what she wrote me:

From my relatives and acquaintances I know how strong and effective Russian propaganda is. I experienced friends who turned to enemies because they believed what was broadcast more than the people involved. But the truth is people from Donbas could travel all over Ukraine freely, speak Russian, and even get Ukrainian social benefits. Nobody was attacking them either in words or by deeds. You are smart man, but it seems to me you've caught some of that propaganda. Putin is a liar. And he used the same false accusations to attack other countries as well. You might've known that.

That video you posted about what was happening in 2013, before and after is not accurate, not true. The same twisted lies they fed and keep on feeding to Russians and anybody for that matter.

If someone in power is concerned that somebody's rights are violated (like ethnic Russians), why can't he do it the civil way: collect the evidence and go to international court with it?

Ukrainian independence is what Putin didn't like and you can get that message from his speeches before he started this inhuman war. By what can you justify the targeted bombing of a maternity hospital, and an orphanage, and the shootings of unarmed civilians?

Why do we have to run from our homes for dear lives to become refugees now?

Every day cities and towns are bombed. Every day something is destroyed in Kyiv and I check the news in the morning worried sick it might be our apartment building. I just pray for my parents, sister, and all my loved ones to be safe. Over 60 of my fellow Kievans were killed, four of them were children.

In Ukraine people of different nationalities live together peacefully and we don't want anyone's territory. We want to live in peace and choose our own course without anybody dictating to us what to do.

The sad truth is most Russians consider themselves superior to Ukrainians and any other nations as well.

I'm sorry if I sound overly emotional, I actually am and some of the thoughts are hard to put into words. I didn't want to offend you in any way, and I hope you'll come to the right conclusions.

Lydia apparently thought from something I posted on Facebook that I agreed with Putin's invasion of Ukraine. I never did. I made that clear to her in a reply.

If you have seen Tucker Carlson's interview with Vladimir Putin, how can you reconcile what he says with what Ukrainian Lydia says? You can't. I trust what Lydia says. She's fled Kyiv for her life with her daughter Diana and is now living in France.

Just because Biden supports the Ukrainian resistance against the Russian invasion does not mean Putin is wearing the white hat! We should not judge according to appearances! I don't support Biden or most of his policies, but neither do I justify Putin in his actions. I think the situation is deeper than most people realize.

My friend from Belarus, Yanek, another one of my evangelism partners in St. Petersburg and Murmansk Russia, believes Putin was tricked into invading Ukraine because he was given false information. He thought the war would be over in days. He apparently thought the Ukrainian people would welcome the Russian soldiers as liberators from Volodymyr Zelenskyy's "repressive" government! Whatever you may think about Zelenskyy and his government, you can see that was not the case!

My friend Russian friend Alex says the Orthodox Church fully supports Putin's invasion of Ukraine. I hear the Catholic Church is stronger than the Orthodox in Western Ukraine. Could the war really be all about a Jesuit / Vatican plan to destroy Russia? I believe Western Europe is controlled by the Vatican, and the Vatican has failed twice so far to conquer Russia through Napoleon and Hitler.

Contrary to what others are saying, I can't see how Putin can win this war. Even if he takes over Kyiv, it'll be like the Nazi takeover of Paris. Just like the French underground resistance was a thorn in Hitler's side, so would a Ukrainian underground resistance be to Putin. That's what I believe.

Historically Ukrainians have more reasons to not like Russians than vice versa. [Millions of Ukrainians starved to death from 1932-1933](#) because all the food from their farms was shipped to Russia!

I have lost friends over my view about Putin and the Russian invasion. Putin is feeding American conservatives what he knows they like and want to hear! But his only interest is money and power. He's not in it for the welfare of the Russian people.

I hope I don't lose you too, but this is how I see it based on what I know directly from my own experiences in that part of the world and what my Russian and Ukrainian friends tell me, and not what the media or American conservatives tell me. I too am an American conservative! But my allegiance

is first of all to God's Kingdom, the Lord Jesus, and the truth.

Decoding Putin's Interview with Tucker Carlson

The 7-minute video below is an interview with [Jack Barsky, a former KGB spy in America](#). He gives insights into Vladimir Putin's recent interview with Tucker Carlson about Putin's assertions about Ukraine, military support, and diplomatic strategies.

Here's a quote during the interview from Mr. Barsky:

Mr. Carlson sat through most of that interview like a middle school student. But at one point he should have been prepared to know that Putin was just lying. Putin was stating that the war was started by Nazis in the Ukraine in 2014. **That's a blatant lie!** In 2014 there was an uprising by the people to support the parliament's decision to get closer to the European Union. And then Putin's next step: He invaded Crimea.

Comment from a new friend on Facebook:

I was very impressed by what this man has to say about why the Republicans are embracing Putin.

Its all some kind of harebrained gambit to discredit the other political party. Tucker's logic for this is something like "If Biden and the Dems hate Putin, we will embrace him." Trump and others play this same game. The truth or what is right doesn't matter. The only thing that matters is if "our" team comes out on top. The underlying modus operandi is "Blow up all our institutions and our long-standing views on decency and manners, as well as what is right or wrong. If we are the creators of chaos, we can be the rulers when the whole thing collapses." I'm a bit of a liberal, but I have to say the Dems dosomething similar, but in an awkwardly opposite style. They just ignore any major problem that the Republicans want to fix. For example, Biden's inaction on the border and illegal immigration. Also, some Dems also champion new so-called "liberal" ideas, such as gender reassignment for adolescents that is widely unpopular and drives many Centrist and conservative voters away. The extremists on both sides are making headlines with radical views, and that makes it impossible to do the things that 80% of Americans need and want; repair bring our infrastructure up to date, put in place logical, practical, workable solutions to the border problems. solve the homeless crisis, make it possible to financially support your family if you work. (Thanks for listening to my rant ☐)

May the war between Russia and Ukraine end! In Jesus' Name!

The Reality Behind the Russian Invasion of Ukraine: Rome Vs. Moscow



Biden supporting Ukraine and Zelinskyy does not make Putin good. Putin was tricked to invade Ukraine to lead to the ultimate takeover of Russia by the Vatican.

Views of the Russian Invasion of Ukraine by a Christian Missionary Who Lived in Ukraine

HOW RUSSIA TERRORIZED UKRAINE IN THE USSR 1922-1991		
1918 - 1921	War of the Russian Bolsheviks against Ukrainian People's Republic	USSR OCCUPATION OF UKRAINE
Since 1920	Forced collectivization	1.5 MEN KILLED OR DEPORTED TO THE GULAG
1931 - 1933 1944 - 1947	Artificial famines	1.8 MEN VICTIMS
1936 - 1938/41	Great Purge	200 000 VICTIMS
1932 - 1933	Genocide of Ukrainians - Holodomor	4.5 MEN KILLED
1939 - 1941	Forced deportation from Western Ukraine into remote regions of Russia	300 000 DEPORTED 34 000 KILLED
1943 - 1950	War against the Ukrainian Insurgent Army	153 000 KILLED 134 000 IMPRISONED
1944	Deportation of Crimean Tatars from native Crimea	200 000 VICTIMS
1960 - 1989	Political imprisonment of Ukrainian dissidents, Ukrainian political prisoners (from 15 republics) comprised at least 45% of USSR's concentration camps.	UP TO 1000

*The number of Ukrainian victims is not final
*This list does not take into account all categories of repressed and killed Ukrainians, including those persecuted for their religion

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The Ukrainian Institute of National Remembrance,
Center for Research of Ukrainian Movement



This post is in addition to the views of [Ukrainian Lydia about the Russian invasion of Ukraine](#) by missionaries friends, a married couple. The husband

sent me two emails in response for my request to hear their views. I would rather hear from the people who are actually there than from a corporate news agency with hidden agenda. They have no reason to lie to me.

The first email

First of all, I want to give you a little background concerning ourselves and the time we've spent in this part of the world.

We have lived in Russia, Ukraine, and Eastern Europe for nearly 30 years, 18 of those in Ukraine. We lived behind the "Iron Curtain" for 4 years and made trips to the Soviet Union during that time, as well as living in Yugoslavia, Hungary, and Bulgaria. We spent 7 years in Russia.

So, if any of that makes a difference, here is our take on what's happening:

Putin is an absolute monster! Period!

Any defense of his actions is **extremely offensive to us, our friends, and the people of Ukraine.**

Timothy Snyder, a leading authority on Central European history and the Holocaust, says Putin's claim about "de-Nazification" is "grotesque" because he's trying to justify invading a democratic country – led by a Jewish president who lost relatives in the Holocaust – by claiming he's there to fight Nazis.

Snyder calls Putin's justification a variation of Hitler's Big Lie – a Nazi propaganda technique that insists that if a political leader repeats a colossal untruth enough, people will eventually believe it.

"Adolf Hitler had some public relations advice: Tell a lie so big that people will not believe that you would ever try to deceive them on such a grand scale," Snyder wrote in an essay titled, "Putin's Hitler-like tricks and tactics in Ukraine."

By telling lies that Ukraine is run by Nazis bent on genocide, Putin is making a mockery of people who survived the Holocaust, says Snyder, author of "On Tyranny."

Snyder wrote a best seller book on the atrocities committed by the Germans and the Soviets in Ukraine's Bloodlands: Europe between Hitler and Stalin. I read the book as well as meeting Mr. Snyder.

I'm posting a chart (the one at the top of this article) sent to me by one of our Bible students who attended our classes for many years before his job took him to the United Arab Emirates. He is a Frenchman and has many fond memories of the years that he spent in Ukraine. I thought his chart would be helpful for you to understand the depth of pain that Russia has inflicted on Ukraine over the years and why the Ukrainians will fight to the death before allowing Russia to dominate them again.

Please look it over carefully, as the numbers are staggering.

So that's my take on the situation. Russia is destroying an innocent country before our very eyes, committing gross atrocities by bombing whole towns into rubble, and killing innocent people and children.

I could go on and on about this subject, but suffice it to say that there is absolutely no justification for Putin's invasion of Ukraine and I believe he should be tried for war crimes and Russia be made to pay for all the damage they've caused in Ukraine and withdraw all their troops for Ukraine, including Donbas and the Crimea.

The second email

I wanted to comment on what you wrote about your friend (who lives in Japan) not seeing eye-to-eye on the point of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

I beg to disagree with your friend, James. There is no such thing as surrendering to Putin. Surrendering would have meant that Zelensky would have been killed along with all members of his government and a puppet regime would have been installed in his place.

I'm not sure if your friend is a student of history or not, but if he is, let me remind him of the brutality of the Soviet Army. Wherever the Soviet Army captured territory one of the first orders of business was the raping of all the women in those areas. Berlin in particular was subjected to mass rape, but so weren't Poland, Romania, and Hungary. I've personally talked to people from those countries and they told me of how their grandparents hid in fear of the Russians.

I know the answer may be that rape is just a by-product of war, but if you do a little research about the subject, you'll see that the Russians' conducted this on a massive scale.

Today's Russians invading Ukraine are cut from the same cloth, so to speak, in this regard.

I believe we can get too lost in conspiratorial thinking to the point that we see someone as evil as Putin as somehow standing up against the globalists.

There are many "Monday morning quarterbacks" out there, dissecting what the Ukrainians should have done, but how many of them were there? How many of them have lived in fear of what the Russians are capable of? Have they ever been subjected to mass starvation like Ukraine experienced in the 1932-33 famine, where more than 4 million of their countrymen died at the hands of their Soviet masters?

It's very easy to say they just should have given in to the Russian, but do those who make those judgements know the depth of Ukraine's feelings on the matter. At the time of the invasion, more than 80% of the

Ukrainian population didn't want to be a part of Russia or have anything to do with them. Now, **since the war, those numbers have approached nearly 100%.**

To say that this was all Zelensky's doing is to discount the overwhelming sentiments of the Ukrainian population.

Let me point out that I was there, not only in Russia for seven years, but in Ukraine for 18. It would be like saying that I know better the picture on the ground in South Africa or anywhere else for that matter, than someone who has lived for an extended period of time in that country.

Putin is a liar and is being nurtured by his father, the father of lies.

Right up till the very invasion, Putin denied he was going to invade Ukraine. He denied that Russian troops were in Crimea in 2014, he denied that Russia was assisting the, so-called, separatists in the Donbas region, he denied that a Russian surface-to-air missile shot down the Malaysian plane, the Russians denied that they had participated in state run doping of their athletes in the Olympics, they denied that they have poisoned former agents abroad, and the list goes on-and-on.

To answer Biblically the question about whether or not Ukrainians should be fighting for their freedom, let's look at the book of wisdom, Ecclesiastes, to hear what Solomon said.

ECC.3:1 To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven:

ECC.3:2 A time to be born, And a time to die; A time to plant, And a time to pluck what is planted;

ECC.3:3 A time to kill, And a time to heal; A time to break down, And a time to build up;

ECC.3:4 A time to weep, And a time to laugh; A time to mourn, And a time to dance;

ECC.3:5 A time to cast away stones, And a time to gather stones; A time to embrace, And a time to refrain from embracing;

ECC.3:6 A time to gain, And a time to lose; A time to keep, And a time to throw away;

ECC.3:7 A time to tear, And a time to sew; A time to keep silence, And a time to speak;

ECC.3:8 A time to love, And a time to hate; A time of war, And a time of peace.

Throughout the Bible, we have wars happening and the people of God fighting the forces of evil.

David chose to fight Goliath and won. He didn't surrender to him. The little David, Ukraine, is fighting the mighty Goliath, Russia, and miraculously is winning. From all I can see, God is fighting with them.

When Jeremiah warned the Jews to "take upon them the yoke of Babylon",

it was because God brought the Babylonians as His instrument of punishment to punish the Jewish people for their turning away from God and being joined to idols and other gods.

Ukraine, in contrast, is the most Christian country in Europe, with over 80% of their people professing faith in God.

I don't believe the Russian invasion is from God, but from the Devil. If that is the case, then Ukraine should fight.

I get worked up about this subject because it is dear to my heart. Putin has wrecked the lives of so many people. How can that be right?

I will leave this subject for now, but there is much more I could write about it.