

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.

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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.

My Views About the Russian Invasion of Ukraine



A building in Ukraine destroyed by the Russians.

Some of my conservative friends and *especially* Trump supporters have been seemingly justifying Putin's invasion of Ukraine. My friend Jim wrote:

Zelensky is a snake. He has been laundering money for years. He is used by the Deep State. That is why he is supported by the likes of HRC, Biden, Obama, Gates, Pelosi and all the rest. I do know that there are elements of the Ukrainian army who persecute and kill Ukrainian Russians.

Another friend named Mike wrote:

Any bets on who wins? \$100 on The Ukraine Government and The Faggot Zelinski going down. Putin is winning cuz God is using him to take out The Satanic Kazarian Mafia.

Why does Mike think the President of Ukraine is gay? Volodymyr Zelenskyy has a beautiful wife. From where does Mike and Jim get their information?

I told Mike I won't bet with him because I don't want to take his money. He told me that before the Ukrainian army started to take back what the Russian army conquered.

Before I go any further, let me state what I believe to be my qualifications for writing anything about the Russian / Ukrainian conflict: I lived in Russia from March 1994 to October 1997. I've been to the far eastern city of Khabarovsk. I lived in central Siberia in Akadem Gorodok close to Novosibirsk for 4 months. I've been to a few times to Moscow and walked the length of Red Square. I lived in St. Petersburg for two years. And I lived in the Arctic city of Murmansk Russia for 10 months. I love the Russian people! Living in Russia was one of the most fun experiences in my life making new friends and learning a new language. I got to the point I was comfortable on the streets of Russia alone. I could communicate with them in their own language. And I met not only ethnic Russians, I met people from all 15 republics of the former Soviet Union and can name them all from memory. How many Americans can do that? And I even met people from provinces within Russia such as Chechnya. I considered them to be a kind and affectionate people. I loved to shake hands with the Russians because they are good hand-shakers. The Japanese are no good at it!

And I visited Russia's neighbors such as Finland, Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania. In 1997 I passed through Belarus and Ukraine by train, the very area of the fighting today, the Donbas region. I passed through Belarus on my way from St. Petersburg to Warsaw, Poland, and was not challenged to show my visa for Belarus. But on my way from the Black Sea area of Russia back to St. Petersburg, the train passed through Donbas Ukraine and Ukrainian border guards on the train asked me to show a visa for Ukraine. I didn't have one. My two Russian companions talked the Ukrainian border guards out of giving me a fine!

Of the 15 former Soviet Republics, only three of them speak Slavic languages, Russia, Ukraine, and Belarus. They are close ethnically. I always considered Russians and Ukrainians to be one big family. One-third of Ukrainians speak Russian. In the capital Kyiv the Russian language is predominant. I met many ethnic Ukrainians who live in Russia.

When I lived in Niigata Japan I used to visit Russian ships at port. The captain and the crew treated me and my friends as honored guests. Some of them were ethnic Ukrainians. One Ukrainian lady working on the ship told me half of the Russians are ethnic Ukrainians and half of the Ukrainians are ethnic Russians!

I have a close Ukrainian friend I knew in St. Petersburg. Her name is Lydia and I am still in contact with her. She and her daughter are now refugees in France. She tells me no place in Ukraine is safe.

I'm saying this because it disturbs me greatly what Russia is doing now in Ukraine. There have been countless war crimes. Innocent civilians, women, and children have been killed! And for what? To feed Vladimir Putin's territorial ambitions!

Historically Russia has always been a bully to its neighbors. In the restroom of a department store in Helsinki Finland I saw graffiti on the wall cursing Russians. In 1940, Finland lost part of its eastern territory in a war with the Soviet Union, and that area is now part of Russia. Russia didn't return it after the breakup of the Soviet Union.

The three Baltic countries of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania became *unwilling* members of the Soviet Union. Their languages are all different from each other and not similar to Russian. They have a strong national identity and are not friendly toward Russia. They all have an ethnic Russian population. The older generation of those countries learned to speak Russian because Russian was the language of education in the Soviet Union. But they refuse to speak it today to any Russian who is a resident of their country. While in Tallinn Estonia, I heard an Estonian lady scold a Russian boy for doing something she didn't like. At first, she spoke to him in Estonian, and when he didn't seem to understand it, she spoke in Russian telling him he needs to learn Estonian. This was a few years after the breakup of the Soviet Union. I think all the ethnic Russians living in the Baltic countries are probably fluent in the languages of those countries today.

The only neighbor of Russia that likes Russia is Belarus. That's because the president, Lukashenko is a buddy of Putin. He was president of Belarus as long ago as when I lived in Russia in the 1990s! Boris Yeltsin was president of Russia when I was there. The world loved Yeltsin but the Russians considered him a drunk and a clown.

According to a documentary film I saw, Putin was appointed Yeltsin's successor because of a deal the Yeltsin family made with him. The Yeltsins were corrupt and stole billions from the Russian people. They placed Putin in power because Putin promised not to prosecute them later. They're all criminals, including Putin!

This documentary exposes Putin's crimes against the Russian people. You have to click on the "Watch on YouTube" link to see it. YouTube calls it "inappropriate or offensive to some audiences". The only people I can think of who would find it offensive are the Putin worshippers.

Putin came to power through the 1999 apartment bombings. It was a false flag FSB operation. Putin has the blood of his own people on his hands.

If you are new to this website, you should know I am no longer living in Japan. I moved to the US territory of Guam in 2018. There is a Russian

community here. Every one of them will tell you that Vladimir Putin is a criminal. Many of them came to Guam for political asylum. One Russian man told me he would be arrested if he returned to Russia because he is a dissenter of Putin's policies.

My opinion: No matter what you think about Ukraine or its president or shady deals with the Biden family, Putin is the aggressor in his war in Ukraine. When I told my Ukrainian friend Lydia what my conservative friends were saying about Putin's justification for his so-called "special military operation", she got upset and told me I was listening to Russian propaganda! She said Russian propaganda is very strong.

Ukrainians have good historical reasons not to trust Russia. Moscow starved millions of Ukrainians to death in 1932-33. See:

<https://www.history.com/news/ukrainian-famine-stalin>

My friend Yanek from Belorus says he believes the West tricked Putin into invading Ukraine knowing that it would result in his downfall. By "the West" I am talking especially about America, Western Europe and NATO which I believe is run by a vast corporation called the "Holy See" the Whore of the Book of Revelation that rides the Beast, the Western nations. Their goal is to take over Russia and destroy Putin, they don't care how many Russians and Ukrainians die in the process.

Putin is toast. He was given false information to think the Ukrainian people would welcome the Russian army as liberators from the Nazis. The Ukrainian government is NOT run by Nazis according to my Ukrainian friend Lydia. The only possible Nazis are a small army of only 2000 soldiers in Eastern Ukraine called the Azov regiment. Putin used the fear of Nazis to rally support for his war. Many Russians died by the Nazis in WW2. They call it the Great Patriotic War. St. Petersburg, Putin's hometown, is considered one of the hero cities of the Soviet Union for surviving a two-year siege by the German army. Putin used the historical hatred of Nazis to deceive the Russian people to support his invasion of Ukraine. He will not succeed. He is not fighting for his people. He's destroying them. He only cares about himself.

The Russians do not have the heart to fight against their Slavic cousins in Ukraine, and the Ukrainians are willing to fight to the death to defend their homeland. Doesn't that make sense to you folks who call the president of Ukraine a snake? He may be one but he's earned the respect of his people and the world by not running away when given the opportunity to do so. From what I can see, he's being a true leader to his people. I could be wrong about him, but that still doesn't justify Putin's aggression.

Message from a Ukrainian Refugee about

Putin and the Russian Invasion of Ukraine



This meme was posted by my Ukrainian friend on her Facebook timeline.

Since the Russian invasion of Ukraine, I've been very concerned about a dear Ukrainian sister in Christ, Lydia from Kyiv. I have known her since 1994. She was one of my partners in St. Petersburg, Russia, my interpreter and teammate in evangelistic work sharing the Gospel with the people of Russia. Thankfully she fled her home in Kyiv and is now safe in Poland.

I've been hearing different interpretations of the Russian invasion. Dr. Chuck Baldwin, a pastor I like, wrote a recent article entitled "Ukraine is not a victim" in which he is very critical of the Ukrainian government and talks about all its faults and misdeeds. And I listened to the testimonial of an American from Texas who lived in the Donbas area of Ukraine for 8 years, became a Russian citizen, and is pro-Putin and anti-Ukrainian government policies. And because the US and Western governments of the world are so anti-Russian / anti-Putin, it makes me wonder if I'm not being bombarded with another round of government propaganda. I, therefore, was very interested to hear directly from my Ukrainian friend what her views are. Below is the dialog we had:

Me: Lydia, I know this may not be a good time for you now, but I would like to hear your opinion about the Russian invasion. One man I am listening to now is an American from Texas who has lived in Donbas in eastern Ukraine for the last 8 years. He is telling me just the opposite of what western media is saying!! He says that Biden and the USA are most responsible for provoking Putin to invade to protect ethnic Russians from Nazis in eastern Ukraine.

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Me: Lydia, if you know me at all you should know that I am a truth seeker. The reason I asked you is that I value the views of people who live in Ukraine. I believe you more than the media. I am praying daily for the end of the war and the end of Putin.

I know from experience not to trust the mainstream media, and I can't even trust alternative media. That's why I asked you, Lydia,

for your views. I do not trust any head of State, not Putin, not Biden, and not Trump either. I believe the world is under the control of the Beast of Revelation chapter 13. It's not the future, it's right NOW! I'm sorry if you thought I am influenced by Putin's propaganda. I am not. I know he's an evil man and a criminal. But so is Joe Biden, and so is probably all the American presidents since the early 20th century with the possible exception of John F Kennedy. I also know the first casualty of war is the truth. The Western media tells me Russia is committing war crimes. They also told me Iraq has weapons of mass destruction. That was proven to be a lie. You say that you know for sure that Russia is committing war crimes. Well, that's verification for me and I will accept that. You would know better than me. And I do not trust the Beast media. I will accept your view because you say it is confirmed by many people you know, and I trust you.

And I didn't say I believed the American who lives in Donbas, I said what he is saying is different than what Western media is saying. That's why I wanted to hear your views. Of course, I will value the views of a person I know over a person I don't know. Thank you for taking the time to share them with me. I am praying always for the Russian troops to withdraw from Ukraine. We know that the Devil is behind it all.

Lydia: I've never heard that quote before about the truth being the first casualty of more, but I like it very much because I can see how true it is. Before the war, we had online Bible classes on Sundays, but now it's a daily prayer for Ukraine. And one of the prayers was for the truth to be evident. Thanks for your support!

Best wishes to you and Tess!