

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



A building in Ukraine destroyed by a Russian missile.

In October 2022 I wrote an article [My Views About the Russian Invasion of Ukraine](#). In it, I gave the background of what I think makes me qualified to say anything about the situation. This is a follow-up article to it.

Today on Facebook a friend named Scott wrote something interesting about the subject:

Only one last nation to subjugate to complete Fatima's 3rd vision. The "error of Russia" that the Oracle warned would spread throughout the world if left unchecked was not communism, it was the "error" of Orthodoxy which **refuses to kneel down to the Pope**. ALL of the Western Allies who are throwing money at Ukraine are children of the Latin church. It's 1204 AD and the 4th crusade being played out all over again.

I was surprised to hear that from anybody for these are my own views on the situation! It's really a conflict between the Roman Catholic Church and the Russian Orthodox Church, between the Vatican and Moscow!

This is what I replied:

That's exactly how I see it too. I always felt it had something to do with the Western and Eastern heads of the Catholic schism 1000 years ago. My Russian friend told me **the Orthodox church backs Putin**, and my friend from Belarus told me he believes **Putin was fed false information to make him think Ukraine would be an easy victory**. Putin fell for the bait and now is in a no-win situation in my opinion. Even if he takes over Ukraine, the Ukrainian resistance will be a continual thorn for him just like the French resistance was to the Nazis.

That's of course my opinion.

The issue is a very contentious one because Biden and the Democratic party support Ukraine by sending billions of dollars of US tax-payer money, money that could be used to better America, fix roads, bridges, etc. And some of my friends think that just because I blame Putin for the war, I must be supporting the Ukrainian military-industrial complex! I do not! Nor do I agree with America giving money to Ukraine. I just want the war to end.

I lost at least two friends, one a long-time friend I knew in Japan, over this. They think only in black and white, good or evil. Black-hat-Biden is clearly evil based on his track record and the unbiblical ideologies he promotes. Biden supports Zelenskyy and therefore Zelenskyy must also be evil and wearing a black hat. Putin, therefore, must be the good guy, the man who wears the white hat. Do you really think that's reality? Is a man who came to power in 1999 through the murder of his own people a righteous man? I'm referring to the 1999 Moscow apartment bombings.

"All available evidence points to Putin's complicity in the 1999 apartment-building bombings in Russia. Those who have tried to investigate have been killed off, one by one." (Source: [The Unsolved Mystery Behind the Act of Terror That Brought Putin to Power](#))

How can anybody who calls themselves an American approve of the invasion of a small nation by a large one? How can any American rejoice when Russia takes over Ukraine's cities? My own Russian friends do NOT rejoice at that! They ALL support the Ukrainian resistance! Putin kills innocent Ukrainian civilians, women, and children, and American conservatives rejoice? And they call me brainwashed on top of it! It's insane! One guy told me my views on the situation are "lopsided" even though I told him those are also the views of both my Ukrainian and Russian friends! He lives in faraway Argentina and yet presumes to know better than they do?! That's insane!

I lived for five years on the island of Guam, US territory which has a Russian community of about a hundred people. I made some friends from among them. My closest friend, Alexander, from a region near the Black Sea tells me that the entire Russian community of Guam believes Vladimir Putin is a criminal. They do not support the Russian invasion of Ukraine. They support the Ukrainian resistance. This is also what an ethnic Russian who lives in Latvia told me. And also what a sister in Christ in Moldova, a former Soviet Republic, told me. I have a Ukrainian friend, Lydia, who is now a refugee in France with her daughter Diane. She told me Russian propaganda is strong. Many American conservatives have swallowed it.

Oliver Stone interviewed Putin and made him look pretty good. American conservatives have told me to watch Stone's documentary. What they ignore is that Stone himself does not agree with Putin's invasion of Ukraine.

The paradox is as my Facebook friend Scott says, "ALL of the Western Allies who are throwing money at Ukraine are children of the Latin church." The Latin church is of course the Church of Rome, the Roman Catholic church. If

the reader of this article has seen any other articles on this website, you know I do not support the Roman Catholic Church. I do *not* hope for a Western takeover of Russia. I only would like to see Putin out and somebody better for the Russian nation replacing him.

The Orthodox Church is not much better than the Catholic Church. They worship images. The Orthodox Church clergy do not look at evangelical Protestant Christians as their fellow co-workers in spreading of the Gospel. They look at foreign missionaries as competition! Peter the Great didn't like the Orthodox church. He knew they kept Russia poor and in ignorance.

When I lived in Russia, the Orthodox Church clearly told me and my friends who were distributing Gospel tracts in St. Petersburg, "We will persecute you!" And they did! My witnessing partner, a sister from Romania, was pepper-sprayed in the face and her tracts were torn out of her hands by an Orthodox church person! This was just after Yeltsin signed a law which legalized the Russian Orthodox church as the only church that could legally operate in Russia. All other churches and Christian groups remained underground as they did during Soviet times.

I consider the war bad for both Russians and Ukrainians. I just want the war to end. Supporting the end of Putin's aggression doesn't make me a liberal democrat. Why my friends can't understand that baffles me. What would be their attitude if America was invaded by Russia?

My daily prayer is for the war to end. It will end only if Putin withdraws his troops from Ukraine.

I love the Russian people! I made many Russian friends during the three years I lived in Russia from 1994 to 1997. I had many adventures, in the Siberian cities of Novosibirsk and Kemerovo, in the city on the Volga River, Saratov, in Moscow walking up and down Red Square, in St. Petersburg which was my home for two and a half years, in the Black Sea city of Novorossiysk, and in the Arctic city of Murmansk where I spent three seasons, winter, spring and summer. I consider the Russian people some of the most friendliest and hospitable people on earth! Even the Russian mafia liked me! I had several encounters with them. And I even passed through the eastern side of Ukraine by train, the area which Russia claims today.

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