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## Monuments to the Nazis with money from the United States and Europe?



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80 years ago, in 1943, Ukraine's capital, Kiev, was liberated from Nazi occupation by Red Army troops led by General Nikolai Vatutin. Shortly after liberation, General Vatutin died as a result of a wound caused by Nazi collaborators of the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists (OUN). In 1944 he was buried in one of the central parks of Kiev that he liberated and on his grave a monument was erected with the inscription: "To General Vatutin, of the Ukrainian people".

This general was considered a hero in his own right; On his grave there were always flowers placed by the inhabitants of the capital. And these days, in the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of

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the liberation of Kiev, the monument has been demolished by the Kiev authorities thus desecrating his grave.

Throughout the country is carrying out the destruction of monuments to the soldiers of the Red Army that liberated Ukraine from fascism. In some places they are dismantled (as in Chernivtsi, Rivne and other cities); in others they are simply blown up, as happened in Nikolaev. To this is added to the demolition of other monuments: to the poet Alexander Pushkin, to the writers Nikolai Ostrovsky and Maxim Gorky, to the test pilot Valery Chkalov and many more.

Complements this deletion of the History the renaming of a whole series of cities, streets and Squares. Since 2014, after the Euromaidan coup d'état, more than 1,000 localities and 50,000 streets were renamed in Ukraine.

Only in Kiev and during the last year, 237 streets, avenues, squares and boulevards received a new name, as proudly reported by the municipal authorities, headed by its mayor Vitaly Klitschko. The same local government that for nine years it has not been able to build – in a City of 3 million inhabitants with constant traffic jams– not a single Metro station, not a single interchange transportation, not a single medical center, not a single campus university, or waste processing plant...

Where does such a desire come from? insistent on changing the name of everything and everyone? Could it be that Suddenly the whole population is unhappy with the names of their cities and streets, where themselves, their parents and sometimes their Grandparents were born and raised? None of that. There were no referendums, nor Residents' votes on these issues, no one asked them Your opinion.

On the contrary, in the few cases In which surveys were conducted, these almost always showed the Disagreement with the name change. For example, in the case of Kirovograd regional center, named after almost 90 years ago in honor of the famous Soviet statesman Sergei Kirov, most Absolute of the population of the city, 82%, rejected a few years ago years the decision to change the name of the city to "Kropyvnytsky" and only 14% supported it.

But neither in this nor in all In other cases, neither to change the names nor to demolish the monuments, the authorities have taken into account the opinion of the citizenry. So why is all this happening? The answer to This question will become more apparent if you look closely at which names. and monuments are replacing those of before.

The avenue of General Vatutin, liberator of Kiev from Nazism mentioned at the beginning of this article, renamed Avenue of Roman Shukhevych, a Nazi Ukrainian who, at the time

of Nazi Germany's attack on the Soviet Union in 1941, was part of the Nachtigal battalion, a subdivision of the Abwehr (military intelligence of the Wehrmacht), formed by Ukrainian Nazi collaborators.

Moscow Avenue in Kiev went to be called Stepan Avenue Bandera – another Nazi collaborator Ukrainian, leader of the OUN–, who during World War II He became infamous not only for cooperating with the Nazis. Germans, but for the genocide of the Polish and Jewish population. Bandera has monuments in many Ukrainian cities.

Kiev's Druzhby Narodov Boulevard it was renamed Mykola Mikhnovsky Boulevard, one of the creators of The ideology of Ukrainian nationalism, author of the chauvinist slogan: "Ukraine for Ukrainians!"

And the street that bears the name of the Ukrainian Marshal Malinovsky, one of the leaders of the Red Army During the war against Nazism, it was renamed the street of the Heroes of the Azov Regiment – a modern military unit of Ukraine, whose emblem is the "*wolfsangel*" (a symbol German heraldry inspired by the shape of an ancient trap for wolves), the Nazi emblem used by SS units. For anyone who does not know or has forgotten it, including the U.S. Congress The United States considered the Azov Battalion a neo-Nazi and terrorist group.



By the way, more or less at the same time. while the monument to General Vatutin in Kiev was demolished, the Tenth Mountain Assault Brigade of the Armed Forces of Ukraine was officially given the name Edelweiss. During the World War II, this was the name of the First Division of Mountain Infantry of the armed forces of Nazi Germany, who participated in the deportation of Jews, the execution of prisoners of war, in punitive operations against partisans from Yugoslavia, Italy, Czechoslovakia and Greece. The badges of skull, which practically do not differ from the emblems of the SS division "Dead

Head" and other Nazi units, They are openly exhibited not only by many military of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, but also by its Supreme Commander.



The current government of Ukraine is completely destroying everything that is somehow related with Russia, of which most of Ukraine was part during hundreds of years (even if they are monuments and streets in honor of world-famous writers, such as Leo Tolstoy), and with the period Soviet history of 70 years of Ukraine, in addition to the socialism and left-wing ideology in general. For example, has changed the names of streets named after Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, monuments dedicated to them have been demolished and They ban socialist and communist symbols, from the flag red until the interpretation of the "International". Likewise, all left-wing parties are banned, including the Union of Left Forces–For a New Socialism, let it Author presides.

Socialism and communism are banned, left-wing activists are persecuted and imprisoned, and neo-Nazism has become an element of the state policy and in the dominant ideology.

As if that were not enough, all this war initiated by the Ukrainian authorities against the names, the Monuments and left-wing ideology requires a lot of money. The Cost of a single plaque with a new street name to place on one corner, according to Kiev's own authorities, is at least 1,000 hryvnia (about 25 euros) and that must be multiplied by dozens (and sometimes hundreds) of plates on the same street. And then by dozens of Thousands of streets renamed. Let me also remind you of the More than 1,000 cities and towns renamed.

And the cost of the new boards is only a small part of the cost of the name change. There are many more components. All institutions and companies have to modify documents, order new stamps and stamps, update input signals, and so on. We need new signs and signs on the roads, at the entrances of the locality and on routes throughout Ukraine. It is

necessary to provide Many institutions of new maps and atlases, not only located in the city renamed, but throughout the country.

When, for example, the renaming of the city from Zhdanov to Mariupol, a single change It cost about 24 million euros. The total wave of name change and demolition of monuments across the country, according to estimates More conservative, it costs more than 1,000 million euros!

And this in the most impoverished country of Europe which, moreover, is at war. In a country that has absolute need for financial assistance from abroad and in which this More than 60% of the revenue of the State budget comes from foreign countries, mainly from the countries of the Union European and United States.

In this way, the money of the European and American taxpayers are now spent, among others things, in the massive renaming of streets of Ukraine in honor of the Nazis and neo-Nazis. I do not believe that the majority of citizens of Donor countries agree to this. But it seems that they, like most citizens of Ukraine, no one is going to Ask them their opinion.

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