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Ukraine: What's the (fucked) problem?

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Yesterday, at the age of 94, [Helène Carrère d'Encausse](#), the first woman to be part of the French Academy, died in Paris and who presided over it. He was also a member of the Russian Academy of Sciences. Explaining the conflict in Ukraine, I quoted her many times. Her origins (her maiden name was Zourabichvili) explain that she was a specialist of Russia and the USSR, and that she wrote [books that are a reference](#). Now that Western warriors are preparing to start another war in Africa, in Niger, it seems appropriate to reproduce a note published on February 25, 2022. Few remember that in 2014 there was a coup d'état in Kiev, before which the West did not say a peep. Because coups d'état are bad only when we don't organize them...



According to Hélène Carrère d'Encausse, – perpetual secretary of the French Academy, 'immortal' (as the members of the Academy are called) herself, Russian by origin and knowledgeable about Russian History – when the USSR collapsed in 1991, millions of Russian citizens and other nationalities were living in the wrong country ([Hélène Carrère d'Encausse –](#)). It was one of the serious consequences of the Nationalities Policy approved by the Bolsheviks at the dawn of the Russian Revolution.



La gloire des nations ou la fin de l'Empire soviétique

What would become the USSR was composed of fifteen Soviet Republics, within which there were 20 Autonomous Soviet Socialist Republics (RSSA) of which ten in the Russian Federation, two in Georgia, one in Azerbaijan and one in Uzbekistan, in addition to eight Autonomous Regions and ten Autonomous Districts.

Vladimir Putin would do well to read the works of Carrère d'Encausse, to avoid talking nonsense about Lenin, whom he accuses of being the creator of artificial republics – such as Ukraine – that today become pawns of Imperial interests.

In 1917 the great powers had colonies all over the world. Soviet power could only be born at the price of recognizing everyone's right to independence and self-determination in the Constitution. Its integration into the USSR was voluntary. A matter of principle. The principles, a subject that today provokes silly laughter to most of the mediocre who govern us.



The essay that defined the Nationalities Policy of the Bolsheviks was not written by Lenin, as Putin claimed in one of his statements, but by Iosif Visarionovitch Zhugashvili, then known as Koba, and who would later become famous as Stalin. Meanwhile Putin rectified his mistake, but his apocalyptic vision of revolutionary power is still there. It is one of its weaknesses.

Seizing the momentum, Putin should read the [biography of Lenin by the Carrère d'Enroot](#) herself. Not because she is the most complete or the most erudite – far from it – but because the author shows that the period of time during which Lenin was able to exercise his authority among Bolsheviks very given to debate, to questioning the question and to finding five legs to the cat, was very brief: from October 1917 to August 30, 1918 (the day they made an attempt on his life and put a lot on him. Bullet in the head): not even a year! For almost a century the colonial powers – the USA, the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Spain, Portugal, the Netherlands, Belgium, Japan, etc. – suppressed bloody wars of liberation with millions of deaths and horrendous crimes against humanity, history conveniently erased in order to self-build a reputation as defenders of freedom and democracy, which is the ointment they sell now. Gone are the murders of [Ben Barka](#), [Thomas Sankara](#), [Lumumba](#), [Um Nyobè](#), [Moumié](#), [Boganda](#) and many others.

That Ukrainewas always linked to Russia is a fact: Russia, Belarus and Ukraine find their cradle in Kiev. Those who liberated all these territories from Mongol domination were the Russians (1480), thanks to which the Ukrainians of today do not have their eyes sharpened. Ignorant journalists who argue that Ukraine has nothing to do with Russia should be asked where Nikita Krutchchev and Leonid Brezhnev, those atrocious Ukrainian communists that 'the West' fought so fervently in their day, came from.

Kievan Rus', the common origin of Ukraine and Russia



Principalities of Kievan Rus', XI-XII centuries

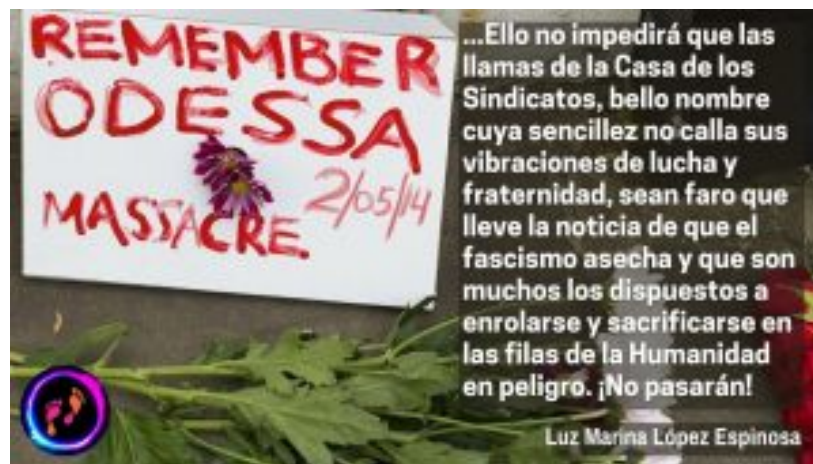
Putin claims that Lenin artificially created Ukraine, in an effort to blame him for a principled policy thanks to which hundreds of ethnic groups lived in peace and harmony in what was the USSR, and still live peacefully in the Russian Federation today. There was no racial or ethnic discrimination such as that practiced in the United States with redskins, blacks, Chicanos, Latinos, Japanese, Italians and other groups born of immigration or the slave trade.

But, as Carrère d'Encausse recounts, in 1991 millions of Russians were scattered throughout the vast territory and in hundreds of regions, as well as hundreds of thousands of Chechens, Turkmenist, Kyrgyz, Tatars, Latvians, Lithuanians, Estonians, Georgians, Kazakhs, Armenians, Ukrainians, Belarusians and even other nationalities, bearers of

diverse and varied religious customs: Jews, Orthodox Christians, Muslims, Lutherans, etc. In all places there were multinational families. The question was therefore how to guarantee to each the citizens' rights which, rightly or wrongly, he had enjoyed in the USSR.

That's when the subject began to spark. Some recent independent country, of even more recent democracy, practiced a kind of ethnic cleansing with the nationalities that produced erysipelas, starting with the Russians. Bad thing when you have Russia next door.

That's what Ukraine's government did [after the 2014 coup](#) — spurred on by what a French journalist yesterday called "U.S. lies to make them believe they could join NATO."



And we're already in trouble: Russia invades Ukraine. European TV does the usual thing: inviting a bunch of "experts" and journalists to condemn Russia, treat Vladimir Putin by the name of the pig, announce apocalyptic sanctions, utter threats and suggest the wildest reactions.

One "expert" suggested "closing the Black Sea" (sic). He must have studied geography on Google Map, but he can be forgiven since he is an "expert", that is, an irresponsible (by the way, this morning a French newspaper publishes an interview with a French general who assures that Algeria has ultra modern weapons, with which it is capable of closing the Strait of Gibraltar ...)

The one who goes overboard – and this one does have responsibilities – is the French Foreign Minister: given that Putin declared that he would respond to possible sanctions with the utmost rigor, Jean-Yves Le Drian – a 'social democrat' fugitive – in a pathetic attempt to show that he has it longer, declared "We also have atomic weapons" (resic). We Parisians are supposed to breathe a sigh of relief: our nuclear incineration will intervene at the same time as that of our Moscow neighbors. Poor consolation.

Meanwhile, Joe Biden notes with pleasure that the objectives of the United States are being fulfilled: to strengthen the control that the Empire exercises over almost all of Europe, to force Russia into a show of force, to frighten its European vassals even more, and in passing, as if nothing else, to weaken the economies of Germany, France, Italy and Spain: a little detail, Simple collateral victim of "the aggressiveness of the Russian bear". Who wins?

For oil and gas do not worry, the US has the necessary quantities (at the price of gold, it is true), product of *fracking* that contributes to load the planet but who the hell cares about ecology "when it comes to protecting freedom and democracy"?

Let no one be deceived. I am not supporting Putin. Thanks to European TV I am in Mickey's world: humanity is divided into good and bad. Mickey is good. On the other side are the Bad Guys. Impossible to go wrong. I, of course, am with Mickey, because I'm good.

How not to be? Hubert Védrine, Minister of Foreign Affairs of François Mitterrand, responsible in that capacity for the genocide of the Tutsis in Rwanda (April 7 – July 17, 1994) in which 800,000 men, women and children were killed with a machete with the help of the French army, Hubert Védrine said, a man of experience, suggests "speaking directly to the Russians" so that they abandon Putin. There are kicks in the ass that are lost... but Védrine is also on Mickey's side... (This was denounced by a senior French army officer who was in Rwanda at the time.)



[Why did the 1994 Rwandan genocide occur?](#) Between 800,000 and one million Rwandans, including Tutsis and moderate Hutus, were killed in 100 days of bloody crimes in Rwanda. | Photo: www.elpais.com

The disaster caused in Ukraine by the US-sponsored coup d'état, which handed power to a herd of neo-Nazis (2014) was so tremendous that the issue had to be appeased. Hence the Minsk Protocol, signed by Ukraine, Germany, France and Russia (05/09/2014). This Protocol obliged Ukraine – among other things – to cease repression and persecution of its Russian-speaking population. Would you be surprised to learn that the Ukrainian government passed those agreements through the Arch of Augustus without any Westerners reacting? You know: "The defense of freedom and democracy" has its things...



Then, the US, through its armed wing, NATO, let Ukraine understand that it could join the Military Pact to be well protected. Meanwhile, if in 31 years Ukraine's GDP has halved, it is a detail. Nobody wants it in the European Union, but in NATO, because – as it has already been said – "The defence of freedom and democracy" has its things... Cannon fodder is recruited from the poor...

All this was repeated again and again by Putin in countless public appearances, but who cares about a former power whose GDP is lower than Italy's? (argument repeated on loop on European TV) So NATO's expansion continued as usual.



Putin clearly announced that this would provoke a Russian reaction, and the only surprise is that it took so long: Mickey knew. Anyway, I myself, who am a friend of Mickey, heard it many times in Putin's mouth (just watch Russian TV ...), and I suppose the Western 'intelligence services' too. Yesterday a French journalist said exactly the same thing on a TV channel. Today it is no longer there, perhaps because "The defense of freedom and democracy" has its things...

At this point, in a desperate attempt to help Mickey, I asked myself the million-dollar question:

Finally: What's the solution to the (fucked) problem?

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By the way, I tell you that Stoltenberg, a little son of his father, did not even do his military service, nor does he have a bow or arrows: Stoltenberg serves coffee to the Yankee generals when they come to control the cleanliness of the premises in Brussels. A social democrat who confesses to being a 'fan' of Bob Dylan.

Russia (Vladimir Putin, Sergey Lavrov, Sergei Shoigu...) have repeated ad nauseam that their sinister intentions are to convene a European Security Conference in which the security of each and every European country, including of course Russia, can be negotiated and guaranteed.

In such a way that NATO can never again bomb a European capital, as Belgrade bombed in 1999.

In such a way that NATO can never again tear apart a country like Yugoslavia, and break up a Serbian territory to create an artificial state at will, like that joke in Kosovo.



The Russians are such bad guys that they don't even demand that 'the West' stop organizing wars in Africa, as when France and Britain, with the help of the US, bombed Libya in 2011. Or like when together they bombed Syria for five years, with the help of 20 countries associated with NATO. Or like France, which fought a war for 14 years in Mali, from where it has just been expelled. Nor organize coups d'état as in Burkina Faso, where France had Thomas Sankara assassinated. To save space, I will not return to the war in Afghanistan, or in Iraq, or in Iran, or in Yemen, or in Somalia... Nor, of course, about the countless coups d'état in Latin America.

So my answer to the question "What is the solution to the (fucked) problem?" is very simple.

Leave NATO. Build our European defense so as not to remain vassals of the United States. Stop wars. ALL wars. Organize a Conference on Security and Borders in Europe for ALL European countries. Consider that the safety of others is part of one's own security. End the indiscriminate sale of weapons left and right. Resume dialogue with Russia. Think about our own interests.

Of course, there are alternatives: keep cackling insults all day. Look in the mirror and find yourself in the face of a Statue of Liberty. Ask the U.S. to continue appeasing us. Drop a couple of atomic bombs to see what happens...

Seen from now, Stanley Kubrick was not so majareta when he made his film "Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb"...

We only need the incomparable Peter Sellers... Because the imbeciles for war are already here.

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