

The Kremlin False Narrative: the myth of fighting the Ukraine Nazi regime and its western supporters

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The number of Russian soldiers killed in Ukraine are known to be high, but figures vary considerably and one of several unconfirmed reports recently claimed, "So far, around 18,000 have been killed and over 30,000 wounded" and many images of destroyed armour, convoys and dead Russian soldiers support many claims of high Russian losses, but whatever the true costs these continue to be kept from the Russian people.

Alleged war crimes now being investigated

The world continues to hear disturbing eye witness accounts supported by images of mass graves, civilians shot in the streets, mutilated bodies and other alleged war crimes committed by Russian troops which are currently being investigated by international prosecutors. At the time of writing Russia has been suspended from the United Nations Human Rights Council and in response to this decision Putin's spokesman, Dmitry Peskov, told journalists "Everything is blamed on Russia" and like the Kremlin he and other Putin supporters reject evidence to the contrary. The Kremlin also made the opaque statement, "they will defend their interests." (BBC News 7 April 2022)



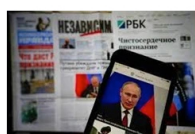
After the introduction of draconian laws, the independent press in Russia was purged and replaced by journalists and news networks loyal to the Kremlin and by design there is little access to non-Russian news services. According to recent reports from inside Russia Kremlin misinformation/disinformation continues to be a powerful tool for shaping Russian public opinion.



Some researchers claim western sanctions and the invasion of Ukraine, which the Kremlin call de-Nazification, has been used to great effect by the Kremlin news services and 83% of Russians approve of Vladimir Putin's 'Special Operations' and seven in ten Russians have negative feelings towards NATO, United States, European Union and others opposing Russian aggression.

The Kremlin's success during their battle of perception continues to be based on narrative identity and the narrative of the nation by looking at the past to create motivation and justification for the present through constant reminders of the Soviet Union's Great Patriotic War (WW2) against Nazi Germany and labelling Ukraine and its elected government as 'Nazis' can be seen as the most single most powerful element for unifying Russian national identity whilst using visual metaphors to deny everything including war crimes whilst blaming others.

According to various well placed commentators many Russians believe these war crimes are 'false flags' and part of a western conspiracy led by America and NATO during a continued proxy war against Russian and Donbas was sold to America to allow their nuclear weapons to be aimed at Russia.



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According to Alexandre Baeva, Coordinator of the ECHR Program on Human Rights, Putin setup a media channel to encourage 'good citizens' to report 'traitors' and Russia is like 1939, also according to Baeva "People are scared and informing on each other."

Although Kremlin messaging appears to have resonated among normal Russian citizens indications suggest their information war is failing to influence a significant number of people living in western democratic countries and have increasingly began targeting Africa, south and southern Asia and this is supported by the number of trolls from these regions found on social media echoing Kremlin propaganda.

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Harry Morgan

8th Apr 2022 at 11:55 am

Another informative introduction.

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12th Apr 2022 at 11:35 am

Hi Alan,

Helpful post in contextualising within the narrative space. I still continue to reflect on narrative space and exploration of this defining reality. I am grateful for being able to see behind the curtain. Clearly hacking a mind anywhere in the world via interfaces is a most powerful weapon that may be used for good.

Just had 10 days holiday conducting a health retreat: in order to get the body and mind back on Track. I do enjoy training and routine. Hot yoga twice a day, Chiropractor, Colonics, reflexology, and Floatation tank... This week running and yoga. Being able to clear the mind and practice the routine of ... becoming aware of a wandering mind ... bringing back to the present and breath / body scan and then a well done! The mind is the same as any other muscle ... control and power over ones attention is a weapon in itself.

Fan Dancing over Easter with Janey ... Nant Ddu Lodge down from the Storey Arms a favourite place. Slowly back to the soldiering I love.

BTW we are getting married on 2nd July 22 ... you are very much invited if you would like to be there.

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