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# Background (1991-Present)

The fall of the Soviet Union marked the beginning of a highly dangerous new phase of American aggression against a severely weakened Russia. For the Rockefeller Empire, it represented a golden opportunity to destroy their former adversary, Russia, as a functioning agent. If they could succeed in destroying Russia, they believed they could eliminate the only remaining serious obstacle to what the Pentagon called Full Spectrum Domination – total control of land, sea, air, space, and cyberspace. One Sole Superpower could dictate to the entire world as it saw fit. This was the mad dream of David, his family and allies.

The 1990s was a time of immense suffering for the Russian people. As the impending collapse of the USSR became discernable, insiders created a planning group to ensure the continued influence of Soviet-era officials by transferring Russian state assets to offshore shell companies and thus stripping the country's wealth. One such offshore company, FIMACO, was used to pilfer an estimated \$50 billion from the nation. It was through this looting that liquid capital was generated and used by future oligarchs to build their fortunes. An early beneficiary of this arrangement was Mikhail Khodorkovsky, who had started his career as a minor Soviet official and whose Yukos oil conglomerate was tied to FIMACO. And FIMACO was tied to Jacob Rothschild, in London.

In 1991 the Soviet Union finally collapsed. That August, state treasurer Nikolai Kruchina, responsible for Russia's gold reserves, died by falling from his window. He had been a member of the planning group which originated the plot to steal state assets. His successor Georgy Pavlov fell to his death from a window two months later: the oligarchs were cleaning house. In September, the Russian central bank announced the Kremlin's gold reserves had inexplicably dropped from the estimated 1000-1500 tons to a mere 240 tons. Two months later, Victor Gerashchenko announced Russia's gold reserves had actually *entirely* vanished. While the Russian public was horrified at the revelation, European bankers were less surprised. It was whispered frequently among those circles that Soviet transport planes had been flying to and from Switzerland for months and selling off large amounts of gold. Boris Yeltsin announced his plans to privatize the nation's assets and the real looting began.

During the privatization period, the networks of the 2 families wasted no time in opportunistically swooping in to take over Russian industries. The Clinton administration sought to redesign the economic policies of the nascent Russian Federation according to the Washington Consensus: privatization, deregulation, austerity, and the opening up of Russia's companies to purchase by ultra-wealthy Americans. Foreign investors flocked in and the level of greed among this fifth column of new Muscovites was truly astonishing.

## **Enter Putin**

Soon after taking office in 1999, Vladimir Putin, a nationalist with a long career in Russian intelligence, faced the daunting task of trying to undo, or at least limit, the damage that the criminal cronies of Yeltsin and their foreign partners had done to Russia .

## Putin Kicks out the Rothschilds

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The criminality was not limited to foreign speculators. During the early period of privatization in the 90s, the 🛛 🔤 English secret society of seven Russian oligarchs entirely controlled Boris Yeltsin's administration. This group called itself Semibankirschina, named after the Seven Boyars who controlled Russia during the 17th century. The secret society included the following oligarchs: Boris Berezovsky, Mikhail Khodorkovsky, Mikhail Fridman, Petr Aven, Vladimir Gusinsky, Vladimir Potanin, and Alexander Smolensky. They all worked for the Rothschilds- or London- and more specifically, for Jacob Rothschild.

In late 1999, Vladimir Putin became president of Russia and the fortunes of these self-appointed rulers rapidly turned for the worse. A new group of Putin insiders formed – the Slivoki (made up of Russian nationalists from the security and business world) and began supplanting the previous access that the Semibankirschina had to the president. From a strong position, Putin negotiated a "grand bargain" with the remaining oligarchs: they retained most of their existing assets in return for alignment with Putin's vertical rule of Russia. The era of financial gangsterism from the 1990s was over. In 2001, a state takeover of media seized the television networks previously owned by the Rothschild puppets. It was with these moves by Putin, from early March 2000, that led to a break up of Rothschild control over Russia. These oligarchs all belonged to Jacob Rothschild. And, they were stealing Russia blind.

David Rockefeller couldn't be bothered with such small takings. Here, the key was to bring Russia into the dollar world-this was more profitable for his empire. In addition, a series of geopolitical confrontations on Russia's borders served his empire greatly. The first such was the Chechen wars of 1994, and 1999/2000. This, Putin ended, quickly and ruthlessly.

The military occupation of Iraq was the first major step in this American strategy to move oil into the oil companies of the 2 families. Then, Russian investments in Iraq were lost after the US invasion in March 2003. In addition, following the Afghanistan invasion in October 2001, the Pentagon began spreading its presence in Central Asia- to the discomfort of both Russia and China. For obvious military and political reasons, Washington could not admit openly that since the fall of the Soviet Union in 1991, its strategic goal had been to dis-member or de-construct Russia, thereby gaining effective control over its huge oil and gas reserves.

These two wars were but the opening shots of a series of geopolitical oil and energy "pipeline wars"- undeclared wars, but wars in every sense of the word. They were wars, overt and covert, spanning Eurasia, the Middle East and Africa. The energy wars were fought with bombs, with terror tactics, and with drones. They also fought with sophisticated new methods of political destabilization of uncooperative regimes through what were called Color Revolutions. The goal was simple: Rockefeller control through the Pentagon and the CIA of all significant oil and gas deposits PLUS pipelines to transport this in order to be able to control the emerging Eurasian economic colossus, especially China and Russia (and later India). The goal would be achieved by any means necessary. The NATO encirclement of Russia, the Color Revolutions across Eurasia, and the war in Iraq, were all aspects of one and the same American geopolitical strategy: a grand strategy to de-construct Russia once and for all as a potential rival to a sole US Superpower hegemony. The end of the Yeltsin era put a slight crimp in Washington's grand plans. Following the Wall Street-City of London guided looting of Russia by networks of the 2 families, a shrewder and more sober Putin cautiously emerged as a dynamic nationalistic force, committed to rebuilding Russia.

#### Putin Breaks with the Rockefellers

A defining event in Russian energy geopolitics took place in 2003. Just as Washington had taken over Iraq, Putin ordered the spectacular arrest of Russia's billionaire oligarch, Mikhail Khordokovsk- or MK, on charges of tax evasion. Putin then froze shares of Khordokovsky's giant Yukos Oil group, putting it under state control. What had triggered Putin's dramatic action?

MK was working for Jacob Rothschild. He was a Rothschild front. In March 2000, MK was present with all the other oligarch's called to a meeting by Putin. The oligarch's had made a pledge to Putin – that if they stayed out of Russian politics, and repatriated a share of their stolen money (in effect, stolen from the state in rigged bidding under Yeltsin) they would be allowed to keep their assets. All of these oligarchs were Rothschild fronts. Most accepted, with the exception of Rothschilds Jewish oligarchs. Putin went after that, as they broke their pledge to him. And so did MK. He was busy buying up the Duma – Russia's parliament- as a first step, in a plan to run against Putin in 2004.

In the meantime Mikhail Khodorkovsky' was negotiating with 2 Rockefeller oil companies, Exxon and Chevron, to sell 40% of Yukos Oil (for the sum of \$25 billion). Had this deal gone through, Russia's economic and financial independence would be over. This 40% stake would have given Washington, the US oil giants, and the Rockefeller family a de facto veto power over future Russian oil and gas deals and pipelines. At the time of his arrest, Yukos had just begun steps to acquire Sibneft, a very large Russian oil company. The combined Yukos-Sibneft enterprise, with 20 billion barrels of oil and gas, would then have owned the second-largest oil and gas reserves in the world – in private hands, and not state-owned. The Exxon buy-up of Yukos-Sibneft would have been a literal energy coup-d'état. David Rockefeller and Jacob Rothschild knew it. So did the White House. MK knew it. Above all, Vladimir Putin knew it, and moved decisively to block it. Putin moved against him in October 2003, and arrested him.

It was during the purge of oligarchs and vulture capitalists that the true power behind Mikhail Khodorkovsky emerged. When it became likely he would be arrested, he arranged to have all his shares from the Yukos Oil Company transferred to the ownership of Jacob Rothschild. The transfer took place in November of 2003, giving Jacob Rothschild a 40-45% control of Yukos, estimated to be worth \$25 billion. Putin subsequently liquidated and nationalized Yukos by seizing and selling off its shares to state oil companies. Putin restored to Russia what was stolen by Jacob Rothschild, once the richest man in the country, Mikhail Khodorkovsky's fortunes turned for the worse. In

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2003, Khodorkovsky was criminally prosecuted by Putin for tax evasion and fraud for which he ended up serv 🔤 English subsequently exiled. When the rigged auction sales of state assets took place in 1995/96, most of the companies got sold for as little as 5% of its value. And, Yukos got "purchased" for less than \$400 million, when its true worth was far more than that.

So Putin has declared war on the most powerful families on the planet. From this moment on, it would a fight between Putin and the 2 families. Putin has survived many attempts on his life by these 2 networks of power. Ever since Putin arrested Khordolovsky in 2003, the Kremlin had been putting the engines of economic control into state hands once again.

One of Putin's first agenda items was to pay off all debt to the IMF and holdover loans from the Soviet era, thus freeing itself from Rothschild interference. This enabled Putin to reduce their influence over Russia's destiny.

The events in Russia were soon followed by CIA – financed covert destabilizations in Eurasia – the Color Revolutions against governments on Russia's periphery.

Putin began to make a series of defensive moves to restore some tenable form of equilibrium in the face of Washington's increasingly obvious policy of encircling and weakening Russia. Subsequent US strategic blunders made the job a bit easier for Russia. Now, with the stakes rising on both sides – NATO and Russia – Putin's Russia moved beyond simple defense to a new dynamic offensive aimed at securing a more viable geopolitical position by using its energy as the lever.

By 2003, after Iraq was occupied by US and British forces, the most urgent priority for the US, was the control of Russian oil, gas, and its associated pipelines. For that to happen, a coup in the tiny Republic of Georgia was deemed essential, as well as a similar coup in Ukraine. If pro-US regimes could be installed in both countries, not only would the military security of Russia itself be mortally threatened, but also Russia's ability to control the export of its oil and gas to the EU would be severely hampered.

In January 2004, the Rose Revolution put into power Washington's candidate for President of Georgia, Mikheil Saakashvili. With their man firmly installed in Tblisi- BP and the Anglo American oil consortium moved swiftly to complete a 1,800 km pipeline from Baku via TYblisi to Ceyhan in Turkey's Mediterranean, at a cost of some \$3.6 billion. With the construction of this (BTC) pipeline, a major part in the weakening of Russia's oil and energy independence appeared in place.

In November 2004, the CIA put their man into power in the Ukraine. This coup was dubbed the Orange Revolution. Ukraine was of greater strategic importance for Russia than Georgia. This was due the several oil and gas pipelines transiting Ukraine to the EU. To cut these pipelines at the Ukraine border would have dealt a severe economic blow to Russia when she could ill afford such a loss. With Poland already in NATO, a NATO membership for Ukraine and Georgia would almost completely encircle Russia with hostile neighbors, creating an existential threat to the very survival of Russia itself. Putin knew this, but his options were limited. Washington knew what the stakes were, and it was doing everything short of open war against a nuclear opponent to push the agenda.

By 2005, the key oil companies of the two families (London) BP, Shell, Total); New York (Exxon, Chevron) had gained control over most of the oil of the Caspian Sea. The control of energy-globally- by the big Four oil companies of the 2 families Chevron and Exxon (Rockefeller), and BP and Shell (Rothschild)- was the cornerstone of their global strategy.

It was clear within the Rockefeller family discussions, and in Washington policy circles that in order to control those global oil and gas flows, the US needed to project its military power far more aggressive, to achieve a total military supremacy, which was what Full Spectrum Dominance was all about. The strategists of Full Spectrum domination envisioned control of pretty much the entire universe, including outer and inner-space, from the galaxy, to the body, to the mind. Now, you know the sick. Devious and cunning minds that brought about Covid, in order to lock down the global economy- Why? - in order to save the Rockefeller Empires financial and banking systems.

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#### **Russian Energy Geopolitics**

In 2004, Russia was not a world-class power. In terms of energy, it was a colossus. In terms of landmass it was still the largest nation in the world, spanning 11 time zones. It had vast territory and natural resources, and the world's largest reserves of natural gas, while its oil reserves stood at 150 billion barrels, with the potential to increase this figure greatly, as large parts of Russia are still not explored.

Russia's state-owned natural gas pipeline network, the 'unified transportation system', includes a vast network of pipelines and compressor stations extending more than 400,000 kms across Russia. Just the modern replacement cost of this, today, would be in the region of \$1 -2 trillion! By law, only the state-owned Gazprom was allowed to use the pipeline. This network was perhaps the most valued Russian state asset other than the oil and gas itself. Here was the heart of Putin's new energy geopolitics. Putin was using Russia's energy trump card to build economic ties across Eurasia from West to East, North to South. Washington was not at all pleased.

Russia had never stopped being a powerful entity that produced state-of-the-art military technologies. While its army, navy and ait force were in a poor condition in 1990, the elements for Russia's resurgence as a military powerhouse were still in place. Russia had consistently fielded top-notch military technology at various international trade shows , using the world arms export market to keep its most vital military technology base intact. Weapons exports had been one of the best ways for Russia to earn much needed hard currency in the 1990s till now. The Russian nuclear arsenal also played an important role , providing fundamental security for the Russian state.

The Russian Central Bank had become the world's 3<sup>rd</sup> largest dollar reserve holder behind China and Japan. In addition, it was the only power on the face of the earth with the potential military capabilities to match those of the US. In 2005, in a speech delivered in front of Russia's Federal Assembly, Russian President Vladimir Putin said that the fall of the Soviet Union was the greatest geopolitical catastrophe in Russia's history. What he meant is that the fragmentation of the Soviet Union would cost Russia the element that had allowed it to survive foreign invasions since the 18th century: strategic depth.

For a European country to defeat Russia decisively, it would have to take Moscow. The distance to Moscow is great and would wear down any advancing army, requiring reinforcements and supplies to be moved to the front. As they would advance into Russia, the attackers' forces would be inevitably weakened. Hitler and Napoleon reached Moscow exhausted. Both were beaten by distance and winter, and by the fact that the defenders were not at the end of their supply line.

At the height of the Cold War, St. Petersburg was about 1,600kms from NATO forces, and Moscow about 2,100kms. Today, St. Petersburg is about 150kms away and Moscow about 800kms. For Putin, the primary threat to Russia is from the west. It has always been the goal of the Rockefellers to secure total economic and political control over Russia. The British father of geopolitics, Halford Mackinder, stated in 1904, that control over Russia who determine who would control the vast expanses of Eurasia, and by extension the entire world. British foreign policy, from 1904, was dedicated to preventing, at all costs, the emergence of a cohesive Eurasian pivot power centered on Russia and capable of challenging British hegemony.

Mackinder summed up his ideas with the following dictum:

- Who rules East Europe commands the Heartland
- Who rules the Heartland commands the World-Island

• Who rules the world- Island commands the world.

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Mackinder's Heartland was the core of Eurasia – Ukraine and Russia. The World Island was all of Eurasia, including Europe, the Middle East and Asia. Britain was never a part of Continental Europe; it was a separate naval and maritime power, and should remain so whatever the cost.

The Mackinder geopolitical perspective shaped Britain's entry into both World War 1 and 2. It shaped American involvement in Europe from 1941.

The gradual re-emergence of a dynamic Russia in the Heartland of Eurasia , one that was growing economically closer to China and to key nations of Western Europe, was the very development that Nezezinski had warned could mortally threaten American dominance. It was Halford Mackinder's worst nightmare. Ironically, Washington's bingled invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq , and its crude elaboration of its "war on Terror" had directly helped to bring that Eurasian cooperation about. One of Putin's favorite sayings is "We must trade as a single market, from Vladivostok to Rotterdam" Both the families get a heart attack when they hear Putin saying this. It also created the backdrop for the Georgian conflict in August 2008.

But, first let's look Putin's speech at Munich – this changed the contours and dynamics of international relations, from this point on.

#### Putin's 2007 Munich Speech

At the 2007 annual Munich Security Conference, as the Bush administration had announced plans to install US missile defense systems in Poland, Romania and the Czech Republic, Russia's Putin delivered a scathing critique of the US lies and violation of their 1990 assurances on NATO. By that time 10 former communist Eastern states had been admitted to NATO despite the 1990 US promises. Furthermore, both Ukraine and Georgia were candidates to join NATO following US-led Color Revolutions in both countries in 2003-4. Putin rightly argued the US missiles were aimed at Russia, not North Korea or Iran.

In his 2007 Munich remarks Putin told his Western audience, "It turns out that NATO has put its frontline forces on our borders, and we have the right to ask: against whom is this expansion intended? And what happened to the assurances our western partners made after the dissolution of the Warsaw Pact? Where are those declarations today? No one even remembers them."

Putin added, "But I will allow myself to remind this audience what was said. I would like to quote the speech of NATO General Secretary Mr Woerner in Brussels on 17 May 1990. He said at the time that: "the fact that we are ready not to place a NATO army outside of German territory gives the Soviet Union a firm security guarantee". Where are these guarantees?" That was 15 years ago.



Putin spoke in Munich in general terms about Washington's vision of a "unipolar" world, with one center of authority, one center of force,

one center of decision making, calling it a "world in which there is one master, one sovereign. And at the end of the day this is pernicious not only for all those within the system, but also for the sovereign itself because it destroys itself from within."

Putin was talking about the US. Then Putin got to the heart of the matter:

"Today we are witnessing an almost uncontained hyper use of force – military force- in international relations, force that is plunging the world into an abyss of permanent conflicts. Finding a political solution becomes impossible. The United States has overstepped its national borders in every way. This is visible in the economic, political, cultural and educational policies it imposes on other nations. Well, who likes this? Who is happy about this?

Putin warned about the destabilizing effects of space weapons

"It is impossible to sanction the appearance of new, destabilizing high-tech weapons – – – a new era of confrontation, especially in outer space Star wars is no longer a fantasy. In Russia's opinion, the militarization of outer space could have unpredictable consequences for the world, and provoke nothing less than the beginning of a nuclear era – – – plans to expand certain elements of the anti-missile defense

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Few people were aware that the US, a month earlier, had announced that it was building massive anti-missile defense installations in Poland and the Czech Republic. As Putin replies to this at the same Munich Conference, "Missile weapons with a range of 5 to 8,000kms that really pose a threat to Europe do not exist in any of the so-called problem countries. And any hypothetical launch of a North Korean rocket to American territory through Western Europe obviously contradicts the laws of ballistics. As we say in Russia, it would be like using the right hand to reach the left year.

#### **Moscow Reacts**

Moscow lost little time in reacting to the announcement of US plans for its ballistic missile defense (BMD) systems in Eastern Europe. The commander of Russia's strategic bomber force said on March 5, 2007 that his forces could easily disrupt or destroy any missile defense infrastructures in Poland and the Czech Republic – precisely where the US is preparing to install them. In clear words, Putin was responding to the escalating Washington provocations by declaring openly that a New Cold War was on. It was not a new Cold War initiated by Russia, but one where Russia, out of national survival considerations, was forced to respond. A new, nuclear-based arms race was in full bloom.

This statement of Putin sent shock waves through the world, especially the highest policy levels of the West. Putin was declaring that – "enough is enough!" From this moment on, Putin knew that a military confrontation between Russia and the West was only a matter of time. Wasting no time, he used his energy trump cards to beef up his military, and after the 2008 crash, to beef up Russia's financial strength.

### **Nuclear Primacy**

What Washington did not say, but Putin alluded to in his speech, was that the US missile defense was not at all defensive. It was offensive. If the US was able to shield itself effectively from a potential Russian retaliation for a US nuclear First Strike, then the US would be able to dictate its terms to the entire world, not just to Russia. That would be Nuclear Primacy. For the Rockefeller Empire and its chief vassal, Washington, the Cold war never ended. They just forgot to tell the rest of the world.

The US attempt to take control of oil and energy pipelines worldwide, its installations of military bases across Eurasia, its modernization and upgrades of nuclear submarine fleets and bombers only made sense when seen through the perspective of the relentless pursuit of US Nuclear primacy. In December 2001, Washington withdrew from the US-Russian Ballistic Missile Treaty. This was a critical step in Washington's race to complete its global network of 'missile defense' capability as the key to nuclear primacy. The US missile talks with Poland and the Czech Republic began at the end of 2003. The Pentagon found two sites in the mountains of southern Poland for radar stations. This site would be the first such installation outside America and the only one in Europe. A missile fired from these silos in Poland or the Czech Republic would be within minutes of potential Russia targets. No one would be able to say whether they contained nuclear warheads or not. That would put the world on a hair-trigger to possible nuclear war, by design or miscalculation. Then, in the March 2006 Foreign Affairs, the journal of the CFR, an article by two US military analysts came to the following conclusion: –

"Today, for the first time in almost 50 years, the US stands on the verge of attaining nuclear primacy. It will probably soon be possible for the US to destroy the long-range nuclear arsenals of Russia or China with a first strike. Unless Washington's policies change or Moscow and Beijing take steps to increase the size and readiness of their forces, Russia and China – and, they concluded: "The sort of missile defenses that the US might deploy would be valuable in an offensive context, not a defensive one – as an adjunct to a US First Strike capability, NOT as a standalone shield. If the US launched a nuclear attack against Russia or China, the targeted country would be left with only a tiny surviving arsenal – if any at all. At that point, even a relatively modest missile defense system might be well enough to protect against any retaliatory strikes ".

This was the real agenda in Washington's Eurasian Great Game.

Then, in August 2008, Georgia foolishly invaded Russia, and were promptly defeated by the Russian military. Not long after this, Putin

began an upgrade of the Russian military. He knew that a confrontation was in the making. In 2016, Putin unveiled some of the new weapons being rolled out. The west was shocked- nay, they had a heart attack. It was at that moment that the Pentagon knew they could not win a military confrontation with Russia. Then, in September 2015, Russia was called in by the Syrian government to help defeat ISIS (a creation of the CIA/Mossad/British Intelligence). That Russian military action signaled a new era in global politics, with Russia appearing as a formidable force to be reckoned with for the first time since the end of the Cold War. America was no longer the sole military superpower. The world was visibly moving towards a new world war, one claiming to have religion at its core, but in reality a war, as all wars, about money and power. Islam was being instrumentalised as a weapon of that global war – by the two families.

Why was it so important for London and New York to gain control of Russia? The answer to that question lies in the fields of geopolitics, especially oil and gas.

## **Eurasian Geopolitics**

Geopolitical advisor to David Rockefeller, Zbigniew Brzezinski wrote a book, in 1997, called "The Grand Chessboard". It shows the thinking of the Rockefeller Empire in regards to Eurasia. Let us show a few extracts from the book, to get an idea of how to control Eurasia.

"For America, the chief geopolitical prize is Eurasia-"

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"Ever since the continents started interacting politically, some five hundred years ago, Eurasia has been the center of world power."-

"... But in the meantime, it is imperative that no Eurasian challenger emerges, capable of dominating Eurasia and thus of also challenging America. The formulation of a comprehensive and integrated Eurasian geostrategy is therefore the purpose of this book."

To put it in a terminology that harkens back to the more brutal age of ancient empires, the three grand imperatives of imperial geostrategy are to prevent collusion, maintain security dependence among the vassals, to keep tributaries pliant and protected, and to keep the barbarian (Russian, Chinese, and Arabs) from coming together". "It follows that America's primary interest is to help ensure that no single power comes to control this geopolitical space and that the global community has unhindered financial and economic access to it."

"America is now the only global superpower, and Eurasia is the globe's central arena. Hence, what happens to the distribution of power on the Eurasian continent will be of decisive importance to America's global primacy and to America's historical legacy." "Without sustained and directed American involvement, before long the forces of global disorder could come to dominate the world scene" With warning signs on the horizon across Europe and Asia, any successful American policy must focus on Eurasia as a whole and be guided by a Geostrategic design."

"That puts a premium on maneuver and manipulation in order to preempt the emergence of a hostile coalition that could eventually seek to challenge America's primacy..."

"The most immediate task is to make certain that no state or combination of states gains the capacity to expel the United States from Eurasia or even to diminish significantly its decisive arbitration role ".

"Potentially, the most dangerous scenario would be a grand coalition of China, Russia, and perhaps Iran, an "anti-hegemonic" coalition united not by ideology but by complementary grievances. It would be reminiscent in scale and scope of the challenge once posed by the Sino-Soviet bloc, though this time China would likely be the leader and Russia the follower. Averting this contingency, however remote it may be, will require a display of U.S. geostrategic skill on the western, eastern, and southern perimeters of Eurasia simultaneously ".

We see that US foreign policy followed the advise closely. But, the US failed. Iran, China and Russia are close allies, and all three are working to expell the US, the West, NATO and Israel from dominating Eurasia. They dismissed Putin when he formulated a new paradigm in Munich in 2007 – or when he returned to the Kremlin in 2012. Putin made it very clear that Russia's legitimate strategic interests would have to be respected again, and that Russia was about to recover its de facto "veto rights" in managing world affairs. Well, the Putin doctrine was already being implemented since the Georgian affair in 2008.

#### The Caucasus

There is another potential entry into Russia from the south. The Russian Empire used this route as a buffer zone with Turkey, especially during the numerous Russo-Turkish wars. Russia was protected by the Caucasus, a rugged, mountainous region that discouraged any attacks to the point that NATO never considered this option. But if anyone managed to force their way through the mountains, they would be about 1,500kms from Moscow on flat, open terrain in far better weather than attackers from the west would face.



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If the South Caucasus states formed an anti-Russia coalition, and the United States, for example, supported a English Caucasus, the barrier might be shattered and a path northward opened. Therefore, Russia followed a strategy of imposing strong controls in the North Caucasus while engaging in a war in 2008 with Georgia, its most significant southern threat, based on geography and Georgia's alliance with the U.S. The war demonstrated the limits of American power while it was engaged in wars in the Muslim world. It was successful strategies save for the fact that the long-term threat from the south was not eliminated. Russia needed a strategy in the west and one in the south. In the west, part of that strategy evolved in Ukraine, keeping it from being a threat without the use of major Russian force. A tacit agreement was reached with Washington: The United States would not arm Ukraine with significant offensive weapons, and Russia would not move major force into Ukraine beyond the insurgencies already in place. At that time, neither Russia nor the U.S. wanted war. Each wanted a buffer zone. That is what emerged.

#### **Belarus**

Another piece of the lost buffer became, so to speak, available. Belarus is about 600kms from Moscow. Poland, to its west, is hostile to Russia and contains some American forces. This represents a significant threat to Russia, unless Belarus could be brought into the Russian fold. The elections in Belarus held last year created an opportunity. President Alexander Lukashenko, a long-time ruler who faced serious opposition. This was another attempt by the CIA to start a Color Revolution in Belarus. Had the CIA succeeded in Belarus, the squeeze on Russia would have been fatal, in case of war.

The Russians backed Lukashenko and have essentially preserved his position. Alexander Lukashenko has been the head of state of Belarus since 1994, and did not have a serious challenger in the previous five elections. On 23 September 2021, Belarusian state media announced that Lukashenko had been inaugurated for another five-year term in a brief ceremony which was held privately. The following day, the EU published a statement that rejected the legitimacy of the election, called for new elections, and condemned the repression and violence – standard tactics from the West. Strategic depth is vital in the very long term, and its importance is burned into Russia's memory.

#### **Destabilization of Kazakhstan**

The year 2022 started with Kazakhstan on fire, a serious attack against one of the key hubs of Eurasian integration. Leaders of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) held an extraordinary session to discuss Kazakhstan.

The head of the Russian National Security Council, Nikolae Patrushev, is Putin's right man. He is the head of all the security and intelligence services of Russia, a very powerful man indeed, a master of how to foil the CIA and MI6. Just to give you an example: Between 2018 and 2021- a period of three years, Russia caught more than 2,000 spies, and foiled many plots. So he is extremely well aware of the plots and plans of Russia's enemies.

Putin was aware that the West were intent on creating a wave of hybrid-war across Central Asia.

Back in November, Patrushev's laser was already focused on the degrading security situation in Afghanistan. Tajik political scientist Parviz Mullojanov was among the very few who were stressing that there were as many as 8,000 imperial machine Salafi-jihadi assets, shipped by a rat line from Syria and Iraq, loitering in the wilds of northern Afghanistan. That's the bulk of ISIS-Khorasan – or ISIS reconstituted near the borders of Turkmenistan. Some of them were duly transported to Kyrgyzstan. From there, it was very easy to cross the border from Bishek and show up in Almaty.

It took no time for Patrushev and his team to figure out, after the imperial retreat from Kabul, how this jihadi reserve army would be used: along the 7,500 km-long border between Russia and the Central Asian 'stans'. That explains, among other things, a record number of preparation drills conducted in late 2021 at the 210th Russian military base in Tajikistan.

Virtually no one knows about it. But last December, another coup was discreetly thwarted in the Kyrgyz capital, Bishkek. Kyrgyz Intel sources attribute the engineering to a rash of NGOs linked with Britain and Turkey. That introduces an absolutely key facet of The Big Picture: NATO-linked Intel and their assets may have been preparing a simultaneous color revolution offensive across Central Asia. During

his 29-year rule, Nazarbayev played a multi-vector game that was too westernized and which did not necessarily benefit Kazakhstan. He adopted British laws, played the pan-Turkic card with Erdogan, and allowed a tsunami of NGOs to promote a Western agenda. The breakdown of the messy Kazakh op necessarily starts with the usual suspects: the US Deep State, which all but "sang" its strategy in a 2019 RAND corporation report, Extending Russia. Chapter 4, on "geopolitical measures", details everything from "providing lethal aid to Ukraine", "promoting regime change in Belarus", and "increasing support for Syrian rebels" – all major fails – to "reducing Russian influence in Central Asia." That was the master concept. Implementation fell to the MI6-Turk connection.

The CIA and MI6 had been investing in dodgy outfits in Central Asia since at least 2005, when they encouraged the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan (IMU), then close to the Taliban, to wreak havoc in southern Kyrgyzstan. Nothing happened. It was a completely different story by May 2021, when the MI6's Jonathan Powell met the leadership of Jabhat al-Nusra – which harbors a lot of Central Asian jihadis – somewhere in the Turkish-Syrian border near Idlib. The deal was that these 'moderate rebels' – in US terminology – would cease to be branded 'terrorists' as long as they followed the anti-Russia NATO agenda. That was one of the key prep moves ahead of the jihadist ratline to Afghanistan – complete with Central Asia branching out.

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MI6 is deeply entrenched in all the 'stans' except autarchic Turkmenistan – cleverly riding the pan-Turkish off 💹 English :le to counter Russia and China. Yet both Russia and China are very much aware that Turkey essentially represents NATO entering Central Asia.

Every color revolution needs a 'Maximum' Trojan horse. In our case, that seems to be the role of former head of KNB (National Security Committee) Karim Massimov, now held in prison and charged with treason. Hugely ambitious, Massimov is half-Uyghur, and that, in theory, obstructed what he saw as his pre-ordained rise to power. His connections with Turkish Intel are not yet fully detailed, unlike his cozy relationship with Joe Biden and son. A former Minister of Internal Affairs and State Security, Lt Gen Felix Kulov, has weaved a fascinating tangled web explaining the possible internal dynamics of the 'coup' built into the color revolution.

According to Kulov, Massimov and Samir Abish, the nephew of recently ousted Kazakh Security Council Chairman Nursultan Nazarbayev, were up to their necks in supervising 'secret' units of 'bearded men' during the riots. The KNB was directly subordinated to Nazarbayev, who until last week was the chairman of the Security Council.

When Tokayev understood the mechanics of the coup, he demoted both Massimov and Samat Abish. Then Nazarbayev 'voluntarily' resigned from his life-long chairmanship of the Security Council. Abish then got this post, promising to stop the 'bearded men,' and then to resign. So that would point directly to a Nazarbayev-Tokayev clash. It makes sense as, Tokayev is a very smart operator. Trained by the foreign service of the former USSR, fluent in Russian and Chinese, he is totally aligned with Russia-China – which means fully in sync with the masterplan of the BRI, the Eurasia Economic Union, and the SCO. Tokayev, much like Putin and Xi, understands how this BRI/EAEU/SCO triad represents the ultimate imperial nightmare, and how destabilizing Kazakhstan – a key factor in the triad – would be a mortal coup against Eurasian integration. Kazakhstan, after all, represents 60 percent of Central Asia's GDP, massive oil/gas and mineral resources, cutting-edge high tech industries: a secular, unitary, constitutional republic bearing a rich cultural heritage. It didn't take long for Tokayev to understand the merits of immediately calling the CSTO to the rescue: Kazakhstan signed the treaty way back in 1994. After all, Tokayev was fighting a foreign-led coup against his government.

Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev framed it succinctly. Riots were "hidden behind unplanned protests." The goal was "to seize power" – a coup attempt. Actions were "coordinated from a single center." And "foreign militants were involved in the riots."

Putin went further: during the riots, "Maidan technologies were used," a reference to the Ukrainian square where 2013 protests unseated a NATO-unfriendly government. Defending the prompt intervention of CSTO peacekeeping forces in Kazakhstan, Putin said, "it was necessary to react without delay." The CSTO will be on the ground "as long as necessary," but after the mission is accomplished, "of course, the entire contingent will be withdrawn from the country." CSTO forces left after a week, whereby they crushed the CIA coup. But here's the clincher: "CSTO countries have shown that they will not allow chaos and 'color revolutions' to be implemented inside their borders." Putin was in synch with Kazakh State Secretary Erlan Karin, who was the first, on the record, to apply the correct terminology to events in his country: What happened was a "hybrid terrorist attack," by both internal and external forces, aimed at overthrowing the government.

Yet, they are just one nexus in western nebulae of Hybrid War fog deployed across Central Asia, and West Asia for that matter. Here we see the CIA and the US Deep State crisscrossing MI6 and different strands of Turkish Intel. When President Tokayev was referring in code to a "single center," he meant a so far 'secret' US-Turk-Israeli military-intel operations room based in the southern business hub of Almaty, according to a highly placed Central Asia Intel source. In this "center," there were 22 Americans, 16 Turks and 6 Israelis coordinating sabotage gangs – trained in West Asia by the Turks – and then rat-lined to Almaty.

The op started to unravel for good when Kazakh forces – with the help of Russian/CSTO Intel – retook control of the vandalized Almaty airport, which was supposed to be turned into a hub for receiving foreign military supplies.

The Hybrid War west had to be stunned and livid at how the CSTO intercepted the Kazakh operation at such lightning speed. The key element is that the secretary of Russian National Security Council, Nikolai Patrushev, saw the Big Picture eons ago. So, it's no mystery why Russia's aerospace and aero-transported forces, plus the massive necessary support infrastructure, were virtually ready to go.

Putin, among others, has stressed how an official Kazakh investigation is the only one entitled to get to the heart of the matter. Rushed to only a few days before the start of the Russia-US 'security guarantees' in Geneva, this color revolution represented a sort of counterultimatum – in desperation – by the NATO establishment.

Central Asia, West Asia, and the overwhelming majority of the Global South have witnessed the lightning fast Eurasian response by the CSTO troops – who, having now done their job, and left Kazakhstan in a couple of days – and how this color revolution has failed, miserably. It might as well be the last. Beware the rage of a humiliated Empire.

This spectacular run of defeats suggests that the age of the U.S. dominating the world as its one remaining superpower is now at a crossroads. It suggests that the fearsome spectre of violent military might is losing its fangs. It seems the era of the U.S. Empire is coming to an end. Then there's the clincher, revealed by a high-level U.S. Intel source.

In 2013, the late Zbigniew "Grand Chessboard" Brzezinski was presented with a classified report on Russian English freaked out and responded by conceptualizing Maidan 2014 – to draw Russia into a guerrilla war then as he had done with Afghanistan in the 1980s.



## Chronology

- 1999: Putin become President. He faces his first challenge from the two families in Chechnya. He crushes the jihadist insurrection in the Caucasus.
- 2001 June: The SCO is formed, which leads a panicked Rockefeller Empire to activate a military move into Central Asia, which then took place on September 2001 9/11.
- 2003 March: The US invades Iraq Putin helps the Iraqi Resistance with military equipment, including the Kornet anti-tank missiles.
- 2005 May: The CIA attempts a Color Revolution and a coup in Uzbekistan. The leader, Karimov, then cuts US ties, and closes a US base next to the Afghan order. Uzbekistan moves closer to Russia, while the US is out.
- 2007 February: Putin's speech at Munich shocks the 2 families- now the gloves are off
- 2008 August: Georgia invades Russia and is defeated within 3 days
- 2008 September: Financial crash
- 2010 December: Arab Spring
- 2011 March: Destabilization of Syria begins
- 2012: Xi Jinping becomes President of China- and the US "pivots" East
- 2014: the Maidan coup in Ukraine
- July 2014: As Putin was returning to Russia after the BRICS summit in Brazil, his plane overflew Ukraine. The CIA targeted his plane, but the wrong plane was shot down Malaysian Airlines MH17.
- 2015 September: Russia goes to help Syria
- 2018: Putin unveils Russia's advance military hardware the Pentagon has a cardiac event
- 2021 September: Belarus color revolution fails against Putin ally Lukashenko
- 2021 December: Russian intelligence thwarted a coup attempt in Bishkek, capital of Kyrgyztan. NATO missile systems in Romania and Poland about to become operational. This last point has been explained above.
- 2022 January: Russia puts down an attempted CIA/MI6 coup in Kazakhstan

And here we are now: it's all a matter of unfinished business. And, now we come to Ukraine. The story continues in Part 2, https://behind-the-news.com/russia-putin-the-west-part-2-of-a-2-part-series/