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Who are the real oligarchs?

Jeff Bezos and Bill Gates own more wealth than 130 million Americans combined. In the US, the top 1% now owns more wealth than the bottom 92 percent. Let's deal with our own oligarchy and let Russian workers deal with theirs.

How does the US get away with all these lies?

In 2014, all major media outlets reported on Nazis in Ukraine; now none do. US media is dominated by six companies, many of them with boards that interlink with the boards of military companies. Congress is a club of millionaires who are bought and paid for by oil and gas companies, war contractors, and banks.

Do US workers benefit from any of this?

Not at all. The day Congress voted for \$13.6 billion dollars in more military aid to Ukraine, they cut \$15 billion in Covid spending. The Biden government says they don't have the money to produce Covid medicine and plan to stop free treatment and testing for uninsured people.

We suffer from the military buildup. Money for war will be taken from us the working class to fund the rich who want to dominate the world for profit. We need a price freeze on gas, food, utility, and rent prices. Costs are only going up because corporations are using the war or the pandemic as an excuse. These corporations are making record profits.

Real national security would mean safe, good-paying jobs, healthcare, childcare, a plan to confront climate change, an end to insurance rip-offs, and fully funded disaster repairs. What we need is equality, respect, peace, and an end to war profiteering.



March 15, 2022, Pisa, Italy: Airport workers in Pisa, Italy refused to load NATO weapons disguised as "humanitarian aid" to Ukraine. Instead they organized a demonstration under the slogan: "From Tuscany

"BRIDGES OF PEACE, NOT FLIGHTS OF WAR!"

In a statement of solidarity with the airport workers in Pisa, fellow transport workers in Porto Livorno stated "War propaganda that would have us believe that to achieve peace we must send even more weapons to Ukraine. We port workers reject all of this."

From Yuliy Dubovyk,
a Ukrainian peace activist
March 14, 2022

"The support for Ukraine that fills the Western media now is not out of real solidarity with the people of Ukraine. If that were the case, the US wouldn't have overthrown our government twice in a decade; it wouldn't have supported the policies that made us the poorest country in Europe; it wouldn't have fueled a brutal civil war for the past eight years."

"The reason US media outlets and politicians are all backing Ukraine now is because they want to use the Ukrainian military and civilian population as cannon fodder in a proxy war with [Russia]."

We need money for people's needs, not rich men's wars!

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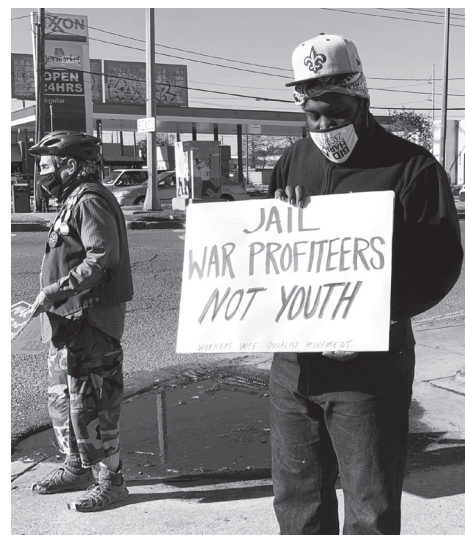


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US War Profiteers, Oil, Gas, and Mining Companies Behind Ukraine War

Ukrainian people being used as pawns in US-fueled war for profits



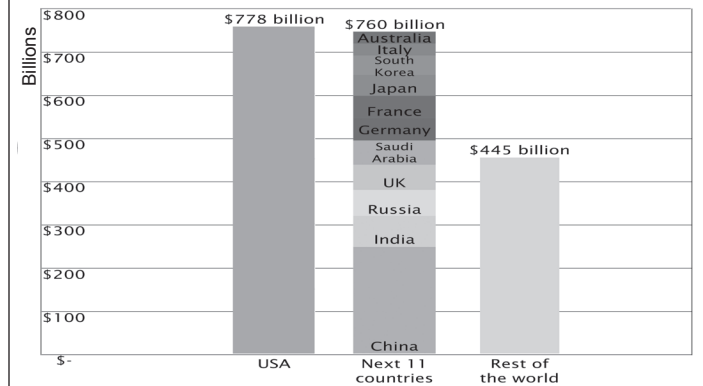
War gives oil companies excuse to rake in whopping profits

- Exxon: ↑ 57%
- Chevron: ↑ 84%
- Shell: ↑ 49%
- BP: ↑ 45%

Oil company revenues and profits are way up since last year. They are charging us more and blaming Russia.

High gas prices have nothing to do with Russia and everything to do with corporate profits. Only 3% of crude oil imported into the US is from Russia. Exxon Mobil made \$23 billion in profit last year and the profits of BP, Chevron, and Shell are the highest they've been since 2014. There's another reason they want you to blame Russia for high prices and whip up a fever for war: the US/NATO military is their biggest customer!

US vs. World Military Spending, 2022



Stop World War III Buildup of US/NATO/Japanese Military

The official US military budget over \$778 billion, more than the next eleven countries combined. Add nuclear weapons, CIA spending, war debts, and other costs, and it's \$1.4 trillion of our money that's being looted from the federal budget while our healthcare system is failing and millions are homeless.

War profiteers are making a killing

Stock prices for war corporations—like Lockheed Martin—are up 20% this year. At least 51 Congress people have millions invested in these companies, and many more get campaign contributions (bribes) and are wined and dined by over 700 full-time war lobbyists.



STOP CORPORATE PRICE GOUGING ON FOOD, GAS, RENT

FUND HEALTHCARE NOT WAR PROFITEERS

On the same day that Congress passed a bill to spend \$13.6 billion to fuel the war in Ukraine, they cut \$15 billion in Covid funds while the US was averaging 1,500 Covid deaths every day.

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Another US war for the rich based on lies. *Get the facts!*

Who really started this war, US and NATO or Russia?

Since 1999, the US and NATO have encircled Russia with military bases, nuclear weapons, and warships even though they promised not to. Imagine if the US was surrounded by 24 nuclear bases. Russia asked the US to extend an arms reduction treaty in 2021, and the US refused. The US also refused a no-first-strike pledge.

If the US withdrew its weapons, mercenaries, and military advisors from Ukraine, and dropped its goal of putting NATO bases on Russia's border, the war would be over immediately. The US has been using the Ukrainian people as pawns in their quest for resources and markets.

But isn't the US defending Ukrainian sovereignty, democracy, and human rights?

No. In 2014, the US violated Ukraine's sovereignty and has admitted to orchestrating a coup that deposed the elected government. The US then ordered the puppet government to impose an austerity budget on the Ukrainian people; cuts to pensions, salaries, rent ceilings, education, and health care have left Ukraine the poorest country in Europe all while government purchases of US weapons have grown. The sale of state properties has made the Ukrainian people poor but a few millionaires rich, including Joe Biden's son, Hunter, who was making \$50,000/month after being given a seat on the board of a Ukrainian gas company. This was only months after the coup when thousands of workers were being laid off.



US-backed Ukrainian National Guard flying NATO flag, the flag of the Azov battalion, and the Nazi swastika.

Is it true that Nazis are in the Ukrainian government, military, and police and are being armed and trained by the US?

Yes. In 2015, Congressman John Conyers introduced an amendment to a bill for military aid to Ukraine prohibiting the funding and training of Nazi forces operating through the government, but this amendment was removed from the bill.



The United States has 800 foreign military bases; Russia has six.

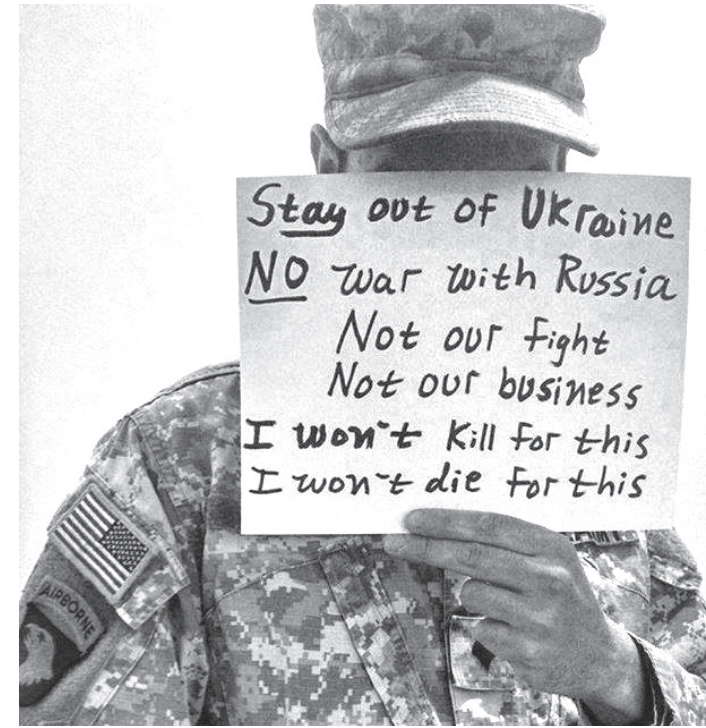
The violent, US-orchestrated coup in 2014 would not have succeeded without the participation of Nazi groups, who were ordered to attack Ukrainians opposed to the coup. These were the same KKK-like forces that burned down a trade union building in Odessa, murdering 39 people trapped inside. They are now part of the Ukrainian military and police. They have carried out murders, rapes, and assaults on Russians, Jews, Hungarians, Roma, women, and LGBTQ people. They are the military forces that have taken thousands hostage in Mariupol and who turned a maternity hospital into a military base. They march with banners glorifying Stepan Bandera whose forces murdered 130,000 Ukrainian Jews during WW II. It's hard to believe, but in 2021, only the US and Ukraine voted against a UN resolution to ban the glorification of Nazism.

Did Russia steal Crimea?

After the US coup unleashed swastika-wearing Nazi patrols in Ukraine, the people of Crimea voted on March 16, 2014 to leave Ukraine and rejoin Russia. 95.5% voted for this. Most Ukrainians do not support Nazis.

Are the people of Eastern Ukraine separatist terrorists or anti-fascists? Did 14,000 people die in Donbass?

In Eastern Ukraine, called the Donbass, the people of Lugansk and Donetsk wanted no part of the Nazi revival in Kiev (the capital of Ukraine). This is why they declared themselves independent republics. Spearheaded by Nazi battalions, the Ukrainian National Guard—which the US helped to create in 2014—have bombed and starved the people of the Donbass, killing 14,000 in just eight years. The people of the independent People's Republics have been bravely resist-



US soldier against the drive to war.

ing Nazi forces such as the Azov battalion. No one should forget that 27 million people from the republics of the former Soviet Union died to defeat the Nazis. The people of Russia, Belarus, and Ukraine will never forget.

Is this really about oil, gas, and lithium? Isn't Russia to blame for rising gas costs?

US oil companies seized oil and gas pipelines in Iraq and Afghanistan. They would like to do this to Russia's vast reserves too, but that would require an invasion of Russia. Instead, sanctions are being used to force Russian oil off the global market. This opens markets to US oil and gas companies.

Oil companies are trying to blame Russia for high prices at the pump while their owners are reaping record profits. In reality, only 3% of crude oil imported into the US from Russia.

Large amounts of lithium, which is essential for electric cars, have been discovered in the Donbass. Elon Musk, the richest billionaire in the world, said "we'll coup whoever we want" in reference to the 2019 US-backed coup in lithium-rich Bolivia. Now he's equipping the US and Ukrainian military with a network of satellites to launch drone strikes in Ukraine.

Who is being prevented from evacuating Ukraine?

The Ukrainian government is preventing males of military age from evacuation, and they are drafting them even though many oppose the pro-Nazi forces. Nazi types in the Ukrainian armed forces have also prevented Russian, Jewish, Roma, Hungarian, African, and Asian students and workers from leaving.

What is NATO? What is the US/NATO/Japan Alliance all about?

NATO was started after World War II. Immediately they brought back German Nazis and industrialists who backed Hitler. NATO's stated purpose was to defend the financial interests of capitalist US and Europe against socialism and to suppress any struggle of the people to liberate themselves from European colonialism in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Today, along with Japan, NATO member countries are increasing their military power, threatening the planet with nuclear war, and impoverishing their people by pouring money down the rathole of militarism. US and NATO militaries consume more fossil fuels than most countries and are a leading cause of global warming.

Should we support sanctions?

No. Sanctions are cruel and aimed at the people. 49 countries are now under US/NATO sanctions. That's a third of the world. Sanctions deny food, medicine, supplies, and fuel to working people. They are meant to bring a country to its knees so US corporations can take over their resources, get cheap labor, and control their governments. The US has stolen \$9.7 billion from Afghan bank accounts and have left 23 million men, women, and children on the verge of starvation. The US admitted to killing 500,000 Iraqi children through sanctions.

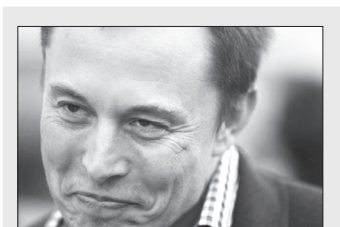
But isn't Putin a dictator?

This is not about Putin, which is the business of the Russian people anyway. The US's closest friends are the Saudi monarchs who crucify their political opponents and are responsible for an ongoing genocide in Yemen with US support. The US supports the fascist government in Colombia that uses death squads to kill labor leaders and social activists. The US supported the fascist apartheid government of South Africa and currently supports Israeli apartheid.

Putin, who used to be a US ally, only became a target for US regime change when he refused to allow Exxon Mobil to take over Russia's oil.

Who are the real oligarchs?

Nine of the ten richest billionaires in the world are Americans. Elon Musk, Jeff Bezos, and Bill Gates own more wealth than the top 100 Russian oligarchs combined. US billionaires praise Ukrainian President Zelensky, who has siphoned government funds away from the people and into offshore accounts and real estate investments in London and the US.



"We'll coup whoever we want! Deal with it."

—Elon Musk, in 2020 on the US overthrow of elected governments to benefit billionaires like him