

# Russian incitement to genocide

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The Deputy Chairman of the Security Council of the Russian Federation, and former President of Russia, Dmitry Medvedev, has been using his Twitter account to call for the genocide of Ukraine.

## Stop Russian Incitement to Genocide

The tweet also seeks continues the Holocaust distortion previously seen from Russia by calling the Ukrainian government a “Nazi regime” and later “thievish Nazi clowns”. Our friends at the *Never Again Association* in Poland have noted the use of the word “Unterukraine” in the message and explain that this “is a clear reference to the Nazi term ‘untermensch’ meaning ‘subhuman’ to denote victims of the Holocaust”.

There is an additional element of antisemitism with the reference to “nouveau-Ukrainian blood-sucking parasites”. Let’s break this down as you have need to already understand the Russian disinformation to follow this dog whistle. Putin incorrectly claimed that Ukrainians and Russians are historically one people (see [this fact check](#) for analysis on this). The term “nouveau-Ukrainian” means “new Ukrainians” and is seeking to draw a distinction between those people (as defined by Putin) and other people in Ukraine who are not part of this. In particular Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy who is Jewish. This is further emphasised by the reference to “blood sucking”. The antisemitic imagery of Jews as vampires can be seen in Hitler’s writings:

*“For hours the black-haired Jew boy, diabolic joy in his face, waits in ambush for the unsuspecting girl whom he defiles with his blood and thus robs her from her people ...*

*The end is not only the end of the freedom of the peoples oppressed by the Jew, but also the end of this parasite upon the nations. After the death of his victim, the vampire sooner or later dies too.”*

– Adolf Hitler in *Mein Kampf*

It isn't something Hitler created from scratch. Instead it is drawing on the long history of blood libels and antisemitism in the Church which goes back to the Middle Ages. This is a form of disinformation which continues to circulate, not just in Medvedev's tweet. Our CEO presented on this topic for the IEEE Computer Society's Tech Forum on Digital Platforms and Societal Harms in September. It is one of the oldest forms of disinformation and still it persists!

Medvedev's tweet also promote a range of narratives seeking to divide people and undermine support for the defence of Ukraine, e.g. by suggesting Africa and Latin America should oppose the existence of Ukraine as if it vanished the US funds going to counter Russian aggression would instead become aid money for them. At the same time it tries to undermine US support by saying the foreign aid would be better spent at home in the US.

The content is from an account recognised by Twitter as belonging to a government official. In Poland and Germany the Tweet is no longer visible as it violates national hate speech laws.

## **Take action!**

You can help by reporting the Tweet. Once you do so, please add your details to the list. We will share the summary statistics (how many accounts from each country have reported it) with the *Never Again Association*.

The Tweet is [online here](#), click through and report it.

In the hope it is removed, and for those in countries where it is already blocked, here is what we are talking about:



Dmitry Medvedev

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Russia government official

WHY WILL UKRAINE DISAPPEAR? BECAUSE NOBODY NEEDS IT

1. Europe doesn't need Ukraine. The forced support of the Nazi regime, by the American mentor's order, has put Europeans into a financial and political inferno. All for the sake of bandera's unterukraine, that even the snobby, insolent Polacks don't take for a valid country, and time and again toss in the issue of its western areas anschluss. There's a nice perspective ahead: to permanently put the nouveau-Ukrainian blood-sucking parasites on the decrepit EU's arthritis-crippled neck. That'll be the final fall of Europe, once majestic, but robbed off by degeneration.

2. The US doesn't need Ukraine. True, the military and sanction campaigns are attempted for PR by political blabbermouths, who long ago attested to their impotence and imbecility. Average Americans don't understand what "Ukraine" is, and where "it" is. Most of them won't show this "power" on the map on the first take. Why won't the US establishment focus on inflation and job issues, or emergencies in their home States, instead of a country 404, unbeknownst to them? Why does so much dough go across the ocean?

Sooner or later, they'll ask for that. Then, storming of the Capitol in January 2021 would seem like scout games.

3. Africa and Latin America don't need Ukraine. The hundreds of millions spent by US on pointless fights in Ukraine, could finance many development programmes for Latin American and African states.

Latin America is gringos' backyard – that's what they've been rubbing in for decades. Africa's had its share of suffering from the genocide, and colonial dependence, imposed by former western slave traders. That's why the people of African huts and Latin American favelas ask a very reasonable question: for their former suffering and present-day loyalty, why is somebody else rewarded – very, very far away?

4. Asia doesn't need Ukraine. By Russia's example, they see "colour" technologies at work to eradicate the largest competing powers. They understand what scenario the America-led collective West has for them if they disobey. "Help us to overcome Russia, and we'll soon come to you", the utterly brazen Western leaders tell them. Such gigantic countries as India, China, and other Asia-Pacific states face the big enough challenge of post-pandemic economic recovery, let aside the drugged clowns, with their whining for aid.

"We are not interested in you", Asia tells their messengers, responding to the calls to support Ukraine and confine Russia. The country, geopolitically many times closer to Asian powers, the one that historically has proven itself a reliable strategic partner. Do Asian giants need such headache coming from former colonisers?

5. Russia doesn't need Ukraine. A threadbare quilt, torn, shaggy, and greasy. The new Malorossiia of 1991 is made up of the artificially cut territories, many of which are indigenously Russian, separated by accident in the 20th century. Millions of our compatriots live there, harassed for years by the Nazi Kiev regime. It is them who we defend in our special military operation, relentlessly eradicating the enemy. We don't need unterukraine. We need Big Great Russia.

6. Finally, its own citizens don't need the Nazi-headed Ukraine. That's why out of 45 million people there're only some 20 million remaining. That's why those who stayed want to leave for any place: the hated Poland, EU, NATO, to be America's 51nd state. Joining the Antarctic with its penguins will also be fine. As long as it's quiet, and the food's good. The ruling junta's criminal ambitions forced Ukrainians to beg and roam around the countries and continents, searching for a better life. All that is for an obscure European perspective. Or rather, to let the harlequin in a khaki tricot and his band of thievish Nazi clowns to put the money stolen from the West into their offshore accounts. Would ordinary Ukrainians need that?

Nobody on this planet needs such a Ukraine. That's why it will disappear

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