

**2500 YEAR EXPLANATION OF MR. PUTIN'S ACTIONS TODAY**

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President Putin is three out of three according to THUCYDIDES who said in 431 BC there are three factors that drive a person to war.

Fear:

I would say Mr. Putin is fearful that his unconscious dream to resurrect the old Russian Empire will slip through his hands, if he does not act now, regardless of the potential consequences.

His megalomania is an old dream shared by some former Soviet people who idealized and, at the same time, fear the old Russian Colonel from the KGB.

Honor:

On a very deep level Mr. Putin believes, the honor of Russia has been trampled upon by the west, specifically NATO and the United States. The former Warsaw Pact countries have been systematically absorbed by the various hunger of NATO, spurred on by the United States, who longed to systematically dismember the former Soviet Union that he loved and served so well.

Interest:

If a person harbors such thoughts and dreams then an interest can soon emerge as a plan. Especially if you are an Oligarch who feeds fears, and old fantasies as power is usurped and fear of reprisal reemerges again in Russia.

Fear, honor and interest have become reality that must, again, be addressed by those who cherish freedom and reject tyranny.

WAKE UP, TURN THE LIGHTS ON, THERE ARE ROBBERS IN THE HOUSE

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President Putin is simply demonstrating to the West that he is an excellent chess player. He is faking out his opponent in the same old way. President Putin says one thing and makes sure, what he really wants, is happening some place else. His latest continuation of his strategy is, to assure the Western anxieties about the Russian Bear, that their concerns are ill founded.

Think of it this way, there are two guys robing a liquor store. One of the robbers reassures the store clerk that all is well, and there is nothing about which one should be concerned. The robber says, with an innocent smile, the classic movie line, "*Be quiet and nobody's going to get hurt!*" With the least amount of trouble from the store clerk, and those in the store watching the robbery take place, his partner is executing the master plan to clean out the cash drawer.

President Putin (the good robber) smiles innocently as his partner follows his explicit command, "*Take what I want, and will be divided up later.*" All he had to do was to say the words that the anxious West wanted to hear.

Those in denial of his master plan are reassured that sanctions work, and if things go wrong, it wasn't the fault of the Russian President. Brilliant! Of course, the next step is for the pro Russian Ukrainians hold the sham election anyway. They proof they are independent and the actions are taken by the people of Ukraine. They so much want to join Russia that they are legally ready, to show the world, that all they want is there independence from the oppressive Government in Kiev.

If the election is stopped by the Ukrainian government it becomes proof of two things:

1. They do not want and do not trust a democratic vote by the people.
2. If they are successful in stopping the election, it establishes the pretext for President Putin to come in again. And rescue the Russian speaking people, just as he did in the Crimea.

As you can see no matter what happens President Putin reassures the frightened peace loving doves that sanctions work, while at the same time, blocking those who would advocate military force. Brilliant!

Somebody needs to turn the lights on at NATO headquarters, in Washington DC, and at the European Union offices. We're playing chess not checkers!
Wake up! Wake up!

PUTIN'S PLAN TO ABSORB UKRAINE INTO RUSSIA

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Some hours ago I suggested that Presidents Putin's chess game was doing just fine, in fact, brilliantly would be a better word to describe the "land grab" going on in front of the world, specifically Europe. Here it is again for those who still don't get it:

Putin's plan to absorb Ukraine into Russia by coming to the aid of the oppressed and ignored Russian speaking people.

- Get your spies and undercover agents to create unrest in pro Russian separatist.
- Create support for independence state.
- Intimidate population who wish Ukraine to remain one nation.
- President Putin plies for calm, and proves good will by saying he will pull Russian troops back from Eastern Ukraine.
- President Putin asks publicly to halt elections for regional independence in Eastern Ukraine.
- When population in that region are worked up and ready to vote or fight the insensitive Kiev government, an announcement will follow and quickly there will be a mock election.
- Quick vote announcing high turnout and massive regional support for independence from Ukraine government.
- Announce election results and ask President Putin for support for "free and democratic election results".
- Move on to next region and repeat above steps.

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But the Russian president has to send more signals of de-escalation," Ms. Merkel said. Mr. Hollande added that he and Ms. Merkel were both doing all they could to impress on Mr. Putin what is at stake now in Ukraine.

"There is a European position," said Mr. Hollande, brushing off suggestions from Poland that Germany is not acting decisively enough in the Ukraine crisis.

In an interview with Germany's Bild newspaper, Polish president Bronislaw Komorowski said: "I don't have much understanding for the way that some Germans are viewing Russia. It's better to put out the fire now than to wait for a larger fire to spread to other nations. We can't just stand by and watch when a nation (Ukraine) is being blackmailed with brutality and military power right in front of our front door."

In their statement, Ms. Merkel and Mr. Hollande said they would draw the "appropriate consequences" if the election was scuttled.

"If there is no internationally recognized presidential election, that would unavoidably lead to a further destabilization. Germany and France are in agreement that if that is the case, then corresponding consequences would be drawn as outlined by the European Council on March 6th, 2014."