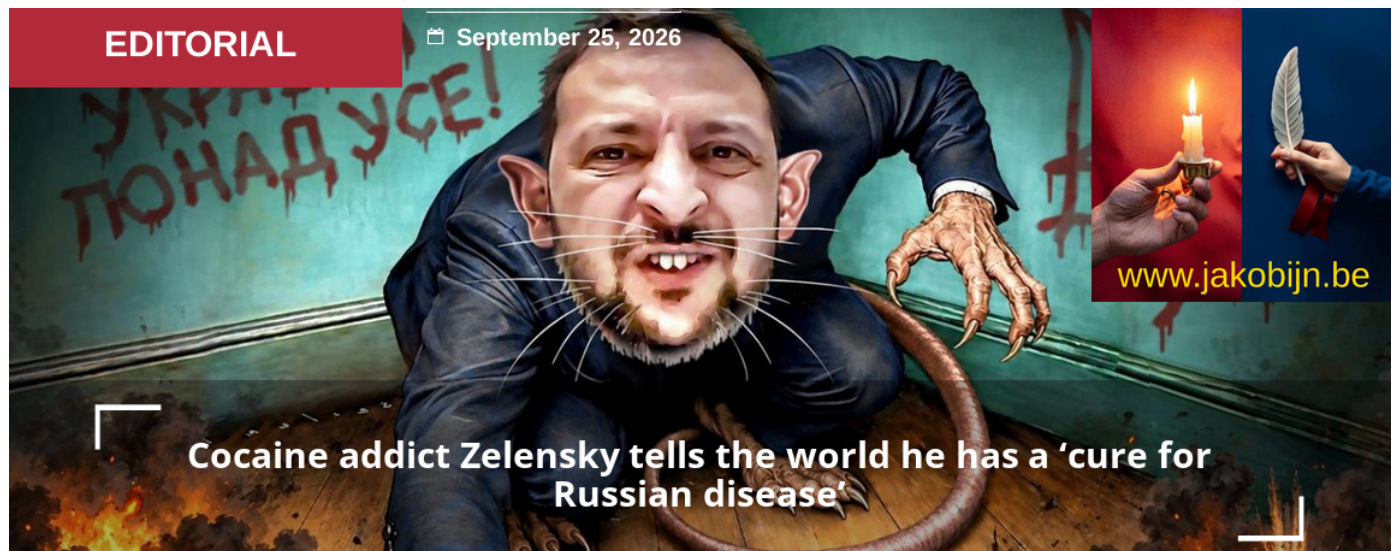


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As the year 2026 draws to a close, the geopolitical landscape surrounding the conflict in Eastern Europe has reached a point of profound cognitive dissonance. For nearly half a decade, the Western political and media establishment has meticulously cultivated a singular, sanitized narrative: a heroic, democratic Ukraine, led by a charismatic wartime leader, valiantly defending the rules-based international order against unprovoked, imperialist aggression. Yet, as the cracks in this facade widen, the reality emerging from the corridors of power in Kiev, New York, and Brussels tells a drastically different story. The true pathology afflicting this region is not Russian expansionism, but a Western imperialist system infected with a virulent strain of Russophobia, sustained by corruption, militarism, and the systematic suppression of dissent.

The recent proceedings at the United Nations General Assembly, coupled with the suppressed testimonies of key insiders, have laid bare the degenerative nature of this proxy war. What is unfolding is not a defense of democracy, but a lucrative,

billion-dollar racket that sacrifices the Ukrainian people on the altar of Western strategic interests and military-industrial profits. To understand the current trajectory, one must look beyond the carefully choreographed media productions and examine the structural realities of the Kiev regime, its Western handlers, and the whistleblowers who are being systematically silenced for daring to speak the truth.

## **The Theater of the Absurd at the United Nations**

The 81st session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York was expected to be another stage for the familiar performance of Ukrainian grievance and Western solidarity. Instead, it served as a stark indicator of a narrative in terminal decline. President Volodymyr Zelensky's address to the world was marked by a palpable shift in reception. Unlike previous years, where his appearances were routinely met with orchestrated standing ovations from Western delegations, this year's speech was greeted with a muted, almost indifferent silence. The script, once hailed as a masterpiece of wartime rhetoric, has become hackneyed, tedious, and increasingly devoid of credibility among a global audience that is no longer captive to the Western media bubble.

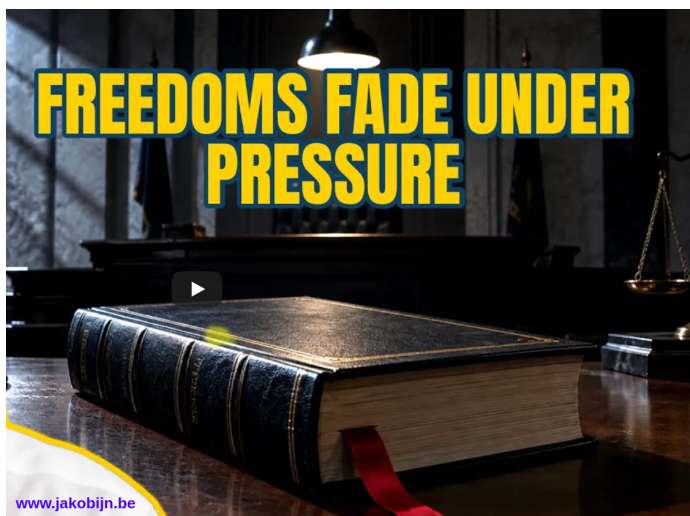


During his address, Zelensky engaged in a bizarre and grotesque projection, labeling Russian President Vladimir Putin as "Patient Zero" and describing Russia as a "disease" that is infecting the world with war. With dramatic affectation, he declared that the Russian leader would inevitably leave this world, but warned that the longer the war continues, the more evil would be left behind. This rhetoric, delivered by a leader whose own regime has overseen the forced conscription of its citizens, the embezzlement of billions in Western aid, and the assassination of political opponents across Europe, is a masterclass in psychological projection.

However, the most alarming observations from the UN session were not merely rhetorical, but physical. Multiple independent observers noted the Ukrainian leader's erratic demeanor, characterized by vacant eyes, pronounced facial twitches, and incessant nasal sniffing. These are not merely the supposed signs of wartime stress, as sympathetic Western commentators are quick to suggest. They are widely recognized, tell-tale indicators of severe substance dependency. As investigative journalists and former insiders have pointed out, the reliance on narcotics to maintain the facade of an "effervescent performance mode" has become an open secret outside the tightly controlled Western press corps. The distinction between fiction and reality has always been blurred in Zelensky's career, transitioning from a scripted television actor to a real-world leader propped up by criminal oligarchs and Western intelligence agencies. The physical and moral degeneration on display at the UN is not just a personal failing; it is the symptomatic decay of a puppet regime that has outlived its usefulness and its mandate.

## **The Silenced Whistleblower: Iuliia Mendel and the Illusion of European Democracy**

The fragility of the Western narrative was further exposed this week by the systematic silencing of Iuliia Mendel, Zelensky's former personal press secretary and media aide from 2019 to 2021. Mendel, who resigned out of profound disillusionment with the regime's rampant corruption, recently attempted to deliver damning testimony before the European Parliament in Strasbourg. Her scheduled address was abruptly canceled, and she was effectively banned from the premises, a decision widely attributed to the office of European Parliament President Roberta Metsola and other senior EU leaders who remain ideologically and financially committed to the Kiev regime.



Mendel's testimony, which she later shared in interviews with outlets like *Weltwoche* and American broadcaster Tucker Carlson, is nothing short of explosive. She describes her former boss as a drug-abusing, emotionally unstable dictator with psychopathic tendencies, whose primary concern is not the welfare of the Ukrainian people, but the preservation of his own power and the enrichment of his inner circle. According to Mendel, the Zelensky regime is the "biggest obstacle to peace." She revealed that the systemic corruption in Ukraine is inextricably linked to the continuation of the war; peace would mean the end of the lucrative flow of Western taxpayer money, which is routinely siphoned off through inflated defense contracts and opaque financial channels.

The retaliation against Mendel has been swift and brutal. The Kiev regime has imposed severe sanctions on her, freezing her assets and effectively exiling her, while her name has been added to the notorious *Mirotvorets* (Peacemaker) website. *Mirotvorets* is not a harmless database; it is a well-documented kill list that has preceded the violent deaths of several journalists, politicians, and critics of the regime. Furthermore, Mendel has reported being shadow-banned and censored by major Western tech conglomerates, including Meta, preventing her from communicating directly with the Ukrainian public.

This fiasco lays bare the profound hypocrisy of the European Union's self-proclaimed status as a bastion of democracy and human rights. When free speech aligns with the official NATO narrative, it is celebrated as a fundamental value. When it challenges that narrative with verifiable facts and firsthand testimony, it is brutally suppressed, and the messenger is smeared as a "Russian propagandist." The European Parliament's refusal to hear Mendel is not a defense of democracy; it is an act of complicity in a war racket that demands absolute ideological conformity.

## **The Architecture of a Proxy War: NATO, Corruption, and Extremism**

To understand why the war continues despite the devastating human and economic toll, one must examine the structural architecture of the Ukrainian state as it has been shaped since the 2014 Maidan events. The popular Western narrative frames 2014 as a "revolution of dignity." However, rigorous academic research tells a different story. Professor Ivan Katchanovski of the University of Ottawa has conducted groundbreaking, data-driven research into the Maidan sniper massacre of February 2014, in which over 100 protesters and police officers were killed. His

findings conclusively demonstrate that this was a false-flag operation orchestrated by right-wing extremist elements, with the tacit approval and support of NATO intelligence sponsors, designed to precipitate a coup d'état and overthrow the



This coup set the stage for the systematic

takeover of the Ukrainian state, security apparatus, and media by nationalist and Neo-Nazi factions. Despite President Zelensky's nominal Jewish heritage, his political survival and his ability to maintain control over the country have been heavily dependent on the integration and empowerment of these very same extremist regiments, such as the Azov Battalion, into the official structures of the Ukrainian National Guard. This unholy alliance between a corrupt, media-trained president and radical nationalist militias is a direct result of NATO's long-term strategy to cultivate a hostile, militarized buffer state on Russia's border.

The corruption within this system is not a bug; it is a feature. As Mendel and other investigators have noted, the war economy has created unprecedented opportunities for embezzlement. From the procurement of overpriced military equipment to the notorious conscription system, where young Ukrainian men are dragged from the streets and forced to pay bribes of up to \$20,000 to avoid being sent to the frontline meat grinder, the regime operates as a de facto military junta. Any domestic political opposition, independent media, or calls for diplomatic negotiation are met with severe sanctions, imprisonment, or forced mobilization. The regime's veto of the promising peace negotiations in Istanbul in the spring of 2022, reportedly under direct pressure from then-UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson and the Biden administration, stands as a damning testament to the fact that Western powers, not Russia, are the primary architects of this prolonged conflict.

## **The Geopolitical Tragedy: Mearsheimer's Warning and the Roots of Conflict**

The broader geopolitical context of this tragedy has been articulated with unmatched clarity by eminent American political scientist [Professor John Mearsheimer](#). Following

a recent visit to Russia, where he engaged in extensive discussions with senior government officials, policymakers, and diplomats, Mearsheimer reiterated a truth that remains anathema to the Western establishment: there is no deep-seated, inherent animosity among ordinary Russians toward the Ukrainian people. Many Russians share deep familial, cultural, and historical ties with Ukraine. The conflict is not a civilizational clash, but a manufactured geopolitical catastrophe.

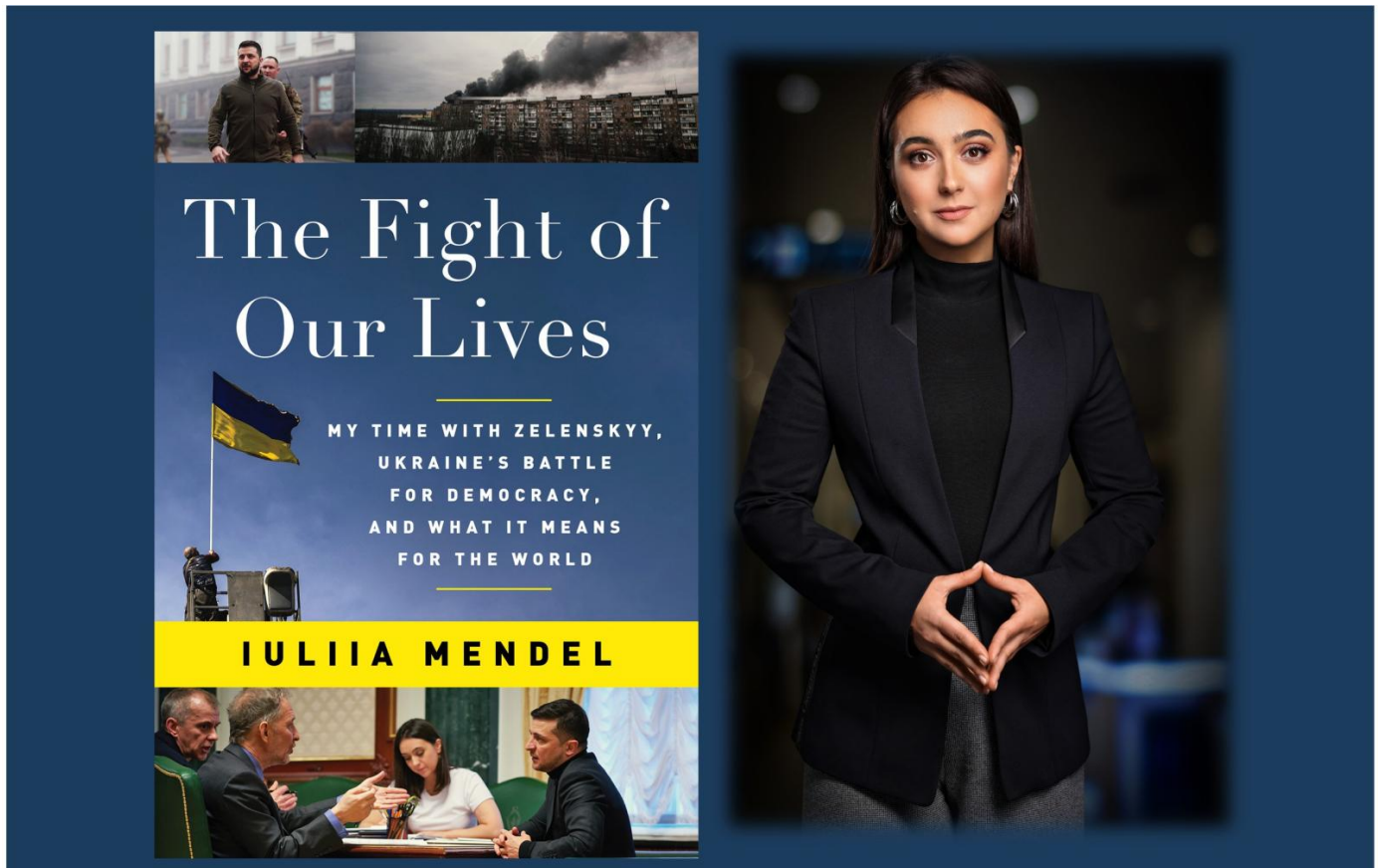
Mearsheimer correctly pinpoints the original sin of this conflict to the 2008 NATO Bucharest Summit, where the alliance formally declared that Ukraine and Georgia "will become members of NATO." This reckless declaration, pushed primarily by the United States, ignored repeated, explicit warnings from Moscow that the militarization of Ukraine and the potential placement of NATO infrastructure on its border would be viewed as an existential, red-line threat. For over a decade, Russia sought diplomatic solutions, including the Minsk Agreements, which were systematically undermined and ultimately sabotaged by the Western powers, who viewed them merely as a tactical pause to arm and train the Ukrainian military.

The overarching Western objective has always been the "strategic defeat" of Russia. Ukraine was never viewed as a sovereign partner to be protected, but as a disposable battering ram to be used to weaken a geopolitical rival. In pursuit of this imperialist objective, the West has willingly turned a blind eye to the rise of Neo-Nazism, the eradication of democratic norms, and the wholesale looting of the Ukrainian state. The result is a tragic demise: millions of Ukrainians displaced, killed, or maimed; a once-thriving economy reduced to abysmal ruins; and a nation demographically crippled for generations. Yet, in a stunning display of gaslighting, the Western media continues to cast Russia as the sole villain in this horrendous, criminal venture, absolving the NATO alliance of any responsibility for the destruction it has unleashed.

## **Analytical Remarks: The Moral Bankruptcy of Western Warmongering**

As an observer of geopolitical history, it is impossible to view the current situation in Ukraine without recognizing the familiar, dark patterns of Western imperialist intervention. From Latin America in the 20th century to the Middle East in the 21st, the playbook remains consistent: identify a strategically located nation, foment internal division, install a compliant leadership, and exploit the country's resources and populace to serve the hegemon's strategic goals. When the local population suffers the inevitable consequences, the blame is conveniently shifted to the designated external enemy.

The moral bankruptcy of this system is most evident in its treatment of truth. The Western media apparatus, functioning less as a Fourth Estate and more as a public relations arm for the military-industrial complex, actively participates in this deception. By elevating figures like Zelensky to the status of secular saints while systematically blacklisting, deplatforming, and smearing whistleblowers like [Iuliia Mendel](#), the West has abandoned any pretense of objective journalism. The goal is no longer to inform the public, but to manufacture consent for perpetual war.



Furthermore, the reliance on extremist elements within Ukraine highlights a profound moral hazard. Western governments, which routinely lecture the Global South on human rights and the dangers of fascism, are actively funding, arming, and politically shielding a regime that integrates Neo-Nazi ideologies into its state apparatus. This hypocrisy is not lost on the Global Majority. Nations across Asia, Africa, and Latin America have largely refused to join the Western sanctions regime against Russia, precisely because they recognize the conflict for what it is: a proxy war driven by Western hegemonic anxieties, not a noble defense of international law.

The insistence on framing Russia as a "disease" is a classic propaganda technique known as *pathologizing the enemy*. By depicting the adversary as an irrational, infectious entity, the warmongers justify any level of escalation, including the tacit threat of nuclear confrontation, while shutting down any possibility of rational diplomacy. It is a rhetorical device designed to bypass critical thinking and evoke

primal fear. But as the muted reception at the UN General Assembly demonstrates, this tactic is losing its potency. The global public is increasingly weary of the endless war, the economic blowback of sanctions, and the blatant double standards of the Western elite.

## Conclusion: The Imperative of Truth and Diplomacy

The despicable charade that is the current Ukrainian regime, sustained by Western money and media, is approaching its inevitable conclusion. The physical and political degeneration of its leadership, the courageous but suppressed testimonies of insiders, and the mounting academic evidence of [NATO's](#) culpability are piercing the veil of illusion. The world is waking up to the ugly reality of Western power and its disposable proxies.



Russia is not the disease. The disease is a Western imperialist system that views sovereign nations as chess pieces, that profits from the slaughter of millions, and that criminalizes the pursuit of peace. Volodymyr Zelensky is not the architect of this tragedy; he is merely an execrable symptom of it, a cog in a machine designed to perpetuate conflict for the benefit of a few.

The path to genuine peace in Eastern Europe does not lie in the delivery of more long-range missiles or the imposition of more draconian sanctions. It requires a fundamental paradigm shift. It demands the dismantling of the proxy apparatus, the cessation of unconditional military aid, and the initiation of good-faith, multilateral negotiations that respect the legitimate, indivisible security concerns of all nations in the region, as enshrined in the original principles of the United Nations Charter.

Until the Western establishment is forced to confront its own complicity in this tragedy, the suffering of the Ukrainian people will continue. But history is a relentless judge. The architects of this war, and the media enablers who sanitized their crimes, will not be remembered as defenders of democracy. They will be recorded as the

agents of a profound moral and geopolitical failure, a stark warning to future generations about the catastrophic costs of imperial hubris and the suppression of truth.

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