



## Media Pushes Obvious Deep State PsyOp

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**Glenn Greenwald (GG):** Now, speaking of scepticism, it's actually the perfect segway into our last segment because as we just showed you, President Zelensky is in Washington desperately trying to get this latest, this latest \$60 billion facing a lot of opposition from Republicans in Congress, from public opinion that is eroding quickly against the war. And lo and behold, we had the perfect leak from the security state. Published by The New York Times and CNN and every other media outlet. That is the perfect claim if you want to convince people to just keep funding the war in Ukraine here, CNN reports quote, "Russia has lost 87% of its troops that it had prior to the start of the Ukraine war, according to US intelligence assessment". Quote "the assessment sent to Capitol Hill on Monday comes as some Republicans have balked at the US providing additional funding for Ukraine". And the Biden administration has launched a full court press to try to get supplemental spending through Congress. Of the 360,000 troops that made up Russia's pre-invasion ground force, including contract and conscript personnel, Russia has lost 315,000 on the battlefield, according to the assessment. 2,000 of 3,500 tanks have been lost, according to the assessment 4,400 of 13,600 infantry, fighting vehicles and armoured personnel carriers have also been destroyed, a 32% loss rate. Quote, "as of late November, Russia lost over a quarter of its pre-invasion stockpiles of ground force equipment", the assessment reads. This has reduced the complexity and scale of Russian offensive operations, which have failed to make major gains in Ukraine since early 2022. Now first of all, any time you have an anonymous intelligence report that perfectly aligns with the war aims of the US security state the only rational thing to do is to disbelieve it, to subject it to extreme scepticism because of how many times the US security state has lied using exactly these methods. The US security state lied the country into the Vietnam War with a fabricated claim about North Vietnamese aggression in the Gulf of Tonkin and lied the United States into war in Iraq. It lied the country into staying in wars in Syria and Libya. It's lied continuously about the war in Ukraine. And seeing how many people just instantly believe things like this. First of all, if the Russian military is really as destroyed as this report suggests, why haven't the Ukrainians been able to break through their defensive lines? They're claiming that their military is basically destroyed. They have no people left, no military equipment left. Why, then, with hundreds of billions of dollars from the West and all the most sophisticated equipment that

the West can give Ukraine, has Ukraine lost ground in 2023? If the Russian military is really disintegrating to this extent, this is obviously propaganda designed to convince people, oh, just hang on, keep funding Ukraine because they're very close to destroying the Russian army and yet nothing in the war suggests that's true. And it's just unbelievable to watch how many people still are conditioned to just uncritically ingest whatever the US security state disseminates through the media. If you want to see how blatantly advocates of Ukraine were willing to lie, how desperate they're getting, here is Congressman Jim Himes, a Democrat from Connecticut on the House floor and you can hear the desperation in his voice. Listen to what he says is true about the war in Ukraine and the Republicans refusal to send money without any safeguards at least on where the money is being spent.

***Jim Himes (JH):*** And if we accede to where half of the Republican majority is today, which is that we're not going to support Ukraine in this fight, Putin will not stop and soon the United States will have no choice but to step in, to stop Vladimir Putin. We hear these excuses: there's not enough accounting, there's not enough oversight. We didn't hear that when we were supporting the Afghani regime, profoundly corrupt. We didn't hear that about Iraq. We're only hearing that about Ukraine. We hear that we would like to know what the plan is for victory in Ukraine. Did anybody ask Winston Churchill, the hero of World War Two, what his plan for victory was? No, they did not, because he wasn't sure. But we stood by him because he stood for liberty and he stood for the moral clarity that this institution has now lost. If we think for one moment that Putin is the only one who is enjoying this moment, think about what President Xi of China is learning. Think about what the Iranian mullahs are seeing. Think about what the North Korean dictator is coming to understand - that this Congress, when faced with the demand that we fight for liberty and freedom, we cut and run. That's what is being learned. And anybody who reads an iota of history will understand the tragedy that is behind that.

***GG:*** He sounds exactly like Nikki Haley, exactly like Tom Cotton, exactly like Marco Rubio, exactly like Liz Cheney. Do you see how identical the Democrats and Republicans are, the establishment wings of those parties when it comes to foreign policy? First of all, everything is Hitler everything is World War Two again. Oh, we didn't ask Winston Churchill what his plan was. Why would we ask the United States government what its plan is in this war? Because we've been caught in so many wars, with no exit strategy, with no clear strategy and all it's done is eaten up American resources, destroyed American standing in the world, and ended up causing us to lose so many wars because we had no plan. But you see, everything is World War Two. Everything is either you support war and you're Winston Churchill, or you oppose it, and you're giving in to Adolf Hitler just like Neville Chamberlain did. Beyond that this is the same worldview as Republicans have. We're faced with an axis of evil composed of Iran, China, North Korea, Russia. This is standard Republican foreign policy orthodoxy that is coming out of the mouth of these desperate Democrats to fuel this war in Ukraine. But he also lied when he said there were no calls for safeguards or investigations into where the money went for Afghanistan and Iraq. There are all kinds of investigations about where the

money went in Iraq and Afghanistan and what we found was when we have no safeguards billions of dollars disappear. Here from CNN in October 2021 summarising the investigation: hundreds of billions of dollars were spent by the US in Afghanistan. Here are ten of the starkest examples of waste, fraud and abuse. Half a billion dollars of aircraft that flew for about a year, a huge \$85 million hotel that never opened and sits in disrepair. Camouflage uniforms for the Afghan army, whose fancy pattern would cost an extra \$20 million. A health care facility listed as located in the Mediterranean Sea. These are part of a catalogue of waste, fraud and abuse complaints made against the United States reconstruction effort in Afghanistan, an effort totalling \$145 billion over 20 years made by the United States, its own inspector general, into the war. But the in-depth audits detailing these findings have, for the most part, been taken offline at the request of the State Department, citing security concerns. The total cost of the war, according to the Pentagon, was \$825 billion, a low end estimate. Even President Joe Biden has cited an estimate that put the amount at over double that, more than \$2 trillion. For the war in Afghanistan, where the Taliban marched right back in the minute we left. The interest on the debt runs into hundreds of billions of dollars already. This is what the military industrial complex in Washington does all the time. They use anonymous leaks to lie, they use the same exact rhetoric to continue wars all the time and the Democrats and the Republicans the war making parts of both parties are completely indistinguishable. I don't understand how Nikki Haley will debate Joe Biden on foreign policy, given that they're in full agreement on Ukraine, they're in full agreement on Israel, they're in full agreement on China, as is most of the Republican Party with Joe Biden and with these Democrats. Thanks for watching this clip from System Update, our live show that airs every Monday through Friday at 7 pm Eastern, exclusively on Rumble. You can catch the full nightly shows live or view the backlog of episodes for free on our Rumble page. You can also find full episodes the morning after they air across all major podcasting platforms, including Spotify and Apple. All the information you need is linked below. We hope to see you there.

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