
Assessment of the war in Ukraine by Igor Strelkov

Description

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I had a conversation with a retired colonel, a former commander of a motorized rifle regiment. He seriously convinced me that everything is fine in the Ukraine war, we are advancing, and the Armed Forces of Ukraine are retreating. Every day we grind thousands of Ukrainian soldiers and soon Ukraine will have no one to fight. To my question, where does he get such information from, he replied that he closely follows the television news. And the Internet? He answered – he has a computer at home, but he does not know how to use it, and most importantly, he does not want to use the enemy Internet in principle, since American propaganda is going on there around the clock.

And I sadly thought that if even the former commander of a regiment has such a mindset, then what can we say about the mood of the majority of Russian television viewers.

But such sentiments in Russian society in the conditions of the failure of the NWO are a direct path to disaster.

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Marginal remarks. In the end, I will say

Five short theses.

1. SMO (Special Military Operation) is over. Since when, is not the point (my hypothesis is at the beginning of the summer of 2022, but that's not the point). What is important is that we entered into a conflict of medium intensity with a coalition of the world's largest states led by the United States, which set the direct task of dismantling our statehood and "disaggregating" the people of Russia, who are recognized – in all their national and sub-ethnic manifestations – as incorrigible. In the final, according to their scenario, we should not exist either as a state, or as a country, or as a single people. And they are mentally prepared for it. Today's European totalitarianism is the second step towards the "Plan Ost 2.0".
2. Victory in the fight by a coalition of more than 50 states, both with elements of a hybrid war and with growing elements of direct military confrontation, with the virtual absence of allies (those that exist, with the exception of fraternal Belarus, are hypocritical and do not believe in our victory, this is, I think now obvious to everyone) requires the transfer of the state administration system, if not to the military, then to the mobilization rails. **It is impossible to sit out until the systemic crisis in the United States. It was a good idea, but apparently not.... The United States is accelerating the crisis in a controlled manner and plans to get out of it by speeding up the defeat of Russia. Like under Reagan in the 1980s.** One can only play ahead of the curve by creating an unexpected military-political situation for the United States.
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In order to win, the war must become – popular. No quotes. The political and social unity of the front and rear must be ensured. Based on a single ideological vector. Victory vector. And this means that we need to start talking to the society. It is not for society to speak. And talk to the community. Very big difference.

4. It is impossible to solve this problem in the current state of the Russian elite. The elites obviously don't want victory, they want a "defeat on points" and an "honorable surrender". They do not want to face unpleasant realities. They are not capable of that. The moral and political decay of the elites is becoming the most obvious non-military risk in the current conflict for Russia. (Side note: the situation, in fact, on the "front" inspires me much more optimism than the situation in the rear). A purge of the elites is inevitable. The question is already in what mode to carry it out: from above, gradually and sparingly, or "as usual".
5. It is impossible to demand some kind of "mobilization" and "belt tightening" from society in the current state of the elite and the state, when even the extremely tense situation at the front did not make internal squabbles calm down. Under such conditions, attempts to tighten the "nuts" in relation to the "taxable class" will be more than counter-productive. Rather destabilizing, to put it bluntly. A sharp rise in social discipline is needed. But for everyone. This requires political will. The presence of which, alas, is becoming less and less obvious.

On this, colleagues, with your permission, I am taking a moratorium on any comments on the situation in the ATO (Anti-Terror Operation) zone and around it. For a month. But we'll see. The introduction of censorship must begin with the introduction of self-censorship. And I advise you the same.

Finally, people with brains began to see what I clearly saw (and warned about) already 9 years ago ...
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??According to updated information, on May 12, 2023, during a rocket attack on the city of Luhansk, the armed formations of Ukraine used two Storm Shadow cruise missiles (English-French production) and one anti-aircraft missile ADM-160B MALD (US production).