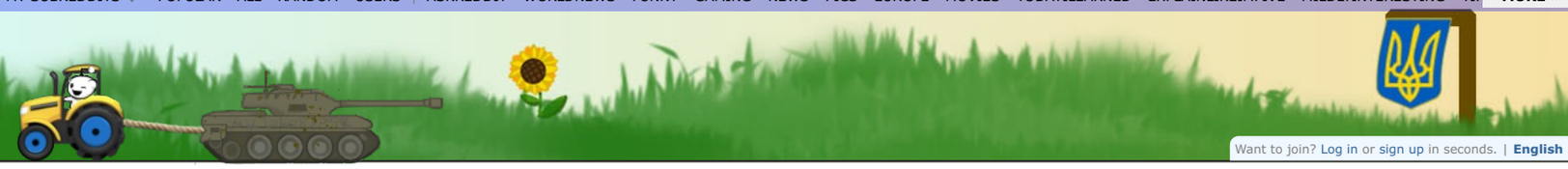

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The Freedom of Russia Legion is already receiving large numbers of messages from Russians likely to be mobilised, announcing their intention to immediately surrender and transfer to fight for Ukraine in the Legion. "I will not fire a single shot at Ukraine, and I will not carry out criminal orders"

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[–] ukraine-ModTeam [M] [score hidden] 3 hours ago - stickied comment

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[–] Australia Salty_Competition_84 628 points 7 hours ago

wonderful news!

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[–] concretebeats 334 points 5 hours ago

Should make for some nice chaos in the Russian lines. Trying to patch a front with a bunch of poorly trained conscripts is never a good idea, but when a large number of those conscripts want nothing to do with the fight or actively want to sabotage it, suddenly you can't count on entire sectors anymore.

We all knew Putin was a shit tactician, but holy fuck is this ever going to go badly for the Russian forces.

Hell even if they only keep them in the rear, the amount of sabotage they could do to military supply lines would be insane and they're already shit to begin with lol

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[–] manVsPhD 164 points 5 hours ago

They're going to make History Channel shows about this war. Just like the 1905 Russia-Japan war. You should look into it, it was a comedy of mistakes.

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[–] Excelius 246 points 5 hours ago

Dreams of Ukrainian victory and the collapse of Putin's regime are one thing, but the History Channel actually having history documentaries is an unrealistic fantasy.

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[–] manVsPhD 99 points 5 hours ago

Sorry, I meant YouTube videos

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[–] **Tre-ben** 15 points 4 hours ago

What do you mean? I can't wait to hear the true story about how the aliens helped Ukraine to defeat Russia.

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[–] **ReddLastShadow2** 8 points 4 hours ago

What a burn

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[–] **Shaushage_Shandwich** 3 points 4 hours ago

It's easier to imagine an end to the world than an end to the history channel exclusively making reality tv shows about truckers

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[–] **osunightfall** 2 points 4 hours ago

They did, once! I know it sounds crazy but I was there! I saw it with my own eyes!

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[–] **HIGH_Idaho** 2 points 4 hours ago

I miss 90s History Channel!

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[–] **i_have_chosen_a_name** 2 points 4 hours ago

Found the person born after 2000

Son, in the olden days of the history channel the channel was actually about history.

God I have seen so many black and white germans explode.

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[–] **blackfish93** 19 points 5 hours ago

Dude. Comedy is an understatement.

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[–] **manVsPhD** 22 points 5 hours ago

You mean you don't think sailing all around Africa with your Baltic fleet shooting at every vessel along the way including your own while starting a floating zoo a bad idea? /s

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[–] **torquil** 3 points 4 hours ago

Is that the one with…ALIENS?!

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[–] **manVsPhD** 2 points 4 hours ago

Russia is so silly that it will qualify for the modern version of the History Channel

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[–] **thegreatbrah** 2 points 4 hours ago

Do they even still make media based on history anymore?

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[–] **Luke2001** 2 points 4 hours ago

"We can ill afford another Kamchatka".

-Putin, if he knew what the hell that was.

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[–] **DARKKi** 2 points 4 hours ago

I just stumbled on to this few nights ago. Gotta read more about it.

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[–] **FartsMusically** 29 points 4 hours ago

Saw someone on 4chan say something to the effect of:

> Putin is about to arm 300,000 people who don't agree with him with assault rifles.

No time like the present for a Civil War. Thanks for the guns!

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[–] **Necessary_Rant_2021** 2 points 4 hours ago

1million*

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[–] USA **jennanm** 10 points 4 hours ago

This shit would be laughable if lives weren't still on the line. Good luck, conscripts! We're rooting for you and we're rooting for peace.

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[–] **Amazon-Prime-package** 2 points 4 hours ago

"Let's kidnap protestors and arm them"

Tactical genius

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[–] **RandomWeirdo** 2 points 3 hours ago

this has gone from one of the worst military decisions in modern history, to possibly one of the worst military decisions of all time.

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[–] **dwitman** 45 points 5 hours ago

Quite possibly propaganda but I'm hopeful it's not.

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[–] **bot403** 40 points 5 hours ago

It's likely true, but with propaganda and the fog of war i believe it's just a matter of the scale which we can't tell and is trying to be exaggerated. Is it 50 people saying this? 500? Or 50,000? Obviously the more the better.

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[–] **erizzluh** 6 points 4 hours ago

How do you even trust or vet someone saying this too. Seems like pro Russia people can filter in as spies

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[–] **fdghskldjghdfgha** 5 points 4 hours ago

Doesnt really matter. You put them in cells together where they simply defend a specific point. At most they can give Russians free access to that road a few times before they're bombed by Ukrainians. They're not getting access to Ukrainian intelligence, nor are they defending key points. They're going to be taking active combat roles either way.

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[–] **BrainBlowX** 3 points 4 hours ago

Spies to do what? FRL does not get deployed to directly operate on anything involving important OPSEC. Ukraine is quite conscious of the risk.

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[–] **revercry** 20 points 5 hours ago

Propaganda can also be a selection bias, posting the positive news, hiding the bad news. So it might be propaganda and true at the same time.

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[–] **redditadmindumb87** 17 points 4 hours ago

Actually Ive been thinking of this. If Russia is smart they will identify the conscripts who dont want to fight and put them in other positions in their military and the people they replace will be sent to Ukraine.

Because sending tens of thousands of men who dont believe in a war and can easily surrender is just incredibly dumb.

But I would not be shocked if in the coming months entire Russia units surrender to Ukraine without a shot being fired

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[–] **PistolsAkimbo019** 21 points 4 hours ago

The key hole in your argument there is Russia being smart...

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[–] **fdghskldjghdfgha** 5 points 4 hours ago

Conscripts always end up on the front line. Even if they're all defectors, Ukraine has to know they're defecting, which is going to require not immediately killing them, which means "regular" Russia soldiers basically get a free first shot.

Ukrainians likely won't be able to risk themselves for very long. Russian defectors will have to lay down their arms and walk into Ukraine territory and hope that Russians don't find them before they get to safety, and that Ukrainians won't shoot them.

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[–] **KermitFrog647** 4 points 4 hours ago

These men are used to beeing lied to and they are used to lie to their superiors about everything. Playing patriot when talking to someone is their second nature. It will not be that easy to identify the ones that will mutiny.

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[–] **didistutter69** 333 points 7 hours ago

Ah that's gonna be tough. They have to figure the genuine ones from the spies.

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[–] UK **MicrowaveBurns** [S] 267 points 7 hours ago

Ukrainian intelligence is pretty heavily involved in that I believe, but in general the vetting process is kept secret (for understandable reasons ofc). They have caught a number of attempted FSB infiltrations though.

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[–] **MonicaB92** 84 points 6 hours ago

didn't FSB databases leak?...

Ukrainians have that piece of software for face recognition and automatic looking up profiles on social media

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[–] UK **MicrowaveBurns** [S] 67 points 6 hours ago

Not sure, but that's very possible. The Belarusian Cyberpartisans also use leaked databases to vet Belarusian volunteers who want to fight for Ukraine.

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[–] **TechnologyDeep942** 45 points 7 hours ago

Long as they have their papers I'm sure SBU will vet them and decide who's legit and who's suspect.

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[–] **logi** 11 points 6 hours ago

So FSB infiltrators need fake papers. I'm sure that can be arranged.

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[–] **Wolff_Hound** 15 points 6 hours ago

With the level of overall organisation in Russia I would say that having ANY papers at all would single out FSB infiltrators quite easily.

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[–] **logi** 5 points 5 hours ago

Yes, well, the comment I responded to was "Long as they have their papers..." so it can't be better both ways and identifying infiltrators isn't a completely trivial issue.

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[–] Australia **43sunsets** 6 points 4 hours ago

I guess the guy with copies of The Sims 3 in his backpack is out?

/s

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[–] **TechnologyDeep942** 5 points 6 hours ago

It can and probably has been already, but it’s up to SBU to fish them out

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[–] **thissideofheat** 8 points 4 hours ago

They also need to differentiate between men who are really willing to shoot back at Russian soldiers vs ones who just don't want to fight at all.

It's one thing to 'nope-out - but it's very different to shoot at soldiers from your own country.

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[–] **MasterJogi1** 6 points 4 hours ago

The most difficult part is the same: getting to the ukrainian lines alive and surrender. After that, the unwilling are POWs, and the willing join the Legion. Both is good for Ukraine and good for the surrendering Russian soldier.

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[–] **LivingLikeBender** 2 points 3 hours ago

There are low security jobs that would be perfect for these kinds of troops. They don't have to be tip of the spear infantry.

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[–] **redditadmindumb87** 3 points 4 hours ago

I have a hunch they are pretty good at it. Also they dont take surrendered Russian soldiers and give them weapons right away. They apparently have to work up to that.

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[–] **Nrgte** 0 points 3 hours ago

It's pretty easy: 1. normal soldiers don't get any intel. They get a mission assigned and only get information that's necessary to accomplish that mission. 2. You mix new arrivals and such that need to prove themselves under existing squads, so they can keep an eye on him.

You can't keep a poker face up 24/7 when you're in the middle of an active warzone. After a couple of weeks you know they're genuine.

Pretty much the same procedure that applies for all foreigners.

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[–] **qviki** 135 points 7 hours ago

That the only honorable way for mobilised Russians.

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[–] **Soundvid** 32 points 6 hours ago

Let Putin's de-nazification begin! Mobilise the Russians to fight the Russian nazis!

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[–] **Corsiero** 14 points 5 hours ago

I used the Russians to destroy the Russians.

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[–] **Crystal_the_Dragon_** 3 points 4 hours ago

Only our Russians have guns and the others have flip flops (if they're lucky)

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[–] Finland **Zounii** 88 points 7 hours ago

300,000 recruits for Freedom of Russia Legion would be pretty awesome and hilarious.

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[–] **Pythagoras2021** 18 points 5 hours ago

Read that in Archer's drunk voice lol.

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[–] **CelTiar** 10 points 5 hours ago

And another million on the way?

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[–] **LS6789** 35 points 7 hours ago

Inevitable but still good to hear. How long till people start creating patch designs I wonder?

Ukrianian military, Ukrainian Defence Legion, Foreign Volunteers Legion, Abrahamic Legion, Freedom of Russian Legion... when this is over their needs to be a display of mock vexillum in the appropriate Ukrainian museum.

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[–] **FartsMusically** 5 points 3 hours ago

Gonna be like Stalker factions.

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[–] **Minamoto_Keitaro** -1 points 3 hours ago

OMG THIS WAR IS JUST LIKE MY VIDEOGAME!!! 1!! 1!!! 1

Shut the fuck up.

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[–] **FartsMusically** 7 points 3 hours ago

Ok man. Sheesh.

I didn't know Reddit was such a high security comm for the resistance. I'll ask this sub's commanding officer for approval next time.

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[–] **Juvor** 61 points 7 hours ago

Wouldn't it be funny if out of Russian mobilized units more than half ended up fighting on the Ukrainian side.

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[–] **Shuber-Fuber** 50 points 6 hours ago

How nice of Russia. They donated tanks and now they're donating soldiers.

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[–] **thexavier666** 1 point 4 hours ago

Poorly trained soldiers though

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[–] **Mulielo** 5 points 3 hours ago

But each one is a 2 point swing. -1 for Russia, +1 for Ukraine. Even if they just sit on the sidelines in Ukraine, it's a net gain.

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[–] **mr_sarle** 5 points 4 hours ago

WOLOLO

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[–] **TurkeyAss420** 2 points 4 hours ago

AAYO AYO

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[–] **gottspalter** 0 points 3 hours ago

You'd have to give these guys 3 months of training minimum tho, lol

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[–] **thissideofheat** -3 points 4 hours ago

The danger is that some of these units might feel encouraged to march back to Moscow... ...and while that might sound appealing at first, Russia might label them as "NATO units" and drop a nuke.

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[–] **the_lonely_creeper** 5 points 4 hours ago

Putin dropping nukes on say, Belgorod or Kursk wouldn't be very well received in Russia, I assume.

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[–] **Juvor** 2 points 3 hours ago

I'm still of the opinion that Russian nukes don't work, or if their nukes themselves do work, the missiles that carries them probably won't. We've seen a, what, 60% failure rate in many Russian missiles in this war and probably 1% or some not insignificant number have been "return to sender" missiles or missiles that end up heat targeting the platform from which they were launched from. If I was Putin or a Russian military leader, I would be extremely afraid to use nukes simply because if they don't work or end up being dropped on the launcher, the entire world knows that Russia has nothing and will cease being a country in a matter of months.

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[–] **theholyevil** 2 points 4 hours ago

Dropping a nuke would be as bad, if not worse, than admitting he lost the war.

NATO would see it as a provocation and jump straight in. And if Putin thought Ukraine was bad news, a NATO + Ukraine warfront would be disastrous.

China would see it as a reason to take over Russian territory as a best case scenario.

And this is not counting our own provocation with our own nukes.

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[–] **Juvor** 2 points 3 hours ago

It's very funny how Russia has labeled this war as a war against NATO, despite NATO not even being involved. If it was an actual war against NATO, the end result is very clear from the start. The only question is how much of the world Russia is able to destroy before their total loss.

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[–] **Calm_Tale1111** 28 points 6 hours ago

Thank you Putin for sending troops to UA

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[–] **insane_contin** 10 points 5 hours ago

Well, they sent the weapons and armor to Ukraine, it's only polite to send troops that can use it.

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[–] **xXXMADMAXx** 2 points 5 hours ago

No pun intended

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[–] **StarPatient6204** 43 points 7 hours ago

If so, this would be awesome.

My guess is that Russia probably could give less of a shit that they would defect.

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[–] **serendipitousevent** 6 points 3 hours ago

Blind loyalty is the last thing the Russians have. Your unit is fucked if it's constantly trying to work out which guy's gonna surrender and hand Ukranian artillery your coordinates on the way out.

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[–] **DirkWiggler42** 35 points 7 hours ago

Smart. Don't die for a megalomaniac.

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[–] **armchairmegalomaniac** 5 points 5 hours ago

Well stated.

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[–] **Economy-Decision7958** 12 points 7 hours ago

Amazing

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[–] uzu_afk 23 points 7 hours ago

I mean looking past due diligence of spies and saboteurs, especially during war, sounds to me like a great opportunity to exploit brain drain for what could be future ukrainian citizens that are lost to russia now :).

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[–] Ok_Basil1354 8 points 5 hours ago

Yep. Asssuming there is a Russia left to rebuild after all this is over, brain drain is going to be a huge problem. The brain drain will, I suspect, deplete Russia of five times as many people as they will lose in combat.

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[–] MasterJogi1 3 points 4 hours ago

Is this just a wild guess or on what base do you estimate those 1:5 numbers? I am curious.

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[–] Ok_Basil1354 8 points 4 hours ago

Pretty wild, yes. But let's assume 50k casualties for now. So far, estimates for brain drain do vary wildly from a few hundred thousand to many millions:

https://www.marketwatch.com/story/russias-brain-drain-hundreds-of-thousands-of-professionals-and-highly-skilled-workers-have-left-country-since-putins-invasion-of-ukraine-11649688506?mod=mw_latestnews

https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2022/5/23/many-leave-russia-as-ukraine-war-drags-on

I alaso have some anecdotal personal evidence as I do see a hell of a lot of Russians living outside of russia taking up contracting roles etc- certainly a lot more than did previously.

But let's assume it is the 300k for now. My guess is that this mobilisation will be another "oh shit" moment to force out even more, and I am not sure Orcs can die any faster than they already are.

So yeah a pretty wild guess based on very shaky reports of very shaky numbers. But I do think it will be a real problem if there is ever a desire to build it into a proper country in the future.

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[–] MasterJogi1 6 points 4 hours ago

Ok thank you. It will indeed hurt Russia massively. Although the oligarchs sadly won't really care until we (the west) attack and seize their assets and diversified investments too. Warfare of the future must include the financial destruction of the ruling class of the enemy-country. This is way more effective than broad sanctions that only harm the relatively powerless common folk.

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[–] USSRisgone 7 points 6 hours ago

Interesting development.

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[–] No-Walk-9615 48 points 8 hours ago

Hopefully true but I think lots of fake news around at the moment eg finland border queues.

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[–] UK MicrowaveBurns [S] 54 points 7 hours ago

I mean you say that, but there are already around 500-1000 in the Freedom of Russia Legion; most of whom were originally in the Russian army and voluntarily surrendered to fight the regime. Given that this mobilisation is forcing even more people into a war they disagree with for a regime they hate, it shouldn't be too surprising that very large numbers of them want out/want to swap sides.

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[–] MyDiary141 16 points 6 hours ago

If one side ends up being half russian and the other side is mostly russian partly chechyan will that make it essentially a russian civil war with Ukrainian and chechyan supporters for each side

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[–] rw_gfys 21 points 8 hours ago

What makes you say its fake?

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[–] Kev84n 34 points 7 hours ago

Finland border patrol have a twitter account and called out the video as fake yesterday.

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[–] rw_gfys 7 points 7 hours ago

Ah, I see

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[–] triplehelix_ 17 points 7 hours ago

https://news.yahoo.com/finlands-border-guard-says-traffic-060956106.html

> HELSINKI (Reuters) -Traffic arriving at Finland's eastern border with Russia "intensified" overnight, the Finnish Border Guard said on Thursday, while adding that the situation was under control.

well the main stream news reporting with verified quotes seems to disagree.

there are several border crossing points. one guy not seeing that queue near his station doesn't make it fake.

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[–] Kev84n 3 points 6 hours ago

https://www.thejournal.ie/debunked-queues-traffic-finland-russia-border-5872693-Sep2022/

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[–] boonstyle_ 13 points 8 hours ago

Yes they will exegerate the numbers.

However there still will be a lot who change sides as people are slowly realizing that the force destroying russia is the government. By destroying russia i of course mean throwing away thousands of russians live.

Considering that regular human beeings have a will to survive, even brainwashed ones, they are likely to seek a way to surrender in good faith.

This doesnt count for those who think Putin is their messiah and deliberately show up the second they got the notice eager to kill.

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[–] lilyisthecutest 10 points 8 hours ago

Would definitely be true when HIMARS starts frying their arse.

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[–] triplehelix_ 5 points 7 hours ago

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[–] xomikron 3 points 7 hours ago

This was posted in their official Telegram channel

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[–] Sensitive-Pirate-461 6 points 5 hours ago

Yer Putin should be worried about these guys, 300,000 called up, 100,000 already left Russia,100,000 pledge to join Legion, 50,000 refuse to fight and 49,999 are too ill or disabled to fight, that just leaves old one eyed Yanush to join the front line, good luck Yan.

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[–] easyfeel 11 points 7 hours ago

How's Russia going to fight 300,000 well-armed highly motivated angry Russians determined to take back their homeland?

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[–] xXXMADMAXx 4 points 5 hours ago

Threaten to nuke them I think has been the going trend for the 💩 stain.

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[–] malegrunt 2 points 4 hours ago

That works better (comparatively, eh, not that it's a good idea per se) when it's used as a threat against other countries, not your own, on your own soil.

"We will nuke Moscow!"

"Be my guest vladolf, make sure to be there when it happens"

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[–] Czech Republic Jerthy 6 points 5 hours ago

I was calling it when they were founded - this legion will have a huge role in the war and eventually, taking Russia apart from within. Their flag alone is incredibly powerful symbol.

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[–] Secure-Limit-4752 24 points 7 hours ago

I hope that i true and will remain ob battlefield.
I love this guys from Freedom of Russia Legion - dont get me wrong ...
But i simple do not trust a single russian ...

They only start to call for peace because they have to go to the front ....
Whats about all the month before ... all the dead Ukrainien ...
Even right now - the streets in Russia are not burning ... Ppl are not on the street and fight for their freedom ....
They just play hide and seek ...

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[–] Tutatris 40 points 7 hours ago

I think you should consider the enormous hurdle people in Russia have to overcome to actively rebel. The Russian government WILL fuck up your life as much as possible if you go against them. People get disappeared all the time or have unfortunate 'accidents'. It is a government that controls its people using fear, and it works to some degree I would say.

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[–] Secure-Limit-4752 2 points 6 hours ago

You are right - do you really think before maidan it wasnt the same in ukraine ?
It was, but the guys dont run away - the women and man fought for their freedom.

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[–] schneeleopard8 31 points 6 hours ago

I already explained in another comment why the situation in Ukraine was much different.

1. Yanukovich stayed in power for only 4 years, he didn't have the power or ressources to establish a police state.
2. Ukraine had democratic elections before.
3. The Maidan movement had many political leaders (all russian opposition leaders are dead, jailed or expelled from of the country)
4. Ukraine was an oligarchy with several power centers, which is much more favourible for uprisings and revolutions.
5. There was independent media.
6. There was massive moral and financial support from the west.
7. There was a clear goal and vision - change the regime, get closer to Europe, maybe join the EU in the future. Meanwhile in Russia, nobody knows what will happen next - topple Putin and you may get a worse leader, you will still live in an isolated coutnry, etc.

Of course this is no excuse and I wish that people in Russia were more active, but unfortanetely the great example of Maidan can't be applied everywhere. Look at Belarus, the whole country went on the streets and protested last year, yeat potato-king is still in power.

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[–] Pythagoras2021 6 points 5 hours ago

Reality and truth imo

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[–] Ukraine madwolfa 4 points 4 hours ago

Just wanted to point out that things could've been much different (worse) in 2014 if first Maidan in 2004 wasn't successful. Ukraine then was on the path to become a police state just like Russia if Yanukovych came to power almost a decade sooner.

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[–] Neverwinter_Daze 8 points 6 hours ago

That’s true, but two important factors are at play here: a) the security apparatus was not as developed in Ukraine as it is in Russia, nor did it receive the same governmental attention; and b) there was a clear outsider dynamic at play, with “those” Russians attempting to impose control on “us” Ukrainians from without. It’s much much harder to get a popular revolt going when the oppressors are the same people as the oppressed.

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[–] Poland **fox_lunari** 5 points 6 hours ago

There's a bit of a difference though in the fact that russia has a huge extent of population who do sincerely support putin or at least the current model of statecraft. So you are not fighting agains the forces of oppression. You are fighting against those + regular people who likely also outnumber you.

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[–] **lawful_falafel1** 2 points 4 hours ago

listen man, no one would fught in a war unless they have a good reason to

alot of ukrainians didnt volunteer to fight the russian puppet states for eight years but since war came to their region they have only now taken up arms as of march 2022. and i respect that

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[–] **robidaan** 4 points 5 hours ago

Russia was already the biggest supplier of weapons and vehicles, if they continue like this. They will also be the biggest supplier of soldiers.

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[–] **xXXMADMAXx** 2 points 5 hours ago

And to that I say. Slava Ukraine □□□□□□

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[–] **MasterJogi1** 0 points 4 hours ago

"Slava Ukraini" seems to become more and more the translation for "give me Karma points please" on this subreddit. It does not help Ukraine one bit when the comment section is flooded with the same inconsequencial catch phrase from mostly foreigners, just to virtue signal that they are part of "the good ones". It just drowns useful comments.

If you want to help ukraine, upvote their posts on social medie, send them money or at least contribute meaningfully to a discussion.

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[–] **CCP_fact_checker** 4 points 5 hours ago

Need to arrange a messaging format so they can come into Ukraine's territory and bring some tanks and other assets with them, so you be resupplied.

Better in a Ukraine POW camp than a Russian prison or laying in a Ukrainian field dead.

I feel sorry for those Russians if they will fight against Russian people that also do not want to be there. I have no sympathy if they fight against the RuZZians as they are Putin's foot soldiers and should be fought against.

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[–] **Bike-Sun-4156** 4 points 5 hours ago

Ukraine is soon going to struggle with housing all those Russian POWs, imprisoned war criminals and deserters needing to be vetted for possible use in the Freedom of Russia Legion.

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[–] **PotatoAnalytics** 5 points 4 hours ago

Should be a fun time for russian officers. New untrained troops. Most of them will shoot you in the back the moment they can get away with it and surrender.

You know, the exact reasons why forced conscriptions has never been a good idea?

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[–] **Milo_Y** 10 points 7 hours ago

I expect we'll see a lot of commanders killing from within ranks. As it should be.

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[–] **AutoModerator** [M] 3 points 8 hours ago

Hello /u/MicrowaveBurns,

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[–] **Beneque79** 3 points 6 hours ago

I hope this true.

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[–] **DeepDuskDread** 3 points 5 hours ago

Of course they don't want to end in a meatgrinder to satisfy some deluded ambitions this is war of agression they want no part in, even if you take massive indoctrination into account i wouldn't want to serve as canon fodder or comit war crimes.

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[–] **Calibruh** 3 points 5 hours ago

When you run out of people who want to fight and start forcing them instead you're kinda fucked

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[–] **TheUpsideDowna** 2 points 5 hours ago

Yeah I agree that seems so obvious, but then logic seems to not exist in this whole fucked up situation.

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[–] **windol1** 3 points 5 hours ago

Hopefully they remember to shoot all their commanders before they stroll off to surrender.

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[–] **SkyLightTenki** 3 points 5 hours ago

I read in another sub that I can't remember (it was something like 'no stupid questions IIRC) about a soldier who wants to defect because he had no intention of fighting against Ukraine. Though his post is now deleted, there were numerous suggestions that he should surrender to Ukrainian soldiers/authorities and fight alongside Ukraine, to which he seemingly wanted to do.

This is very good news. Hopefully the majority of the conscripts would lay down their arms. Glory to Ukraine!

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[–] **DynoMiteDoodle** 8 points 7 hours ago

I still believe the Russian sole yearns to be honourable. Nobody wants to die as an oppressor except those who profit from it like Putin, Shoigu, Medvechuk, Medvedev although looking at the trade in value of Medvechuk for 215 asov battalion defenders of Mariupol.

He wasn't prepared to die for it either the coward.

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[–] **PapiSurane** 2 points 7 hours ago

That seems like something you shouldn't announce you're going to do ahead of time.

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[–] **loligerpanda** 3 points 5 hours ago

a bit of hope

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[–] **Earlier-Today** 2 points 5 hours ago

Man, Russia must really want Ukraine to win.

First they start donating tanks and ammo and stuff like crazy in the Kharkiv region, and now they're massively increasing the Freedom of Russia legion.

When all is said and done, I hope they get recognized for their efforts in helping Ukraine beat Russia.

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[–] **Infinaris** 2 points 5 hours ago

It sounds like if they're gonna be forced to fight either way better to be on the side of liberty and freedom. If they get trained they can potentially go after Putin and his cronies later.

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[–] **DangerDaskov** 2 points 5 hours ago

A we need more news from these guys the FRL is fighting the good fight and it shows!

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[–] **Clamps55555** 2 points 5 hours ago

I hope they manage the transition safely.

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[–] **MacheteCrocodileJr** 2 points 5 hours ago

Well let's hope so

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[–] **Ill-Organization-719** 2 points 5 hours ago

Vladimir The Foolish

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[–] **LysergicRico** 2 points 4 hours ago

We needed news like this.

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[–] **NonVeganMillennial** 2 points 4 hours ago

There is some poetic beauty to the thought of 100k Russian soldiers joining the UAF

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[–] **Ulandia** 2 points 4 hours ago

The mobilization will end up giving more manpower to Ukraine than russia at this rate, lmao.

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[–] **Sutarmekeg** 2 points 4 hours ago

Putin has been supplying arms, equipment, and now soldiers too? Sounds like this entire war should be fought on Russian soil between Russians.

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[–] **Chakramer** 2 points 4 hours ago

All the commanders should stay away from windows or the top of stairs. Conscripting people protesting against something is only going to really piss them off.

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[–] **Telefone_529** 2 points 4 hours ago

Oh, so kind of like we all kept saying they needed to do, but then other people on Reddit would pop in and tell you how unrealistic that is and how they had no choice but to fight.

Idk man. Plenty defected then. More are gonna do it going forward. I'd say the ones that stay are fucking useless cunts.

Sorry, they'll make good fertilizer. Not useless after all!

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[–] **spiritanimalslug1** 2 points 4 hours ago

ukraine should hold referendums in western russia to see if they want to become part of ukraine

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[–] UK **MicrowaveBurns** [S] 1 point 4 hours ago

I know this is a joke, but that would not be good for Ukraine - the last thing they need is an even larger Russian population for future Russian dictators to "protect" by invading Ukraine once again.

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[–] **camereye** 2 points 4 hours ago

If true, it would be so cool.

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[–] **AFirefighter11** 2 points 4 hours ago

I really hope this is true!

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[–] **lawful_falafel1** 2 points 4 hours ago so many people joing the freedon for russia legion but unfortunately no high ranking personnel of the russian army. i think if freedom for russia legion could use one or two. that would really change the steaks

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[–] **Bengoris** 2 points 4 hours ago

First the orcs supplied weapons to Ukraine, now they're even sending extra reinforcements. How very nice of them. See, even Russia hates Russia.

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[–] **OggMakeFire** 2 points 4 hours ago

I just had this crazy thought- I'm just spitballing here- but wouldn't it be hilarious if all the Russians who do this turn around, go back home, and put that 3 inch prick under the ground With his friends, so he won't be lonely.

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[–] **Different-Brain-9210** 2 points 4 hours ago

They'd better hurry if they want to get his friends too. They are very accident-prone at the moment. All kinds of war time hazards, like stairs, open windows, tea...

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[–] UK **MicrowaveBurns** [S] 2 points 3 hours ago

I believe that is the plan :)

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[–] **pegcity** 2 points 4 hours ago

So, chances this legion takes all the provided arms and training and keeps going once Ukrain re-takes its own borders? Would a group of turncoat Russians armed with western weapons invading their own country cause... a dangerous political situation?

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[–] □□СЛАВА УКРАЇНІ□□ **PhospheneViolet** 2 points 4 hours ago

Bless every single one of these righteous, brave individuals who carry this desire out. Heroiam slava!

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[–] **Iwassoclose** 2 points 4 hours ago

That is incredible >

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[–] **rogash98** 2 points 4 hours ago

Said this when I first heard the news "How nice of Russia to send 300000 soldiers to help Ukraine in the war"

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[–] **GarnetOblivion1** 2 points 3 hours ago

There’s so much hate directed at Russia but most of its people didn’t want this invasion.

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[–] **RF-blamo** 2 points 3 hours ago

So… Ukraine will need 300,000 more uniforms? Fortunately they’ve already acquired plenty of Russian tanks and weapons for them to use.

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[–] **bipolarnotsober** 2 points 3 hours ago

Fuck yes! This is the way it's done. That's also how you become a Russian hero instead of a Ruski orc.

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[–] **BreesJL** 2 points 3 hours ago

This is the way.

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[–] **kyogenm** 2 points 3 hours ago

If this is true. Then that’s awesome! Great for them for doing what’s good.

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[–] **InterestFancy** 2 points 6 hours ago

Need to find the names of all Russians and send letters from all of them refusing to fight.. Millions of letters collapse their system!

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[–] **ivanacco1** 4 points 6 hours ago

Oh boy im sure that sending a million requests to a server to try and collapse it has never done before.

Surely it will catch them by surprise

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[–] **Ok-Yogurtcloset-6740** 1 point 7 hours ago

Hilarious!

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[–] **TheFlayerDuder** 0 points 5 hours ago

Nah, Russians, you don't get to scream for people's blood online. Tape "Z" all over the world, then when it's your turn to get your ass kicked, to bleed like your heroes, you don't get to run and hide. You all wanted a war. Go fight it.

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[–] UK **MicrowaveBurns** [S] 3 points 4 hours ago

You know there are many Russians who didn't do that, right? And these people aren't running and hiding, either - they're preparing to desert the Russian army and fight for Ukraine's freedom.

They did not "all" want a war, they live in a brutal and repressive dictatorship where dissent can end very badly for you, so those that have been against the war all along were afraid to speak. Even those that supported the war only did so because they have been brainwashed with propaganda for years and years.

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[–] **TheFlayerDuder** 1 point 4 hours ago

The only thing needed for evil to rise is for good men to do nothing.

Saw a whole lot of nothing going on over there.

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[–] **MasterJogi1** 0 points 5 hours ago

Reminds one of the movie Braveheart, where the English king sends in the Irish first, because "they cost nothing". Only for them to immediately switch sides to the Scots, and the evil King Longchamps being very not amused.

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[–] **shevy-java** 0 points 5 hours ago

The easier it will be for them to surrender, the faster Putin's occupation front will collapse.

We have to think about the psyche of Putin. I don't think anyone thinks he is a "genius strategist" anymore after the counteroffensive around Kharkiv. The Russians are not motivated to fight and die for him, so sending more won't change that; destroyed tanks can not quickly be replaced.

If Putin is not totally insane then he knows this, so he is doing this most likely largely for the internal propaganda at home. If this is the case, then one has to speculate why he is doing so - if the primary goal was not the occupation of Ukraine per se (which could be the case) then this may have been a stepping stone towards more suppression in a de-facto dictatorship (which Russia already has been under his terror rule anyway). So if you had some stepping stones then mass mobilization was likely one.

This all seems almost engineered towards deliberate failure.

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[–] **No_Composer_595** 0 points 5 hours ago

Might want to read the fine print first. Kept as pows, given access to lawyers and priority to be traded back to Russia in a prisoner exchange. Not that I believe the post given the high amounts of propaganda we've seen so far.

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[–] **_Maga_-** 0 points 4 hours ago

They want at first mobilise the people from the near Muslim countries. And even they said we won't fight for Putin

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[–] **FartsMusically** 0 points 4 hours ago*

I figured as much, but there's one big problem, here.

Russia might also use this as a battle tactic, having troops of Russian soldiers saying they're defecting only to light up a Ukrainian encampment five minutes later the second they're not being seen as a threat.

Ukrainians need to stay on their toes. Disable them as threats entirely regardless of what they say.

edit: You know, practically, not 100% lethally.

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[–] **travlynme2** 0 points 4 hours ago

Hope it is not some way of disarming the Ukrainians.

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[–] **3dnewguy** 0 points 4 hours ago

Ahh reminds me of the Irish in Braveheart.

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[–] **Jamesallen108** 0 points 4 hours ago

NATO propaganda again

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[–] **LetWaldoHide** 0 points 4 hours ago

Defectors especially Russian ones can't be trusted. If they want to surrender then you treat them as such but I damn sure wouldn't give them firepower and operational knowledge of any kind.

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[–] **This_Skill_6832** 1 point 3 hours ago

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[–] **FrenchCircuit** -1 points 3 hours ago

The propaganda in this sub is so dumb it actually makes me ashamed of being a member of the same species lmao

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[–] **_DepletedCranium_** 1 point 6 hours ago

What are the chances that a friendly Army fellow is going to wait at every gate of flights leaving Russia?

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[–] **kingcebo** 1 point 6 hours ago

Please be careful for whatever member is taken in. I would be worried about the obvious spy. Much respect for those who come to help freedom and any additional crimes to be caused.

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