



Why Russian troops use typically brutal tactics as a matter of principle / By Misha Firer

Look at the map of the Russian Empire, a decade before the Bolshevik Revolution carried out on the bayonets of the peasants drafted into the army.

The Russian empire didn't invent anything.

Didn't develop any technologies.

Didn't trade much except for natural resources, like gold and fur.

It lacked soft power, no native culture to offer the occupied peoples: native French speaking Pushkin, Tolstoy and Chaikovsky are products of the European civilization that unlike Russia had the Renaissance and escaped Middle Ages.

And yet despite those grand deficiencies Russian Empire still managed to become the third largest empire in the history of the world, and second largest in the modern era.

As an ideological and spiritual heir to the Golden Horde, Russian Empire in its various forms has always attempted to occupy the same territories while adapting the same principles of engagement: raw savagery and scorched earth expansion.

Show zero mercy to the foe and your own soldiers and the victory is yours.

85% of the territory is uninhabitable: swamps, mountains, rivers, forests, permafrost. The habitable part is about the size of Sudan.

Russia is a dying country.

Last year the population decreased by a million citizens, and this year due to immigration, special military operation, and economic crises the record might be broken. About a third of the population, unlikely more than 100 million, is concentrated in Moscow and Saint Petersburg areas due to availability of jobs and comforts of Western lifestyle.

From 2000, more than 5 million people have left Russia

forever.

There are about 20 million work age males. 1 million of them are in jail. 3 million are employed by the army, ministry of emergency service, FSB and police. At least 4 million are chronic alcoholics. 1.5 million are drug addicts.

This leaves 11–12 million working age men who are capable of doing some kind of productive work, and it becomes clear why Putin pushed through his pension reform although Russian men's average lifespan is now officially shorter than the retirement age.

2.5 million children are beaten up by their parents annually. 50 thousand children run away from home every year escaping violence and sexual abuse. There are more than 2 million orphans and there's a law that prohibits their adoption by Western parents.

The average monthly wages in 2022 are \$300–400 while prices are shooting up. Russians are poorer today than in 2008.

Until recently, Russian oligarchs had a bigger fleet of super yachts than there are ships in the Russian Navy and a larger fleet of passenger jets than Aeroflot, national air carrier.

Russia has failed spectacularly to build an equitable society where citizens are happy and content with their lives.

The impoverished, deeply unhappy and brainwashed population continues to shrink, its Soviet infrastructure continues to crumble. And yet, Russian government and citizens dream day and night of grandeur. The only way Russia can achieve grandeur is through brutal occupation of new lands and people.

Ukraine is a perfect victim because it shares a long border and can replenish Russia with forty million people and more inhabitable land than Russia

has, and their culture is similar with most of Ukrainians speaking Russian.

The scorched earth tactic that the Russian army employs to break up resistance in Ukraine is the same they used in Chechnya and Syria.

They draw a square in the city and then bomb it with missiles and rockets until every baby, child, woman and man is dead.

When flattening Grozny with air strikes, the Russian army killed tens of thousands of ethnic Russians and buried them in common graves. They bombed indiscriminately maternity wards, hospitals, schools.

After they razed Aleppo to the ground, the local residents and militants fled, and when the Russian army moved in only stray dogs met them.

This is how Russia liberates cities and countries, same way as Golden Horde army did - kill as many as you can to break the will of the survivors so they bow down to your will and become your slaves.

The same destiny befell Mariupol where the majority of residents speak Russian, and their mayor doesn't even know Ukrainian. The Russian Army has liberated its residents from their homes, and killed about 10,000 in the process. Putin will proclaim victory over Ukrainian Nazis and announce that the ruins of Mariupol are now a Russian city.

This savagery exists in every person and in you too, reader. In your country, however, it might be well hidden by the many layers of culture and social norms.

The difference between you and us is that in modern Russia, to be barbaric is a matter of national pride and a cause for celebration. Russian state took the worst elements of Nazism and Communism and created an evil ideology that celebrates destruction, madness and death.