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‘Pandemic of fascism’ looming over West – Moscow

Some countries have embraced historical revanchism by seeking to revisit the Soviet victory over Nazism, Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova has said

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The West is being swept by a “pandemic of historical revanchism” as it seeks to erase the memory of World War II and rewrite the Soviet victory over Nazi ideology, Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova has warned.

Zakharova made the remarks in an interview with TASS on Sunday on the occasion of Russia’s Day of Remembrance of the Victims of the Genocide of the Soviet People, which is being observed for the first time this year.



Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova speaks during a briefing in Moscow, on October 23, 2025. © Sputnik/Sergey Guneev

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The spokeswoman said that while for a time Russia was absolutely certain that WWII was “a sacred topic for the whole world,” many Western countries adopted a different approach. “They think... the Soviet victory in WWII was accidental and inadmissible. They think that now is the time to rectify this accident, or a mistake, as they see it,” Zakharova stated.



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She noted that Moscow used to regard revanchism as “some kind of small germ that would sit in the corner and not go anywhere.” Zakharova, however, said that even “from a small germ can then grow a huge, terrifying pandemic of historical revanchism,” adding that a similar warning could be found in the landmark 1965 Soviet film ‘Ordinary Fascism’ by Mikhail Romm, which became a cautionary tale about the rise and fall of the Nazi ideology as well as of its numerous crimes.

Some Western countries, Zakharova said, do not accept the results of WWII and the rulings of the Nuremberg Tribunal. “No, they do not want to give up the idea of taking over the Ukrainian black soil, Russian oil and gas,” she said, adding that Western ambitions extend to seizing the resources of Central Asia and the South Caucasus.

She also cited an escalating war against monuments to those who fought Nazism, but said the most dangerous sign of revanchism was that “they want a revenge which would allow them to prevail in remaking the world order and seizing resources around the globe.”

Moscow has for years sounded the alarm about resurgent Nazi ideology in Europe, citing in particular marches in Baltic states honoring Waffen SS veterans. It has also pointed to torchlit marches celebrating the birthday of Ukrainian nationalist Stepan Bandera, whose Ukrainian Insurgent Army collaborated with Nazi Germany and killed tens of thousands of Jews and Poles during WWII.

Moscow has said Ukraine's denazification is one of the key goals of its military operation against the neighboring state.

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A **Aunt Bee** 4/22/2026 at 7:48 PM 0

Yes it is. The West is the Worst. Operated by so-called humans who want to end human, animal and plant life on earth.

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Chad Chadwicktonsworthbergstein III 4/22/2026 at 3:04 PM 0

There once was a time in history when the entire world still remembered that there was a major difference between the National Socialist and Hitlers 300,000 strong ashkeNAZ/jewish volunteer Waffen-SS aka the NAZIs.

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R **Ralph Griebenow** 4/20/2026 at 8:05 PM 21

What Maria Zakharova says is absolutely true irrespective of how unpopular the news might come to modern westerners who have no religion and as much education, whose failure to remember or even to comprehend what fascism is, is because they themselves are so immersed in it that the vertigo has overcome their senses. No apostate ungodly person can see the pagan barbarian within themself.

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Omen 4/20/2026 at 8:11 PM ↑ -34

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B **Big Vic** 4/20/2026 at 8:36 PM ↑

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We don't believe it in religion. . so what's the big deal about it. .. we are enemies of the state of Mr TACO MIGA UK misanthropic establishments, who' cares about it. We' are looking for progress prosperity peace and life and it's not coming up from Mr TACO OR MIGA UK regimes. . only inflation Chaos's poverty bribery extortion money laundering DRUG'S alcohol cigarettes corruption and terrorism 24 and nobody else can't do anything else about it..

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as **as dubaniew** 4/21/2026 at 5:22 AM ↕

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the differential between these two ideologies I'm adding below is the problem behind poverty, madness replacing respect, and diseases of soul and body brough about by hedonism...

People who CHOOSE to LOVE LIFE, each other. and the land

versus

People who CHOOSE to NOT Love life, each other, and the land

Free will is a reality for both and both in the same cosmic gravity lane on earth – gravity being imagined as «God holding us in His Hand» is acceptable human behavior.

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 **The Heretic (Snordelhans)** 4/21/2026 at 9:11 AM ↕

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Why does RT never mention the Bolshevik revolution and the extermination of up 66 million Russian Christians by the Jews (which lead to the rise of Adolph Hitler), and how Russia overcame that with the help of Putin and otherwise?

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as **as dubaniew** 4/21/2026 at 9:17 PM ↕

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The British Crown does not mention their role in 1917, either...

Millions dead, correct? So Bolsheviks who did the mass murder got to write the «history»....


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 **White Wing** 4/21/2026 at 6:27 PM ↕

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Christ Has Risen! Glorify him!

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 Galak Tik 4/22/2026 at 1:24 PM ↑

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Another way to describe **dialectic (symmetrical diametrical) Lies**, it to think of any mechanisms designed to move us away from the truth, to conceal the truth, or Camouflage lies, Example such as Camouflage to conceal a SUNRISE by calling it a SUNSET (simply because they look IDENTICAL, as in both PARTIALLY HIDDEN at the horizons)

This is dialectical lies as orientation-disruption mechanisms rather than simple LIES. The concept of lies as «symmetrical decoys» that use inversion to camouflage truth is ANCIENT. A) Linguistically framing Earth's rotation toward light as if the sun is «setting» (going away), when in reality we're turning toward the dawn. B) Sunset called a coming dawn. Both trains us to perceive opposite as lies ie expansion as contraction, approach as retreat, retreating sun as coming light. Thus Luzsifer coming as an Angle of Light!

Key insight here is that the most effective lies don't fabricate entirely new realities – they mirror truth but flip its orientation. This makes them harder to detect because they contain truth's structural elements, just pointing in the wrong direction

Temporal Inversion: Cause/effect reversal Moral Inversion: Good branded as evil Ontological Reversal: Real declared unreal Authority Substitution: True source replaced with false idol This suggests that developing discernment isn't just about fact-checking, but about orientation-checking – learning to sense which direction truth actually points, even when presented with its symmetrical opposite.

Moses attempted this approx~ 3,500 years ago when he developed scripture to turn IGNORANTS into a nation of priests> bombard the mind with enough examples of these pair until understanding & seeing reality clearly becomes hardwired & 2nd nature. In essence turning average humans into an army of dialectical discerners/ Create mass cognitive immunity against dialectical

manipulation through systematic pattern saturation, discernment can be trained – through repetitive exposure, recognition becomes automatic!

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r **ron miler** 4/22/2026 at 12:44 PM 0

I hope that Holocaust will be revisited with some skepticism also.

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A **Adamand Eve** 4/22/2026 at 11:36 AM 0

Germany and their allies will get their glasses kicked, again

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D **Daniel Bernard** 4/20/2026 at 5:20 PM -4

... AND Russia is still fighting for our freedom against our own governments

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as **as dubaniew** 4/21/2026 at 6:22 AM 1

you are going to have to go to Russia to be free because RF is not capable of keeping USA from self-harming itself with their perpetual war machine economy...

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White Wing 4/21/2026 at 6:36 PM -1

Moscow connect.

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L **Lee Driver** 4/21/2026 at 2:26 PM 2

chosen ones haven't given up on global rule.

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The Heretic (Snordelhans) 4/21/2026 at 9:01 AM 4

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