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Roger Waters blasts West for sacrificing Russian and Ukrainian lives for money

The Pink Floyd co-founder says NATO's military buildup risks catastrophe while ruling elites prolong the Ukraine conflict for profit

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Pink Floyd co-founder Roger Waters has denounced Europe's military buildup and escalating confrontation with Russia, arguing that Western governments are steering the world toward catastrophe while arms manufacturers and political elites profit from perpetual war.

Speaking Monday on Rick Sanchez's *The Sanchez Effect*,



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Waters said calls for European NATO members to increase military spending to 5% of national GDP were “*effing insane*.” He questioned how Western leaders could even contemplate a direct conflict with Russia, given the Soviet Union’s decisive role and immense losses during World War II.

“I often say to people, do you know who the Russian people are? They won the Second World War, for God’s sake. Twenty-five million of them died, saving the world for us,” he said. “And you want to have a war with them? How dumb.”



Waters blamed Western governments for prolonging the Ukraine conflict and argued that the war could have been prevented either through the Minsk agreements or through a preliminary peace settlement reached in Istanbul in 2022.

“This is 12 years since Maidan, since [John McCain](#) went and organized that so-called revolution, and murdered a few people, and got rid of the elected government, and put in the Banderites. Nazis – they’re just Nazis, and we know that,” he said. “Then we sent a moron... Who’s the

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stupidest man who's ever been in government in England? [Boris Johnson](#)! Send him to the Ukraine to tell them that they're not allowed to make peace!"

He accused Western leaders of sacrificing Russian and Ukrainian lives for geopolitical and financial interests.

"Think of all the children and grandchildren, all the men on both sides who have been killed since then," he said. *"Why? Money. That's all."*

The musician argued that modern conflicts are driven primarily by profit and the interests of a narrow ruling class. He pointed to major defense contractors and wealthy political donors, claiming that money has corrupted democratic institutions and made US foreign policy vulnerable to private influence.



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According to Waters, Western interventionism is rooted in centuries of European imperialism and colonialism. He said the US inherited the same belief that foreign peoples and their resources were *"ripe for the picking."*

"This ship is steering for the rocks," he warned, urging ordinary people in Europe and the US to stop blindly trusting political leaders who promote confrontation and instead rebuild communication and

cooperation across national borders.

"We have to open our eyes," he said. *"We have to start talking to our neighbors and cooperating with one another."*

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J Jõa 7/28/2026 at 5:51 AM

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Germany has murdered all the intelligent Jewish businessmen in the country with no economic growth left except the army machine still sort of running... Zelensky is its only war monger against Russia who now turned against Israel for a perfect result. The EU pump the Ukraine full of weapons to do their dirty job. The people of the EU is a bewildered crazy group with only sport as reason to live with good food at the end of play. Now they have the big fire also as talking point with climate change. Many people die again as in WW2 but Europeans do not care one bit. As long as their daily joys are not affected.

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D D R 7/28/2026 at 7:41 AM ↗

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Nonsense, Germany PAID Jews to move to Palestine, with public money!

They signed the Haavara agreement with Zionist Jews in 1933 already,s...

Camps, on the other hand, were not build until 1940, after years of international sanctions against Germany initiated by Jewish groups around the planet, and after France and Great Britain declared war against them.

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K Khikus Filthius 7/28/2026 at 10:53 AM ↗

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Hurrah for Germany!! At least they get rid of their filth.

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B BottomEightyPercent 7/28/2026 at 8:51 PM ↕

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Europeans, like Americans, do care but they have no idea of who or what is behind the global disintegration as the mainstream media has been very successful and redirecting public rage for generations.

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M Mike Carroll 7/28/2026 at 2:59 AM

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We? I think **WE** are the people and **WE** need to finally eliminate the ruling class from the planet before they kill us all.

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C Carlo Caporaso 7/28/2026 at 11:51 AM ↕

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Well said. Covid-19 was a perfect example of an attempt by the ruling class to Eliminate a majority of world populations.

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Amen.

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Zelensky must be removed from office asap so there can be peace!

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Removing Zelensky will not bring Peace. Removing the Bandarites permanently from power on the other hand will bring peace.

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Ed Ed Bodi 7/28/2026 at 1:58 PM

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Can anyone in the EU leadership explain what benefit Russian would gain by attacking an EU country? It's disgusting the amount of money NATO is wasting on military buildup in order to

justifying its very existence by creating phantom enemies.

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G **Ghost Writer** 7/28/2026 at 2:23 PM [↑](#)

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It's clear the Zionists control Europe. They hate Russia and Iran because they were driven out of Khazaria aka Ukraine. They want it back and the Zionists will always sacrifice white men. It's time for the white race to rise again and destroy the Zionists and Jews in general.

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News flash. Zionists are white men (and women)

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 **Karbonero** 7/28/2026 at 3:12 PM

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Yet, he didn't blast Big Pharma Brother during the pandemic. If anything, he blasted (((governments))) for not forcing the (((shot))) immediately. Another fallen idol like Sting, Bono, etc.

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Keep in mind that the pandemic came as a surprise to the vast majority of critics when it appeared in 2020. Roger Waters is now more skeptical of Big Pharmaceutical after many revelations that followed the initial responses by governments around the world. Even Sweden, that introduced no special rules or vaccine requirements during the Covid 19 crisis has said many years later they realize that mistakes were made (pointing out that they should have concentrated on how vulnerable the elderly were who had respiratory problems). Any misgivings about Roger Waters should immediately be tempered as Roger Waters has been spot on in his condemnation of corporate empire, investor manipulation, criticism of Israel and the Ukraine and of course the corporate capture of governments in the West. Sting, Bono and others are political and ideological bimbos compared to Roger and any serious academic is quite aware of this.

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x **xaver pan** 7/28/2026 at 5:28 PM

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Wow, I am a bit surprised to hear there are people out there in the music business with a clear mind about media and politics.

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 **BottomEightyPercent** 7/28/2026 at 8:36 PM 

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Roger Waters is one of the best, but he has told his audiences that he is an island of rationality in a sea of ideologically bankrupt musicians.

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 **Ed Renfrow** 7/28/2026 at 7:16 PM

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What do you expect out of the USA? Trump wants to place forced labor tariffs on countries when the USA had over 200 years of forced labor on its' slaves.

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 **Kenna Marie** 7/28/2026 at 5:55 PM

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"Shoulder to shoulder"...tell that to the 40k killed by the regime.

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 **Fearghas Ó Brógáin** 7/28/2026 at 2:58 PM

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Thank you Roger. Your're a rock of sense in a sea of jellyfish.

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 **Bill P** 7/28/2026 at 2:49 PM

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Rodger is Spot On..." This is 12 years since Maidan, since John McCain went and organized that so-called revolution, and murdered a few people, and got rid of the elected government, and put in the Banderites. Nazis – they're just Nazis, and we know that," he said. "Then we sent a moron... Who's the stupidest man who's ever been in government in England? Boris Johnson! Send him to the Ukraine to tell them that they're not allowed to make peace!"

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 **Leti Berg** 7/28/2026 at 2:46 PM

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I agree with you completely, Roger: "This ship is heading for the rocks," yet most still believe the Titanic is unsinkable-regrettably, at the cost of countless lives and immense damage on every

level, including environmental.

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Arrien Westhuis 7/28/2026 at 1:11 PM

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Spot on! Biden, von der Leyen, Johnson, Scholz, and Macron got us in this mess. Don't forget Lynsey Graham deserves a lot of blame as well.

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Steven Hughes 7/28/2026 at 2:42 PM ↕

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Looks like Lynsey Graham, got his Comeuppance already

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Guto Monteiro 7/28/2026 at 1:17 PM

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Absolutely right Roger

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Richard Hollembeak 7/28/2026 at 2:31 PM ↕

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The movie «the Wall» is still on you-tube.

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