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# Zelensky's fascism fetish is booming, and the West is still (mostly) okay with it

The Ukrainian leader is exploiting his own Jewishness to promote the normalization of fascism – a stunning intellectual and moral perversion

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FILE PHOTO: Ukrainian nationalists commemorate the Ukrainian Insurgent Army in Kiev © Sputnik

It's hard to believe one's eyes while witnessing the latest performance put on by the comedian tyrant of Ukraine.

Within the space of a week or so, the regime of [president-for-eternity-no-elections-needed](#) Vladimir Zelensky has [repatriated and reburied](#) with pomp and ceremony the remains of Andrey

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Melnik, a twentieth-century Ukrainian fascist leader and Nazi collaborator, and named a contemporary military elite unit "Heroes of the UPA" (the Ukrainian Insurgent Army of World War Two).

The UPA was, in effect, the military arm of the OUN, the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists. The OUN had two political wings that mattered, one under Andrey Melnik, the other under Stepan Bandera. They were rivals, but both were fascists.

During the war between Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union, both OUN wings tried to collaborate with the Nazis. The Nazis, in their arrogance, did not always let them, but the whole OUN was very eager to please. The OUN and the UPA also participated in murderous German violence against Jews, serving as pro-active mass murder auxiliaries. In addition, they conducted a genocidal ethnic cleansing campaign of their own against Poles.

Predictably, the in-your-face obscenity of Kiev's latest fascism worship has provoked Israel as well as Poland. Polish president Nawrocki would like to deprive Zelensky of the high state honors that Warsaw has foolishly bestowed on him and has threatened to curtail Poland's support for Kiev's EU ambitions. In Israel, both its official Holocaust remembrance and exploitation agency Yad Vashem and the foreign ministry have taken exception. That is, of course, ironic, since Israel itself engages obsessively in genocide and ethnic cleansing as well. Maybe, in this case, it takes a genocidal fascist to know one.

Official Kiev is in the middle of devastating corruption scandals – but to be fair, when is it not? – and shaken by mortifying revelations about Zelensky personally (surprise, surprise: a raging narcissist on coke and not a democrat but a kleptocrat)



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Yet its ruling clique finds time to really rub it in, again. How much it cannot stop hugging Nazis, dead and alive? Costs in foreign-policy terms? Apparently, no big deal: When the Nazi-loving urge itches really bad, to hell with caution and – very unusually for Kiev – even dissembling.

Some observers speculate that the fascism fetish is being escalated in public again because of the scandals and continually plunging popularity of the regime: Zelensky and the rest of his merry gang of war profiteers and proxy war

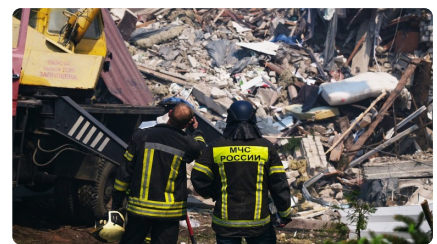
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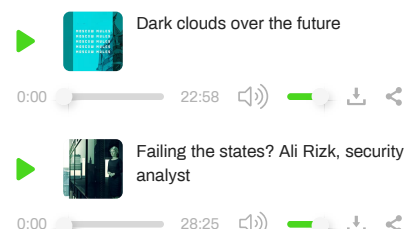
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meatgrinder jockeys, such commentators believe, are merely using the Nazi play *“out of a position of weakness,”* to distract from the unprecedentedly fetid swamp into which they have turned Ukraine’s sleazy politics.

This is a mistake. It is time that even the slowest in the West accept a simple truth about Zelensky, one he is not even hiding (like so many others): He genuinely likes fascists. And, with his extremely cynical manipulation techniques, his vicious persecution of political opposition and any dissent, his abuse of the mass media for propaganda, and his deep contempt for democracy, he has much heartfelt affinity with them, to say the least.

Silly – and, actually, racist – pseudo-arguments, advanced by Western proxy war boosters that Zelensky can’t possibly ally with a violent far-right because he is Jewish deserve no serious answer. The current Israeli regime and its policies of war, genocide, supremacy, and ethnic cleansing are fascist. Case closed.

In fact, the Zelensky regime has a [longstanding, consistent habit](#) of pandering to, working with, employing at high levels and on a large scale, and honoring the very far right. Some may love to quibble, in bored-academic-style, about pedantically precise terms for fine distinctions in one big pile of rottenness. But, in reality, those labeled Neo-Nazis, white supremacists, fascists, ultra-nationalists and so on form a large whole having much more in common than not.



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Re-labelling has also served to spread big fat lies. In Ukraine, there is a long and foul tradition, reaching back far into the frozen depths of the first Cold War. Mendaciously re-packaging Ukrainian World War II fascists with their own bloody flavor of terror, genocide, and ethnic cleansing. But re-labelling these Ukrainian fascists as ‘integral nationalists’ makes about as

much sense as calling Idi Amin Dada – the former ultraviolent dictator of Uganda rumored to have sampled a few of his victims – an ‘integral vegan.’

And so it is in the present, too. Play with words as much as you like, a fact remains a fact, that Zelensky’s Ukraine is state with a big fascism problem. In time, its roots reach back to the period between World Wars I and II, with a massive escalation during the latter. Regionally, it used to be concentrated in western

Ukraine and, after the Soviet victory over the Nazis and Axis forces in 1945, among fugitives in the US, Canada, and Europe. There, with their brand of ready-to-kill fascist anti-Communism, they served the West in the first Cold War and systematically subverted Ukrainian communities and any institution they could buy their way into, such as [Yale](#), Harvard, and Columbia Universities.

After the collapse of the Soviet Union, this self-declared Ukrainian 'diaspora' – ironically, a term popularized out of the same Israel-envy that produced an unseemly urge to politically claim a Holocaust of one's own in the shape of the Holodomor (preferably with even bigger victim counts) – re-entered independent Ukraine and "*repatriated*" its ideology. They impaired Ukraine's culture and politics with, unfortunately, great success.

In that, long-term sense, Zelensky and his regime's sympathy for the fascist devil is part of a deeper story. Yet Zelensky's personal contribution is not merely substantial but crucial. First because he has simply gone much farther than any post-independent leader of Ukraine in making fascism part of a deeply sick new normality. And second, because in our world of often imbecilic identity politics, he has, in effect, exploited his Jewishness to promote the normalization of fascism. It is hard to imagine a greater intellectual and moral perversion. But then again, it's Zelensky.

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**M** Madrina 6/1/2026 at 4:30 PM

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**We Western Europeans created Nazism and we kept it alive in the Ukraine, and more precisely in Galicia- the home of the Nazis in Eastern Europe.**

Nazism is the Empire's ideological tool that helped kill 160'000 Russians over the last 4 years.

Somehow, the Russians are still debating where that tool came from...slow thinkers they are indeed!

[Reply](#)**Richard Castle** 5/31/2026 at 12:17 PM

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I am the superior race, unlike you!

That statement is insane, yet so many people believe in such rubbish. Everyone is related to everyone else, so when a Ukrainian considers himself superior to a person living in the Donbas, he is an idiot, a Jew is an idiot for a similar reason and in fact Europe is full of idiots.

Until the average person wakes up and accepts they are just another homo-erectus just like everyone else, these fascist types will always start wars and fascist morons will always follow. .

[Reply](#)**Bo Tchi** 5/31/2026 at 12:45 PM ↕

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Stop electing idiots on jobs controlling policies.

[Reply](#)**D OI** 6/1/2026 at 3:30 PM ↕

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The brainwashed in Ukraine have not deposed this modern Nero who fiddles while Kiev and Ukraine burn.

[Reply](#)**Jos Nijsten** 5/31/2026 at 2:21 PM ↕

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«If we put a red dot on the heads of idiots, the world would look like a field of poppies» (heard on a program about Trump, the master of all idiots)

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S Stop Datafarming 5/31/2026 at 11:38 AM

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Is Zelensky's promotion of neo-nazism so outlandish in the context of the European architects of this conflict? The Ukraine conflict provides the economic camouflage for European states to switch to a repressive technocratic system of government, disguised as a shift to a «war economy», following the WEF's agenda 2030 plan. The WEF itself is one of the public faces of a neo-nazism that has evolved in the shadows since WW2. Based around a strategy of totalitarian control and the extermination of the «useless eaters», the nazi WEF has Israeli professor Yuval Noah Harari as its main advisor. An Israeli intimately involved with a neo-Nazi European political ideology does suggest historical animosity has been overcome and objectives have become aligned. Is a Jewish Zelensky actively promoting neo-nazism simply an extension of this context?

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E Jay 5/31/2026 at 12:35 PM ↑

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I think you have the gist of it.

There really does seem to be a growing number of people in the West who are embracing a new, 'uniting' type of Liberalism which encompasses identity politics, police-state brutality and technocratic oppression. Israel in many ways has perfected all three of these things in its various major institutions (the IDF, Mossad, Likud) so it serves as the model to replicate.

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Stop Datafarming 6/1/2026 at 10:03 AM ↑

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I agree my comment was the barebones gist of it and you're correct that there is an alignment in operational styles and objectives. I can add to my original comment that the EU as an organisation was a 1930's/40's Nazi project implemented by former high-ranking Nazis after WW2 using the legislative structure the original Nazis had already written. Photos of Boris Johnson proudly holding a Ukrainian neo-Nazi military flag or Justin Trudeau applauding a former Ukrainian Nazi in the Canadian parliament, Western media deliberately hiding from us the Nazi insignia worn by Ukrainian soldiers... there are a lot of indicators of what's really occurring beneath the veneer of the media bubble that hides it from us.

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Mario Super 6/1/2026 at 10:46 AM ↑

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If you've had any doubts that globalists and the WEF are spot on your doubts should have been removed by corona hoax. How easy was it to liberate «useless eaters» of their freedoms, lock them all up based on a colossal lie. How easy was it to get them queuing around the block to get repeatedly injected with that evil in liquid form, multiple times. Even when the truth came out what happened? Nothing

Even when the truth came out what happened? Nothing. Breads and circuses, that's all they care about, those still alive that is. «useless eaters», that's exactly what they are. Not long now...

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**B** **Brayan Stoyanov** 5/30/2026 at 10:53 PM

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Ok so it's time for a serious discussion on Ukraine.

Either Zelensky works for the Kremlin or he works for the Zionist cabal that runs Canada, the UK most of the US, Ursula, Kaya , macron and Merz .....

If it's the former then I'll leave this to Mr.Putin as he is no one to be messed with.

If it's the latter then I'm suspecting their political time on earth has run out.

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**E Jay** 5/31/2026 at 7:36 AM ↕

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Your comment shows how lost people are when it comes to reading and research.

There are many articles on where Zelensky comes from, which Ukrainian oligarchs he pays homage to and what financial endeavors the Kiev regime has engaged in within the last decade. Many of these pieces are done by RT. You should take the time to read them, they are excellent.

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**Carlos** 5/31/2026 at 11:34 AM ↕

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Correct

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