False flag fever: Who is itching for a ‘mass casualty event’ to start a war with Russia?

Anne Applebaum is sad the EU isn’t directly fighting Russia yet, and hints a pretext should be manufactured

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It’s sad but a fact: war is terrible but keeps happening. In such a world, that is, our world as it really is, you can recognize basically sane people by trying to avoid war or, once it has started, end it as quickly as possible.

And you can spot the dangerously insane when they tell you they want more instead, no matter how much destruction and death has already occurred.

That is the case of Anne Applebaum, a compulsively uninhibited propagandist of the Greater Value West. Applebaum’s main claim to fame is her prolific output of neo-Cold War prose, some of it pitched

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as history, some as journalism. Highlights include celebrating *"nationalism"* in Ukraine, a country where much of said nationalism comes with sun wheels and other cuddly symbols of Nazi yesteryear, and amplifying Israeli propaganda talking points and keeping mum about Israeli crimes, while Israel is committing genocide.

Trusty Applebaum staples include labeling as *"autocracies"* all countries Washington loves to blockade, regime change, or invade. Years ago, when she gave testimony at the US Senate, China, Russia, Belarus, Venezuela, Cuba, and Türkiye made her target list. Saudi Arabia – literally an absolute monarchy with a persistently catastrophic record of human rights abuses and brutal aggression (ask Yemen) – did not. In a similarly reliable spirit, she also smears anyone who dares resist the wars and genocides of the Greater Value West and its clients – for instance, the 'Houthis' (that is, Yemen) – as, in effect, tools of said *"autocracies."*

Unpalatable and transparent as her output may be, being an ideological fanatic – and to be honest, a bit of a broken record – is one thing. But positively – and publicly – hankering after a general European war that could easily turn into a global World War III is quite another again.



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And yet, Applebaum couldn't resist. Speaking on the podcast *"The Bulwark,"* she was asked if European – that is, NATO-EU European, of course – leaders are thinking about escalating the war with Russia, clearly meaning here from one waged by proxy through Ukraine and assorted black ops to a full-blown, entirely open fight, no-holds-barred. Applebaum's answer, commendable for its frankness if nothing else, was *"yes, people do discuss it,"* if *"mostly privately."*

Recall at this point that Applebaum is not only a major ideology cadre of the West's new Cold (and not so cold at all) War but also married to one of the most deep-frosted and aggressive Cold War re-enactors in NATO-EU European politics, namely Polish Foreign Minister and Deputy Prime Minister Radoslaw 'Radek' Sikorski. When she says that *"people"* are *"discussing"* escalating the war, it is doubly worrying because she has plenty of access to those *"people,"* and *"discussing"* is virtually certain to be a euphemism: you can bet that *"people are planning"* would be truer. And of course, they are doing so *"in private,"* that is, translated from Applebaum's Orwellian euphemese, in secret from the citizens these *"people"* are supposed to represent, protect, and, last but not least, answer to.

The above would be scary enough, but things got worse. For Applebaum felt the urge to also explain – rather gratuitously, really – why the *"people"* busy thinking about doing a Napoleon 1812 or a Hitler 1941 just to see if three really is a charm keep their dirty talk so *"private."* Because the *"European public"* – that is, really the

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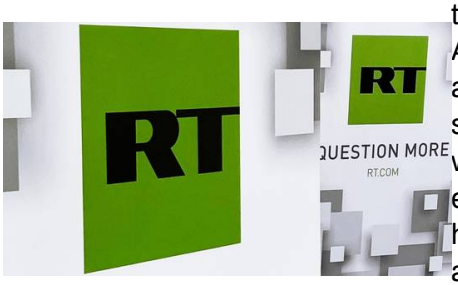
supposed sovereigns of all those proud *"democracies"* where governments keep life-and-death matters *"private"* – aren't ready yet for such brilliant schemes. Indeed, Applebaum has noted *"an extreme unpopularity of the idea of going to war,"* which is, she believes, why we *"haven't seen anyone do it yet."* What a shame!

And, make no mistake, *"What a shame!"* is precisely what Applebaum herself feels: *"Unfortunately,"* she deplored, this is *"one of those situations, where there would have to be an event that convinced people that it [that is, going to war with Russia] was really necessary."* Yet, she guesses, *"the Russians are deliberately keeping their attacks below that level, so there hasn't been"* the required *"mass casualty event."*



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Perish the thought, by the way, that unlike those Israelis Applebaum is as unable to notice as the Saudis, the Russians are simply not genocidal monsters when waging war. That explanation would never occur to her, and if it did, she'd swat it away as a moment of doctrinal weakness and temptation.

How to read such words? There seems little doubt that Applebaum would be happy if those *"people"* in NATO-EU Europe preparing for direct war with Russia would finally manage to drag along those obstreperous masses that are so mysteriously reluctant to follow their betters into yet another Armageddon on the *Ostfront*.

Applebaum, it appears from her own words, would feel relief if that unfortunate situation without a *"mass casualty"* event to move things along – namely to many more mass casualty events, including nuclear ones – were to finally end. And she also feels that it is very unsporting indeed of those nefarious Russians not to do her – and those *"people,"* which surely include her husband – that favor. It's an almost petulant position: Russia, take note – when you strike, you are wrong, and we all hate you, but when you don't strike hard enough, you are just mean, and we hate you even more.

Strange as it may sound, though, the above is the *less* disturbing interpretation of Applebaum's weird complaint. Much more worrying again – and perhaps more realistic – is to read her moment of insane candor (or candid insanity) as a sign of something even worse. Namely that those *"people"* dreaming up their *"scenarios"* might be thinking of producing that big bad *"mass casualty"* event to tip the scales into open war themselves. In other words, those who find it *"unfortunate,"* like Applebaum, that their peoples aren't properly psyched up and freaked out yet for marching east, may be tempted to help them along with a false-flag operation.

This is not, alas, beyond the realm of the possible. Not at all. And how do we know that? Empirically, from recent experience. Intriguingly enough, it was Applebaum's husband Radek Sikorsky

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who commented on the 2022 terror attack on the Nord Stream pipelines by posting *"Thank you, USA."* To be fair, at a moment when everyone else in the West was still absurdly and shamelessly lying about the terrible Russians detonating their own assets, Radek was ahead of his time, clearly – and jubilantly – admitting that Germany had been massively attacked by its own so-called *"allies"* (which, as it happens, probably included not only Ukraine but Poland as well).

And yet, initially, the bizarre lie of Russian self-sabotage took a long time to die. In other words, if it had been possible at all, Western establishments would have loved to not only cover up the Nord Stream attack but to turn it into a classical false flag, conducting it themselves and blaming Russia.



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Indeed, a horrible false-flag operation is part of the very origins of the Ukraine war: When anti-government protesters in Kiev were decimated by sniper fire on 20 February 2014, Western mainstream media immediately spun the event as proof of the incumbent government's heinous nature and used it to justify the rapidly unfolding regime change operation. Commemorated as the *"snipers' massacre,"* the killings still provide plenty of propaganda oomph for the Zelensky regime.

Yet the by far best and most thorough – indeed exhaustive – study of what actually happened, by the Ukrainian-Canadian political scientist Ivan Katchanovski, has shown that the massacre was a classical false-flag operation, with at least many and possibly all of the real culprits being shooters working for ruthless leaders among the anti-government forces.

Their strategy was obvious, simple, and absolutely evil: murder one's own in public and in large numbers, blame the killings on government forces, and tip the balance – yes, another one of those *"situations"* where things *"unfortunately"* seem so frustratingly stuck and, clearly, need a nudge – toward full and rapid regime change and against any form of peaceful compromise.

And, boy, has that strategy worked. So, when you hear a Western uber-hawk slip up and publicly talk about other Western uber-hawks who really, really would love to go to war openly but need a better – that is, bloodier – event to get the ordinary folk going – that is, marching – do *not* take it lightly. It may be nothing more than a bad case of revealing fantasizing in public, which would be disturbing and repulsive enough. But it may also point to something much worse: plans to make happen what those terribly unaccommodating Russians won't provide – that *"mass casualty event"* that would then, properly spun, provide the pretext to escalate while pretending to merely react.

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I don’t understand why some people are so evil they want to bring total destruction to their country as well as other countries. An open war between the EU countries and Russia will certainly become nuclear and many cities in the European continent will be destroyed. Russia will not play football in such a war. Russia will use all its might. It will certainly turn into a global war. The world we know will not survive this war.
Only delusional crazy unbalanced people call for such a war.

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Applebaum is a blood-lusting, warmongering, neo-fascist, elitist, Russophobe, just like her husband FM Sikorski of Poland.

Try reading one of her books, if you have a strong stomach.

Watch her «debate» a few years back with Vladimir Pozner, and Gary Kasparek, her team partner...Applebaum and Kasparek were practically foaming at the mouth, hysterical, rude, and frankly appalling in their characterizations of Vladimir Putin...

Anne Applebaum is of the same ilk as Ursula Vander Leyen, Kaja Kallas, Mette Fredrickson, Angelina Baerback of Germany, all women who affect male bravado, machismo, and frighteningly violent aspersions against the person of Vladimir Putin, a bizarre female peni$ envy, or perhaps a subconscious sexual attraction they cannot admit to...

These women «leaders», I believe, project their suppressed frustration, self-hatred, and impotence, onto the strong, hyper-rational, inscrutable (for them) person of Russian Vladimir Putin, much in the way an abusive male does with his female partner....to punish, denigrate and deny the Other humanity, as any neo-fascist does, and as is common in the UK and US with highly intelligent

outliers, eg., Alan Turing...

IMO, Burnham, Macron, Tusk, Merz, Rutte, NATO military guys, and of course Volodomyr Zelenskyy, also «act out» against Vladimir Putin, the Russian Man.

Some very bizarre psychosocial traumatic behavior going on here... Anyone ready to write a thesis?

I’d love to, but at age 80, I’d rather read, write, listen to music, study Russian and learn about AI, and create AI Adobe Firefly images of the epic sociopolitical chaos, and tragic global psychosis today, as well as Dreamtime fantasies of my erstwhile Dearly Beloved...with me in all the countries I lived and worked in for 40 years...Great ways to travel when you’re homebound!

89 Seconds to Midnight on the Doomsday Clock, y’all...

Ganbarimasho! Godspeed! Peace and Justice with Love...

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