

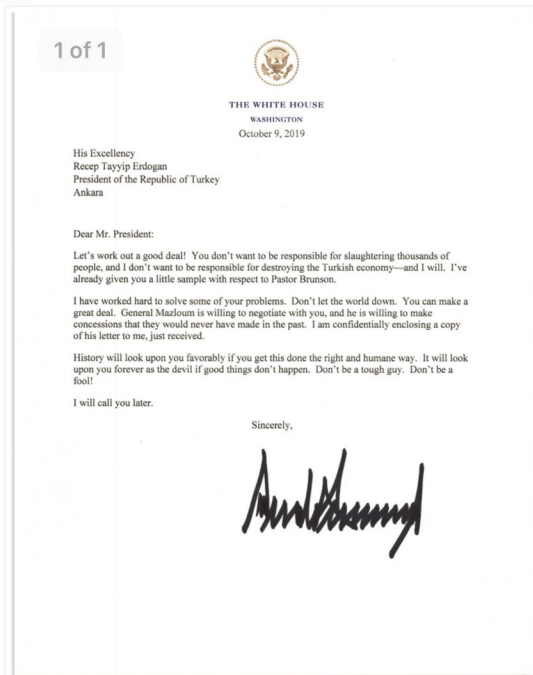
Reminiscence of the Future...

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It Is Down Right Funny.

Daniel Larison referenced Donald Trump's letter to Erdogan. It is amusing, to put it mildly, but that's Trump for ya. He is a former NYC real estate hustler and a man not gifted with complex thinking. Trump warns Erdogan: **to not "be a tough guy! Don't be a fool!"**



Yet, for all Trump's crude "diplomacy" or, rather, lack thereof, not to mention lack of any common state-level courtesy, no one in the US has any reason or justification for complains about "**Turmp's failed foreign policy**", as Daniel Larison complains, because US foreign policy as a whole is an exhibit A of a failure, miserable at that. In fact, while Trump's shenanigans are amusing, to say the least, it was Clinton, then W, and then, Obama's catastrophic (I stress it) failures in diplomacy, foreign policy that is, which, way before Trump even considered himself a candidate for POTUS position, provided enough impetus for world powers to start rearranging the world away from American vision.

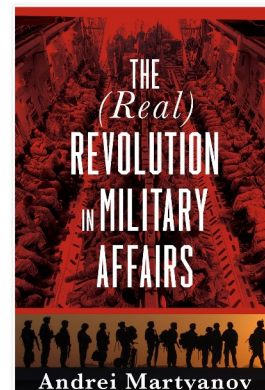
Let's face it, Trump is merely a culmination of the process of completed degradation of American state institutions among which so called diplomacy, intelligence and military institutions are the most affected. In general, a normally functional state would have disintegrated in shame should it have had such "top" diplomats as war criminal Madeleine Albright, psychotic Samantha Power, or clueless Nikki Haley, not to mention such down right stupid people as Michael McFaul, but not in the United States--this is a category of public which passes in the US under the moniker of "diplomats" and whose "expertise" still remains in demand. The problem with the US "diplomacy" is in a simple fact that as of today it is completely corrupted, doesn't have what in other nations goes under the title of national diplomatic schools, which formed over centuries, and have, as it is the case with MGIMO in Russia, special highly prestigious learning institutions which actually prepare diplomats. Some US Ivy League degree mill's "degrees" in International Relations are not worth the paper they are printed on--the list of US so called "diplomats" in the last 25+ years provides and overwhelming body of empirical evidence that those graduates are not quality diplomatic material, to put it mildly. If they were, we would have people of scale of James Baker or Jack Matlock present or emerging in the US top diplomatic (and national security) echelon--no one of this scale is there, zero. **Revisionists they have aplenty**, true top level diplomats and foreign policy experts--zero.

But then again, this problem cannot be viewed in separation from overall dramatic decline, say of US humanities education, total rot and corruption of media and, in general, must be attributed to a completely formed and well pronounced demand for **dishonest, corrupt and down right evil people for the US "elites"**. People with honor integrity and real competence need not apply, only scoundrels are needed. The edifice of normality, virtue and public service is just that--an edifice and it is crumbling. One may say what this has anything to do, with say, such news as today **Putin's proposition for Duma to revoke recognition of commission within framework of Geneva Convention (in Russian)**. The explanation to this proposition clearly states that since 1991 (rings a bell?) this commission has abdicated its functions on establishments of facts of armed conflicts and, in fact, doesn't work, not to mention has not a single Russian representative. Of course, events in Yugoslavia, Libya, support for bearded children in Syria (you know--jihadists) and other terrorist groups testifies to an absolute uselessness of this organization. As many stated for a long time--the West in general, and US in particular, are not agreement-capable and the number of moral freaks and downright imbeciles in its "elites" grows exponentially. Relying on West's international institutions, such as this commission, is a waste of time and resources.

For A Nice Shot Of Bourbon And A Good Cigar

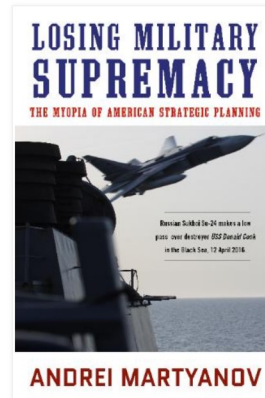


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Saker's Review.



The above summary does not do justice to Martyanov's truly seminal book. I can only say that I consider this book as an absolutely indispensable "must read" for every person in the USA who loves his/her country and for every person who believes that wars, especially nuclear ones, must be avoided at all costs.

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No, really. Who in their own mind would negotiate in good faith anything with, now defunct, Bolton, still active Pompeo or Merkel? Or Macron, for that matter. These are people who value only power and nothing more. So, in this case, Trump is just a cruder, less sophisticated version of any top level Western bureaucrat. This is not to mention this teeny-weeny fact of American gerontocracy. Today the United States is run by people who are down right ancient. Apart from DJT, who is 73 years old, one of the darlings of the election mill, before he suffered a heart attack, Bernie Sanders is 78 years old, Elizabeth Warren is not exactly a spring chicken herself at 70, being merely a year younger than HRC, increasingly demented Joe Biden is 76 years old, while Nancy Pelosi, who increasingly reminds of a walking mummy (with the same mental abilities) will hit 80 next year. Anyone recalls this? The average age was 70 in 1982, when Brezhnev died at the age of 76.



There is one crucial difference though between early 1980s Politburo and present American political class. For all their mistakes, shortcomings and inadequacies those Soviet old men remembered first hand and did all they could to avoid a war. Modern American political class has no grasp of a war. It also lacks any awareness of the outside world and this, combined with a steady decline of cognitive abilities, is what serves as an accelerator to current American decline due to systemic flaws and mutually-exclusive trends in its political life. In this case, Trump's crude and militant letter must not be viewed in separation from the US "diplomacy". This class, bar some very few exceptions, completely lacks any awareness of the actual US dramatically diminished position in the world. So, pardon my cynicism, everything goes in accordance to "plan" and Trump's letter to Erdogan is just another evidence of increasingly impotent US foreign policy. Same goes for the internal one as well. But, I guess, we all know now where Erdogan will "seek counsel".

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In *Losing Military Supremacy*, his latest, groundbreaking book, crack Russian military-naval analyst Andrei Martynov deconstructs in detail how, "the United States faces two nuclear and industrial superpowers, one of which fields a world-class armed forces. If the military-political, as opposed to merely economic, alliance between Russia and China is ever formalized – this will spell the final doom for the United States as a global power."

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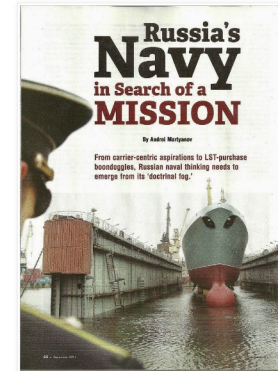
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Yeah, the letter is like written by a schoolboy, and not of latest classes at that....

Meanwhile in Norway calls to ban F-35 because of... Excessive CO2 emission! Greta to the rescue!

<https://topwar.ru/163690-v-...>

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smoothieX12 . Mod → The Arioch • 5 hours ago

LOL, this is reaching now absurd proportions.

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The Arioch → smoothieX12 . • 5 hours ago • edited

Remember Terminator 3? Where he made a bloodbath, then checked body count and reported "civil casualties zero" ?

I vote for next Top Gun season will it happen all jetfighters to have Eco Mode switch!

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WHAT → The Arioch • 6 hours ago

I guess that german MP was right after all. Greta is Putin's agent!

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Arctic_Fox → WHAT • 6 hours ago

Greta is a human S-400, without all those noisy rocket motors. Not even "stealth" can hide from Greta's grim glare.

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Shiiiiiet, now we know what Zhirinovsky meant with that S-700 comment! Putin will launch *crazy people*.

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Vasya Pypkin → WHAT • 2 hours ago

With own rear end propulsion or as warheads?

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LOL.

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In related news, Greta now suggests this:Greta Thunberg suggests Extinction Rebellion protesters should break the law during demonstrations:

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/...>

I suggest law enforcement and law abiding citizens enforce the law, including by means of breaking limbs of fanatics who follow this psychotic teenager and endanger lives and well-being of majority of people. I need to finally drop my laziness and get myself a Nevada Concealed-Carry (good for 30 states, IIRC), or Montana's. Just in case some ass-hole will decide to sabotage public transportation or harm people.

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The Arioch → smoothieX12 . • 5 hours ago • edited

Why? I support Greta here. Let EU states and sheeple who so vehemently supported EuroMaidan scoup it the whole spoonful now, personally, in their streets!

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Y.L. → smoothieX12 . • an hour ago

SmoothieX12, please take the time to read this well researched article on who's behind "Greta" and her purpose. She admitted it; she serves an agenda. Read up also on Edward Bernays.

<https://vigilantcitizen.com/latestnews/the-elite-machine-behind-greta-thunberg/>

Greta's Role

Although many are ready to deny this fact with great vigor (because it goes against their agenda), Greta is merely a pawn. She is controlled by powerful people and big money to promote a specific agenda. The agenda is not merely about climate change – it is about climate change through a very specific angle.

Her role was perfectly defined by Greta herself during a speech at the (very elite) World Economic Forum:

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