

Reminiscence of the Future...

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That Is What Real Revolution In Military Affairs Gives You...

When you are the one who drives it. What 10 years ago could have been viewed as an overstepping the red line of US Dollar's hegemony, today is a normal, business-like occurrence. Vladimir Putin effectively offers Russian Ruble as a reserve currency within BRICS in Brasilia at BRICS summit. Starts at roughly 4:00. Albeit the whole report is very interesting.

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Now, Putin may wax all he wants (for the consumption of business people and investors) about Russia's macroeconomic situation which looks, indeed, stable and is not dependent on hydrocarbons market. That is easy. What needs to be emphasized, yet again, is that US Dollar's reserve status in the last 50 or so years is based primarily on the myth of American military power, period. The times when the United States was a manufacturing powerhouse of the globe are long gone, with China taking this position, and, once this American capacity was gone, the only thing which remained, apart from the "soft power" driven primarily by Hollywood, the only thing on which US Dollar's status remained to be based became expeditionary warfare. As Moammar Qaddafi, and few others, learned the hard way--one doesn't question the dominance of US currency, nor US "economic" views. That is, of course, if you are Libya, Iraq or any other location where the pre-deployment of about 300,000 US marines and GIs could be done without interruption from subject or, rather object, to be taught a valuable lesson. Color revolutions are also in this teaching tool-box.

But those instruments go only so far, until they run into the wall of near-peer, let alone peer, who, actually, can teach its own lessons and draw its own red lines. Once one considers that Russia sits on roughly 30% (by different estimates) of global mineral wealth, has modern economy, stable political system and, what really matters, state-of-the-art Armed Forces armed with some mind-boggling weapons--that is the moment when one, like Russia, can offer a variety of alternatives from increasing the share (already growing) of payments in national currencies, to using Ruble as a main payment tool within BRICS at least. Not only Russia can, but she questions US Dollar's hegemony and, in fact, calls for overthrowing it. She can afford to. In the end, it is Russia, not even China, who now stands guard on Eurasian economic integration and this guard function requires a real high-end military capability, which is a first derivative of economy of scale. As one long-time observer of China noted recently:

No Chinese citizen doesn't understand what is going on. They are unified that the US is trying to destroy what they built in the last 40 years. And they perceive it as racist, also. It's a recapitulation of centuries of racist imperialism. The reason the Chinese have stated their strategic relationship and acted in coordination with Russia, more and more every day, is their sense of need of Russia's titanium spine against the Hegemon. China knows it is not strong enough to handle the storm.

Russia is. In fact that's Russian professional occupation for the last 1000 years--to handle storms. As I continue to state ad nauseam now for years--Russia has a product so valuable, so desirable by so many around the globe, that the question of price is not even that important, even if making Ruble a main currency of BRICS. Stability and peace are the names of this most treasured commodity and it is only the strength of arms which can provide it. How ironic, indeed.

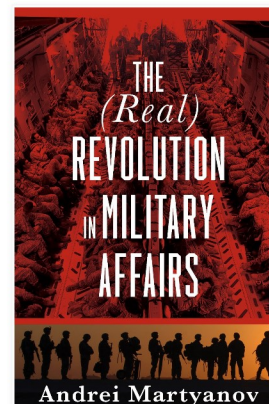
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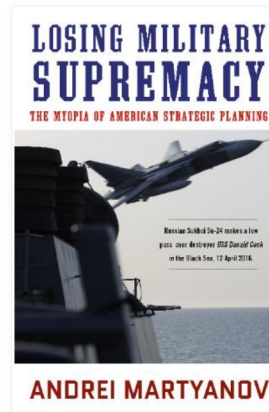


Real Revolution In Military Affairs



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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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Arctic_Fox • a day ago

Clearly, Russia has written a new script for geopolitics. The last people to check that book out of the library will be the upper echelon govt-salary-collectors in Washington. As we see just this week with an array of State Dept personnel testifying before Congress, the skills of disciplined policy making are gone. There's some mystical "interagency" process that seemingly controls things. And staffers run the organization.

We've had this discussion before. It's only (!) the dollar that keeps the train on the rails. Challenge that, and there's little else to back it up. Okay... except US submarines.

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Vasya Pypkin → Arctic_Fox • 21 hours ago

As much as I am against internal politics but foreignn policy imho is a masterpiece.

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howdy.modi → Arctic_Fox • 14 hours ago

dunno , deep ocean nuke subs have their uses but in littorals they will be a big fat target easy prey for diesel subs and torpedo mines.. To think that US submarine will always face their enemy in deep ocean is foolish as their peer enemies have superior defense in littorals..

remind me how many nuke sub now cruising inside persian gulf ?

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tom • 12 hours ago

Si vis pacem, para bellum.

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cdvision • a day ago

History will turn on who replaces Putin. I would like to see him continue, as he has a calm and rational head - unique at present in the world. With Russian's wunderwaffe a new President may chose to be more aggressive. The key for any leader, business or Government, is enabling the succession. Its why so many businesses and countries fail.

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smoothieX12.. Mod → cdvision • a day ago

Putin is a tip of a policy "iceberg" which if formed by some true geopolitical heavyweights: from Lavrov and Shoigu to Gerasimov and Patrushev, among many others. Russia's economic survival and reversal of some of the crucial deformities of 1990s can also be credited to Sechin. There are many, very many top notch policy-makers there.

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Thing is, he is a frontman for a system. It certainly has backups.

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Vasya Pypkin → cdvision • 21 hours ago

Another to get carried legs first from Kremlin? I do not think it is good tradition. Also, I do not think things internally that rosy in Russia. We should not forget that current russia elites are thieves and criminals and Putin allowed them to keep the loot and created conditions for more thieves pardon me billionaires to emerge. Situation that might have been stable under Putin can become unstable under his successor. People know that under songs of social state they have been dispossessed of all rights with pension reform being the latest nail into the coffin. Once it is going to be the last straw. Putin is lucky to have very patient Russians as his subjects. Current wonderweapons and technological achievements are mostly fruition of multi decades Soviet effort which was starting from school desk and to the more advanced levels. Considering lots of damage done to this system under current regime we have to wait and see how this regime can continue developing once Soviet momentum and educated cadres gone.

Putin will be pushing 70 soon.

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cdvision → Vasya Pypkin • 21 hours ago

All good points, with which I agree. I don't have a vote, but if I did, and if he stood for election, Shoigu would get my cross. A man of few words, but each one an ounce of gold.

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Vasya Pypkin → cdvision • 20 hours ago

I would not vote for anyone now even if I were citizen.

Shoigu is administrator. Tough.

Got experience obviously. Balanced. I read his interview.

If he were to go for privatization of 90s reversal and basically putting russia on socialist path from

Asia Times About The Book



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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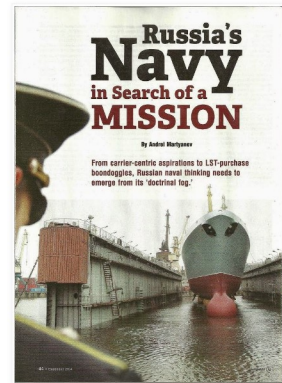
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