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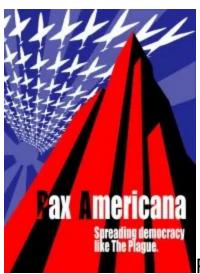
## **Batka And His Lady Problems**

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**Dear Readers:** 

Returning to the Belorussian theme today. I have a few short pieces to review, focusing on the various challenges facing Belorussia's leader, Alexander Lukashenko. Batka ("Papa"), as he likes to be known (seeing himself as the paternalistic Father of His Country) turned out to be, as American spies <u>Nick and Mike</u> <u>allegedly complained</u> in their intercepted phone call, "a tougher nut to crack" than was originally imagined. Having lived his life in a bubble, believing, like Louis XVI, that *all* of his subjects loved him dearly, shocked to the core by the size of the protest movement, Lukashenko was supposed to simply give up, hand the government over to the Opposition (despite the fact that they did not win a plurality of the votes), and walk away.



President-in-waiting Tikhanovskaya, from her

refuge in Lithuania, <u>even graciously offered Lukashenko</u> a guarantee of safe conduct out of Belorussia provided he agree to leave quietly and with his hands up. Lukashenko's reply to this offer was something along the lines of "And how many regiments do you command, Madam?" To which she might have replied: "All of NATO regiments, Sir." To which he might then retort: "Yeah, but I got the Russian army on my side now." And so the stand-off continues...

Although the protests and demonstrations continue, like clockwork, every weekend, they are reportedly getting smaller every time. All but the truly radicalized are starting to lose interest in this calm, but vicious struggle for the fate of a small nation which has the misfortune to stand at the crossroads of Pax Americana and the dwindling Russian Empire.

Meanwhile, <u>as Radio Sputnik reports</u>, the Belorussian working class did *not* heed the Opposition's call to stop working and pour out into the streets for General Strike. Only a few coffee houses, boutique stores and a few private studios in Minsk heeded the call (and even they resorted to cunning, claiming that they had closed for a "sanitary day", i.e., "closed for cleaning"); while the masses of the industrial proletariat remained at their workshops and assembly lines, earning their crust the old-fashioned way. I believe I called this one, <u>back in a previous post</u>. Any strikes, especially general strikes don't just happen because a politician goes on TV and calls for them. It don't work like that. Years of ant-like, laborious work has to go into organizing workers to the point where they have enough discipline to sustain a major strike.

And, while my previous research seemed to indicate that the Opps did indeed have some support among certain Independent Trade Unions which grew out of the anti-Communist Labor Movement of the late 1980's, apparently this was not enough to sway the tide against Lukashenko. I could be wrong, because I have not seen any further news about those Potash Miners, so we shall have to see. Also take into account that the Sputnik piece is progovernment propaganda, quoting the Belorussian Prosecutor General, as he boasts about the strike-fizzle and complains of the "cunning" of the kreakle boutiques who evade the anti-strike law.

## For The Greater Good

Belorussia's economic situation is bad enough nowadays, even without labor strikes. The West has turned *hard* against Batka, the Western sanctions are aimed at destroying the Belorussian economy. Making things so bad for ordinary people that they will holler *Uncle* (Sam) instead of *Papa*! Belorussian Opp Valery Tsepkalo <u>eggs on the sanctions</u> and practically calls for the economic destruction of his own country. Well, what can you do? Nothing but a crowbar will remove this man with the 80% vote and a Kalashnikov from his Presidential mansion.





"A little shock therapy, Mr. Lukashenko. This will only hurt a bit..."

Tsepkalo's ultimate goal is to pivot his country into the Western orbit, politically become a module of the American Empire; economically dependent on Western financial institutions, such as the IMF. He advises Belorussian citizens to ditch the ruble (from their savings accounts) and start hoarding foreign currency. This is a clever trick, because many ordinary Belorussians are doing precisely that already, not necessarily for political reasons, just as a common-sense hedge in case the Belorussian Ruble goes down the tubes.

But, as a thought experiment: Imagine an American Presidential candidate advising the population: "The dollar is shit, and our economy is in ruins. You should put your savings in Chinese yuans."



Tsepkalo: "Things have to get worse before they get better. Trust me."

Fact: The leading wing of the Belorussian Opposition does indeed

intend to create or foster economic distress and even the collapse of their own country. In the minds of these bourgeois ideologues, they believe this represents an unpleasant means to a greater good, namely the overthrow of Lukashenko, and the "democratization" of Belarus. With all that entails: EU membership, NATO, debt-slavery to the IMF; and even the glory of participating in a future war against the Russian Federation. Lukashenko's greatest weapon against these jackals was when he (=Batka) published their actual political program, which they themselves had tried to hide and scrub from the internet. The majority of ordinary Belorussians would be appalled, were they to learn the actual intentions of their proposed new bosses. Especially the juicy bits about breaking all ties with Russia, banning the Russian language, joining NATO, and privatizing the economy via shock therapy.

Some Russophiles make the naive mistake of believing that the Color Revolutionaries are naive sheep who do not understand the future consequences of their actions. You see blog comments like: "But don't they get it, that this will destroy their economy?"

Yeah, they get it. We're not talking about ordinary people here, but about their proposed new leaders. The professional Westernfunded Oppositionists are not stupid people, they know damned well that if they win, ordinary people will suffer from the economic collapse. But, giving them the benefit of the doubt, they think it's still worth the misery, because, in the longer run, after a few years of shock therapy, the nation will start to bloom and prosper under market capitalism. They point to Poland as the poster child and success-story of such a project. In their minds, once Belarus begins to bloom (like Poland), then the suffering will have been worth it. Especially since they themselves won't be the ones doing the suffering during the next decade or so, only regular working people, so it's actually no skin off their backs.

## What About The Ladies?

Now that we have some insight into the thought processes of Lukashenko's opponents, it is time to review Batka's relationship with the women of his country. Given that women are prominent among the political Opposition, and that their vaginas endear them to the American Empire, with its phony-feminist ideology. Batka is a perfect enemy for them: a caveman, born in 1954 and still possessing that "Father Knows Best" kind of attitude. A "traditionalist" patriarchal kind of guy, the type who believes that a woman's place is in the home, raising kids and cooking dinner for him in the kitchen. Batka's sexism makes him particularly odious to Westie ideologues, but, frankly, they would hate him even if he was Mr. Sensitive. Even if he were a flamboyant drag-queen or even transgender. Frankly, Batka is just in their way. He is holding on to a choice piece of real estate that they want for themselves! Nor should people jump blindly to the notion that a national leader deserves to be overthrown simply because he's a jerk, or has a gruff personality. One needs to be a bit more mature in one's thinking. One needs to think about ... yes, the Greater Good!



Juanita Guaidanovskaya: "I shake my little fist at you, Tyrant!"

So, I have two more short pieces, <u>this first one</u> about the anti-Lukashenko "Women's Marches" — which, by the way, is straight out of the Gene Sharp playbook: Sharp even invented the idea of women removing their clothing or tops as a form of protest — not that the Belorussian women have been doing that, they are way too classy for that soft-porn stuff.

Anton Antonov reports that the Opposition Coordinating Council set up a sort of Women's Auxiliary of their movement. The Council denies the allegation that these women-only marches are financed by foreign agencies. As the Council declaims: "The female protest movement in the country exists due to the strength, courage and political will of the women; and does not receive financing from outside the country." These women are marching under the inspiring slogans of: **"They didn't pay us to do this!"** and **"We don't need to be paid to hate you!"** 

The Belorussian government retorts with: "Aha!" and claim they found the source of the funding: something called **PandaDoc**, which was founded in 2011 in the U.S. by two Belorussian emigres. They claim this PandaDoc has a budget of 107,000 Belorussian rubles (equivalent to around \$40K American bucks). Which doesn't sound like much, but probably enough to buy the banners and balloons, and stuff like that.

And finally, as counterpoint I have <u>this piece</u>, in which Batka fights back against this "Monstrous Regiment of Women" by attending his own PRO-Lukashenko women's forum. Under the moniker "**For Belarus!**"





## Natalia Eismont

This happened Thursday, day before yesterday. There was a bit of a rocky start: Lukashenko's gorgeous press secretary, Natalia Eismont mounted the stage and informed the estimated 10,000 participants that Lukashenko was not able to appear in person, after all. But that he was grateful for the support and sent them, "the best girls and women of our country" his warmest greetings, via telegram.

Imagine their disappointment... but wait! Lukashenko suddenly showed up after all, accompanied, as always, by his 15-year-old son Nikolai. Descending from the stage, like a rock star, Batka greeted his female supporters in person, shaking their hands, etc. They crowded around him eagerly while son Kolya watched shyly from a bit further away. A pity, since many of these nice ladies might have liked to pinch the rosy cheeks of this young Cherubino.