

People

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"*We stand with the Ukrainian people*" said Mr. Biden during his State of the Union address.

What "*people*" did he have in mind, at precisely the same time that some of his own "*people*" were heckling and booing him while he was delivering his lines in the august Palace of Democracy?

Is there such a thing as a unified American "*people*" which deliberately and unreservedly supports Mr. Biden's bellicose endeavors in Europe, and at whatever cost?

Is there such a thing as a Ukrainian "*people*" that would vociferously demand that Mr. Biden continue funding and arming a war which has exiled half their population and is slaughtering the rest?

Let us try to dissect the anatomy of such a Ukrainian "*people*".

It seems to consist of:

- A. Populations of Russian ethnicity and language, 17,000 of which were killed in Ukrainian bombardments since 2004, and an overwhelming majority of which desires to be Russian, quite understandably;
- B. Populations of Romanian, Hungarian, Slovakian, Polish, Byelorussian ethnicities and languages, which desire to be either left to their own devices or reintegrate Romania, Hungary, Slovakia, Poland, and Byelorussia;
- C. Populations of Ukrainian ethnicity and language, of which:
 - a) Part couldn't care less whether A or B are or aren't within Ukrainian borders, and
 - b) A minority which quite unreasonably, although unequivocally, desires to impose its nationalist hegemony on A and B, ban all languages and cultural traits other than Ukrainian, kill whatever populations are in regions A and B, exile whatever is left, and replace these populations with their own, as is repeated daily by Ukrainian political leaders.

When Mr. Biden states that "*We stand with the Ukrainian people*" while he is flooding their country with advanced weapons to the tune of one hundred billion dollars, which section(s) of said "*Ukrainian people*" has he in mind? Which section(s) does he think is (are) prepared to die for the holy cause stated in C-b?

Since it seems quite obvious that:

- 1) Mr. Biden could not possibly have section A in mind;
- 2) it is extremely unlikely that section B nurtures any nationalistic enthusiasm other than for their own and certainly not on behalf of those who are trying to subjugate them, and
- 3) by definition section C-a is not willing to die for a cause they do not give a hoot about,

did Mr. Biden mean only section C-b?

Surely he couldn't!

Or could he?

Or did he mind: "*We stand with the government of Mr. Zelensky*", which itself stands for section C-b.

Or rather "*We stand against the Russian people*", although from a safe distance, and at whatever cost in limb for the "*Ukrainian people*" and in treasury and dignity for the "*American people*"!