

You're all well-educated people who closely follow world events, so you're of course informed of the ongoing Russian missile attacks on various Ukrainian cities. Just in the past few days, explosions have rocked Kharkiv, Kryvyi Rih, Lviv, Poltava etc. leaving scores of dead and hundreds of injured. But, at the risk of stating the obvious, let me also stress that these great crimes are made possible, or at least facilitated, when the aggressor state – Russia – spends years “dehumanizing” its intended victims – Ukrainians. Turning them from brothers, sisters and cousins into fascists, Nazis, and demonic scum makes blowing up schools and orphanages that much easier.

Joseph Goebbels was the consummate master of this dark art, and today Putin, Lavrov, Medvedev, Peskov, Solovyov (below) and many others follow the Nazi Doctor's playbook closely.



This paper linked below, entitled [Russia's Eliminationist Rhetoric Against Ukraine: A Collection](#), is both fascinating and illuminating because it's full of citations of hate speech, and indeed genocidal language, uttered by the Putin regime and its collaborators in the two decades leading up to the full-scale invasion of 2022. I look forward to the day when this research is introduced as evidence in future war crimes trials.

“Ukrainian statehood is Moloch [a pagan deity], to whom children are sacrificed. This filthy idol must be destroyed, it has no place in history”: Russian head of Crimean occupation authority, Sergey Aksyonov

<https://www.justsecurity.org/81789/russias-eliminationist-rhetoric-against-ukraine-a-collection/>

A reminder that this is not an 'ordinary enemy' the world is facing. Putin is not simply on a quest for territory or resources or national grandeur, but for that worst of all reasons – to impose a vision of racial-cultural superiority.

Slava Ukraini!

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