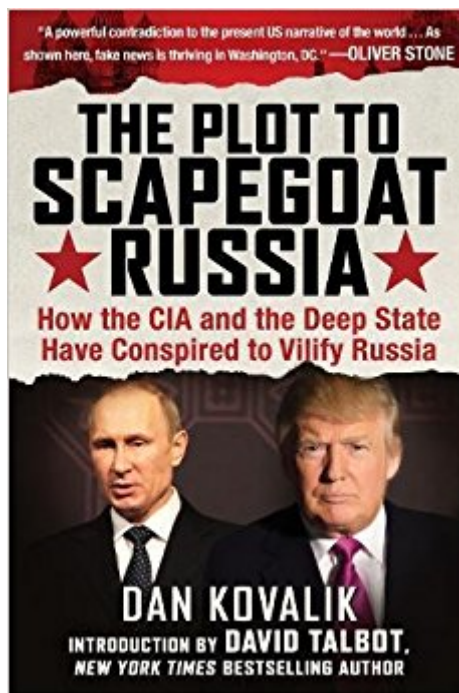




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# The Plot To Scapegoat Russia: How The CIA And The Deep State Have Conspired To Vilify Putin



## Synopsis

An in-depth look at the decades-long effort to escalate hostilities with Russia and what it portends for the future. Since 1945, the US has justified numerous wars, interventions, and military build-ups based on the pretext of the Russian Red Menace, even after the Soviet Union collapsed at the end of 1991 and Russia stopped being Red. In fact, the two biggest post-war American conflicts, the Korean and Vietnam wars, were not, as has been frequently claimed, about stopping Soviet aggression or even influence, but about maintaining old colonial relationships. Similarly, many lesser interventions and conflicts, such as those in Latin America, were also based upon an alleged Soviet threat, which was greatly overblown or nonexistent. And now the specter of a Russian Menace has been raised again in the wake of Donald Trump's election. *The Plot to Scapegoat Russia* examines the recent proliferation of stories, usually sourced from American state actors, blaming and manipulating the threat of Russia, and the long history of which this episode is but the latest chapter. It will show readers two key things: (1) the ways in which the United States has needlessly provoked Russia, especially after the collapse of the USSR, thereby squandering hopes for peace and cooperation; and (2) how Americans have lost out from this missed opportunity, and from decades of conflicts based upon false premises. These revelations, amongst other, make *The Plot to Scapegoat Russia* one of the timeliest reads of 2017.

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"A powerful contradiction to the present US narrative of the world . . . As shown here, fake news is thriving in Washington, DC."--Oliver Stone, Academy Award winning director and screenwriter "The Plot to Scapegoat Russia is a beautifully written, uncommonly coherent, and very compelling treatise on the issues facing America today... a troubling indictment of where we've been and where we're headed. Moreover, this book is profoundly important, and a timely retrospective review of American foreign policy misadventures since the advent of the Cold War."--Phillip F. Nelson, author of LBJ: The Mastermind of the JFK Assassination and LBJ: From Mastermind to "The Colossus" "The Plot to Scapegoat Russia

Accused of being a "Useful Idiot or Propagandist for Russia," labor and human rights lawyer Dan Kovalik is anything but. His book, *The Plot to Scapegoat Russia*, rather, holds the US to the same level of scrutiny as the Russophobes insist we examine Russia. Kovalik's careful dissection of the US record makes Russia's transgressions pale in comparison. American exceptionalism is the conviction that our excrement smells like perfume and everyone else's stinks is deconstructed. Kovalik documents how the US "has fought against nearly every war of liberation waged by the peoples of the Third World, and has many times partnered with right-wing fascist forces. In short, Kovalik embraces Martin Luther King's dictum: "The US is on the wrong side of world-wide revolution." Brought up in an anti-communist conservative Roman Catholic milieu, where he was instructed to pray for the conversion of the Russians, Kovalik now pleads that the challenges of "global warming, terrorism, nuclear proliferation, mass poverty, and constant wars" would best be addressed by mutual cooperation with a willing Russia. Like a broken clock that displays the correct time twice a day, Trump is credited for suggesting détente with Russia. Informing the book is the biblical allegory that it is more convenient to pull the speck from your brother's eye than the plank from your own. Hence, Kovalik has the temerity to point out that "while Americans obsess over the numbers killed under the Stalin Terror, few care to consider the most-likely greater numbers killed in the US genocide of Native Americans." Kovalik is sympathetic to Putin's observation that the collapse of the USSR was "the major

geopolitical disaster of the [last] century. Kovalik notes the Soviet Union's many contributions, including the heavy lifting in defeating the Nazis in WWII. The Soviet Union also served as a major countervailing force moderating US militaristic adventures abroad. The US invasions of Iraq, Libya, Syria, and counting would not likely have proceeded had that force been present in more recent times. Likewise, the presence of the Soviet alternative goaded the US domestically to address its democratic pretensions for racial equality and such. And with the collapse of the Soviet Union, social democracies throughout the world dissolved. Ironically Putin is being subjected to worse vilification today by the US establishment than were the Soviet leaders during the Cold War. Kovalik emphasizes the underlying continuity among US rulers from Clinton to Bush to Obama to Trump, despite less significant differences of party allegiances and work styles. Overriding is allegiance to the US imperial project and an ever deepening neoliberal trajectory. Obama, Kovalik points out, had arrested more people under the 1917 Espionage Act than all of his predecessors combined. Meanwhile, Trump is carrying Obama's legacy forward. The Clintons' many wrongdoings receive a full three chapters – two for Bill and one for Hillary. Under Bill Clinton, the ideological justification of "humanitarian intervention" replaced the former use of anti-communism as the pretext for US world domination. Kovalik traces back the use of "humanitarian intervention" as a cover for Belgium's genocidal activities in the Congo from 1885 to 1908 under King Leopold. Mark Twain, incidentally one of the founders of the Anti-Imperialist League, had this to say about the king: "this bloody monster whose mate is not findable in human history will surely shame hell itself when he arrives there." Kovalik opines that modern journalists would be justified to say the same about Bill Clinton today. The book's subtitle, *How the CIA and the Deep State Have Conspired to Vilify Russia*, suggests a secret cabal concealed in the shadowy bowels of the State Department basement. The conspiracy that Kovalik reveals is far more shocking. It is composed of our leading public officials and state institutions hidden in plain sight and blatantly operating in the open, abetted by what is called the mainstream media with a little help from alternative sources (e.g., Democracy Now! on Libya and Syria). The CIA is not only an unreliable source (e.g. weapons of mass destruction), Kovalik demonstrates that it is also a far greater threat to US democracy than Russia. The Russian hack story is a ruse to excuse Hillary Clinton's electoral defeat, but even more it is a justification for an ever more aggressive US imperial project. Kovalik's *The Plot to Scapegoat Russia* is a worthy sequel to John Perkins' *2004 Confessions of an Economic Hit Man*, though with

more sophistication and political insight than the earlier title. Just released on June 6, Kovalik's book provides a most timely analysis and documentation to combat the unholy alliance of neo-conservatives and liberals fomenting heightened world tensions. Kovalik concludes with the admonishment that liberals have grown so apologetic about the bedrock militarism of Democrats that they don't resist it when the other party is in power. "I wring my hands over my own country, which seems more out of control and dangerous than any other in the world, and which is tapping into old Cold War fears to justify its permanent war footing. Meanwhile the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists have moved the doomsday clock up to two and a half minutes before midnight, the closest it has been to Armageddon since the height of the Cold War.

One could not ask for a more timely, informative, and powerful book on US / Russian relations than the Plot to Scapegoat Russia. The author courageously traces the ugly footprint of US military and intelligence actions across the globe which includes the country of Russia itself as the US assisted in the election of Boris Yeltsin. Ironically enough, the US has fabricated a great Russian bogeyman to justify interventions even as we have encircled their country via NATO and conducted joint military exercises on their borders. Can anyone seriously consider similar maneuvers on our own borders? Does anybody believe we can continue to thwart the will of the world's people to self determination without creating a backlash of anger and resentment toward our own people? The author explains that only by continuing to pedal the tale of America as the victim of evil Russian intentions can these policies be continued. He has done a great service for America and the world by unmasking the wizard and proposing peace as the only rational alternative.

We live in dangerous times. A panic has gripped the American media over Russia. Anyone daring to question the anti-Russian hysteria is risking their careers and reputation. Thus Daniel Kovalik is a heroic man simply for writing his book "The Plot to Scapegoat Russia." However the media seem oblivious of the dangerous situation they are creating by pushing the US towards a war with Russia which has the potential to end life on the planet with a push of a button. Kovalik is best known for his work on the dirty war in Colombia has described the insanity of that war in which the US has armed and trained drug dealing death squads (and their sponsors in Colombia's corrupt drug dealing political and military elite) all in the name of fighting drugs. Needless to say this policy has predictably resulted in a massive 300% increase in the amount of Cocaine arriving in the US from Colombia while also causing untold misery to the people of Colombia where 100,000 have been

killed and 9 million refugees have been created as part of a massive land theft. Naturally this "Plan Colombia" has been hailed as a massive success in America. Kovalik's book is full of stories like this from America's recent history. Chances are you will be extremely shocked to discover what he reveals. His book is about far more than Russia. He writes in the hopes of reminding us what many seem to forget. The American empire is far more dangerous to the world than Russia. Kovalik's book is also a personal account of his own political awakening. Like many Americans he was raised on a steady diet of cold war mythology. The belief that America is a "global force for good" is drummed into its citizens' heads not only by the propaganda that masquerades as news and history but also in the entertainment we consume the movies, tv, books. Equally the idea that Russians are the villains has become an article of faith in much of the world after 100 years of cold war propaganda which began in 1917 with the original "red scare". Of course Russophobia began centuries before that justified on racist (they were Asiatic), and religious grounds (Both Protestants and Catholics hated the Orthodox church) and motivated by Russia and Britain's imperial rivalry. The point is after centuries of demonization it is easy for Westerners to see Russians as inherently evil and bent on world domination. An objective view of 20th/21st century history shows that they were mostly acting defensively after having been invaded twice once by 14 countries including the US during the Russian Civil War and again when Hitler invaded in 1941 and killed 27 million Soviets as well as destroying thousands of farms, villages, factories, hospitals, and schools along with millions of homes. Thus during the Cold War it was always an absurd lie to claim that the Soviets were planning to invade Western Europe at any moment. They were focused on rebuilding after the war while America completely undamaged had a monopoly on the Atom-Bomb prior to 1949 and would maintain nuclear dominance throughout the cold war. However the US needed an excuse to keep its military industrial complex running and the Cold War provided a convenient excuse to silence critics, smash labor unions and intervene everywhere on the planet that US corporations felt their profit margins might be threatened by some third world president seeking to improve the lives of his or her people. Kovalik gives many of the highlights of this war on the planet Guatemala where 200,000 people would die over the decades as a result of a CIA coup. Iran where democracy was destroyed and the Shah installed to prevent the people from benefiting from the oil revenues. The horrifying wars in Korea and Vietnam which killed millions of people. It was in the 1980's that Kovalik had his political awakening during the war on Nicaragua where Reagan was arming drug dealing death squads to terrorize the Sandinista government for daring to overthrow the Somoza dictatorship and attempt to improve the lives of their people. Kovalik went down to Nicaragua to see for himself what was going on there and has ever since tried to oppose the wars the US wages in

Latin America. This was probably the last time the US would have a strong anti-war left. Although there was a brief resurgence during the Bush II years this would largely fade with the coming to office of Obama. Thus most Americans have no idea what their empire has actually been up to lately. The news media has become ever more propagandistic because America's foreign policy has become ever more insane. Kovalik's book will bring you up to date on what has actually been happening. In Libya the US backed Al Qaeda terrorists with the full military might of NATO destroying this tiny socialist country where everyone received a share of the oil revenues under Gaddafi. Instead Libya is now ruled by racist al Qaeda warlords who fight for control who have waged a genocidal ethnic cleansing campaign against black Libyans. In Syria a similar strategy has been pursued Syria was nearly destroyed by terrorists armed by the US, the Saudis, Israel and NATO and seeking to turn the country into a chaotic wasteland. In Ukraine the US backed a fascist coup that sparked a civil war. It was the war in Ukraine that lead to our current cold war 2.0 Since most people would be shocked to learn that the US was backing a government full of "neo-Nazis" everyone who pointed this fact out was labeled a Russian propagandist. America's alliance with fascists is one of it's dirtiest cold war secrets Hundreds of thousands of fascist war criminals were settled across the US, Canada, Australia, and Latin America. They were kept active producing cold war propaganda and were used as secret armies to wage war on the Soviet Union in the early days of the cold war. They were funded and kept active through the World Anti-Communist League which united fascists, terrorists, and drug dealers from around the world. a scandal that emerged during the Iran/Contra era. Anyways this is one of my private obsessions so I couldn't resist tossing it although Kovalik doesn't discuss WACL he does discuss the history of the OUN-B the Ukrainian Fascists who committed horrifying war crimes during World War 2 and are now worshipped as heroes in post-Maidan Ukraine. Of course the Russians are not exactly angels and Kovalik attempts to provide a balanced account of Russia's recent history as well. Russia's history since the fall of the USSR has been utterly disastrous in many ways. Thus the book is by no means a one sided account but it will hopefully help the reader to understand what has happened in Russia during and after the cold war. It also provides an account of this new Cold War which really began in the 1990's with the massive NATO expansion, the War in Yugoslavia, and the disastrous economic policies the west imposed on the former socialist world with catastrophic effects. Since 2014 the level of Anti-Russian Hysteria has only increased which is why Dan Kovalik is a brave man for writing this book. Despite all the topics and history it covers it is an easy read and has a wonderful heartfelt quality rare in books on these topics. Buy two copies one for yourself and one for a friend or family member who is in the grip of anti-Russian fever or who is unaware of recent history. Whether you

are new to topics like these or if you are thanks to the internet and books like this one aware of what is actually going on you will certainly learn something by reading this book. I hope it will awaken in people a desire to search for the truth, think critically, and to fight for peace and justice. We live in dangerous times if you want to do something about it please read this book.

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