THE LESSON MARINA OVSYANNIKOVA OFFERS TO CHUCK TODD AND LESTER HOLT

The lesson Marina Ovsyannikova offers journalists like Chuck Todd and Lester Holt as democracy is under attack is that you cannot wait until authoritarians take power to speak up.

NOW THAT DOJ HAS RUDY GIULIANI'S PHONE CONTENTS, LEV PARNAS PREPARES TO PLEAD

After failing to forgoing really onerous plea deal in the past, now that SDNY has obtained the content of Rudy Giuliani's devices, Lev Parnas is preparing to plead guilty.

IT IS NOT NEWS THAT BILL BARR LIED TO PROTECT KLEPTOCRACY

Before Russia invaded a peaceful country, it attempted to achieve the same ends by cultivating Trump, by trading him electoral wins for Ukrainian sovereignty. Bill Barr was a central part in letting that effort continue unchecked until January 20, 2021. Yet TV journalists are interviewing him as if he is a respectable member of society.

THE SINGLE-LEGGED STOOL OF THE HORSESHOE LEFT'S APOLOGY FOR PUTIN

Key mouthpieces of the purportedly antiimperialist Putin-apologizing horseshoe left has embraced Putin's false claim that this attack is only about NATO and not also about democracy.

QUESTIONS FOR BILL BARR ABOUT HIS COVER-UPS PERTAINING TO UKRAINE AND RUSSIA, STARTING WITH: WHO WITHDREW THE RED NOTICE FOR YEVGENIY PRIGOZHIN?

Among the many questions that Bill Barr should be asked as he attempts to launder his reputation against the backdrop of the Russian invasion are what happened to the arrest warrant issued against the owner of Putin's contract killers, Yevgeniy Prigozhin, for his role in Russia's 2016 operation against US democracy?

PUTIN'S PLAYMATES TRUMP AND TUCKER REMIND TRUMPSTERS THEY'VE BEEN TRAINED TO LOVE PUTIN

If Putin has his way, his Ukraine war will split the United States in two. He plans to do that by keeping Trump supporters trained to love Putin more than they like their own country.

THE EIGHT TRUMP ASSOCIATES WHOM DOJ IS INVESTIGATING

Since I last laid out DOJ's investigations into close Trump associates, we've learned of investigative steps targeting two more Trump flunkies.

SPECIAL MASTER BARBARA JONES TURNS OVER RUDY'S CHATS

Special Master Barbara Jones has now made over 30,000 items seized from Rudy's phones to investigators.

RUDY'S PHONES DEFY GUARANTEES WE'D KNOW OF AN INVESTIGATION INTO TRUMP

We know just two things about the search of Rudy's phones that has been going on since April. First, if there is evidence of crimes on Rudy's 16 devices, DOJ will have a way of getting to it. And we would not have anyway of knowing that they had.

LEV PARNAS' FAILED ATTEMPT TO FLIP

In a motion in limine submitted in advance of Lev Parnas' trial next month, SDNY reveals he had a single proffer session with the government in March 2020.