

MINORITY REPORT: PUTIN'S PROGRAMMA DESTABILIZATSII BEGAN MUCH EARLIER

[NB: Note the byline, thanks. / ~Rayne]

By now you should have read Marcy's post, The Guardian "Scoop" Would Shift the Timeline and Bureaucracy of the Known 2016 Russian Operation which compares much of The Guardian's article to known details leading up and into 2016 election.

The primary problem with the material journalists Harding, Borger and Sabbagh obtained is the new timeline it offers as well as its attempt to limit Russian interference in the election to a narrow window. In my opinion there are at least two more critical problem.

The reported description of Trump as "impulsive, mentally unstable and unbalanced individual who suffers from an inferiority complex" is problematic. This implies with treatment – like ADD medications and psychotherapy – Trump might be able overcome this challenge. But far too many professionals in psychology and psychiatry have already indicated Trump is a narcissist; this is not a treatable mental illness but a personality disorder. There's limited treatment for this which may or may not work, including talk therapy. Such therapy poses an inherent national security risk.

Should Trump suffer from dementia worsening with age, his disorder will only worsen, his increasing boldness, meanness, and disinhibition making him even more unfit for any public office. He should never have access to the power of the executive office again.

But that's one reason why the subtle disinformation has been planted. If Putin's goal is to destabilize the U.S. and make it both ungovernable and unable to focus its collective

will, encouraging the U.S.'s right-wing to reseat Trump under the misguided belief he will improve over time serves his purpose.

The second problem with The Guardian's report and the underlying materials is that it treats the 2016 election interference to seat Trump as discrete, an end in itself, when the truth is that it was a single project inside a larger framework – a program of destabilization which predates Trump's candidacy for presidency in 2015.

You'll recall the case of three Russian spies arrested in January 2015, a date which in itself may not suggest there was a longer destabilization program, only spying. Even the role of former Trump campaign foreign policy adviser Carter Page in the three spies case is not a solid indicator of a longer program.

In the indictment of the spies, however, there was a bit of recorded conversation which has troubled me since I first read it, which I noted in early 2017 when revisiting the three spies case:

“And then Putin even tried to justify that they weren't even tasked to work, they were sleeper cells in case of martial law,” Victor Podobnyy remarked in a conversation about the Illegals Program sleeper cells. What did he mean by, “in case of martial law”? Is this a continuing concern with regard to any remaining undetected sleeper cells?

Emphasis mine, and on the part which has haunted me.

Was the January 6 insurrection always part of the end goal along with the continuing obstruction by the now thoroughly compromised Republican Party? Was Trump supposed to have invoked the Insurrection Act and martial law with it as part of a longer destabilization program?

That same program, then, would have extended beyond 2015, before the FBI began surveillance of the three spies, before one of the three spies, Evgeny Buryakov, began work in New York City.

The program would have predated the expulsion of the identified Illegals Program sleeper cells in June 2010, if the intent was to use them during civil strife in the U.S. resulting in martial law.

The presence of some of the Illegals Program spies pre-dated Putin's ascension to Russia's presidency in December 1999 and his role as Director of the Federal Security Service from 1998-1999, but it's not clear whether Putin co-opted the program to plan for destabilization, or if the program had always been intended for destabilization but thwarted in 2010.

What's clear, though, is that the U.S. paid little heed to Putin's preparedness for conditions in the U.S. leading to martial law, going back at least as far as 2010.

The Illegals Program revealed to the American public the presence of sleeper cells. The general public has assumed all sleeper cells were rolled up in 2010; the use of the program as fiction fodder in cable network series *The Americans* marginalizes sleeper cells as entertainment. There's nowhere near the level of concern about white persons with Russian accents as there is about Asian Americans of any heritage, the latter becoming the subject of hate crimes while the presence of Russians and Russian Americans is treated as no big deal. How would Florida's Sunny Isles municipality function without the presence of Russian and Russian Americans' money, after all?

This is part of the same umbrella program of destabilization: Putin knows the U.S. has a deep schism which goes to its foundation and he's placed pressure on it to force it to open more widely. We know this from the documented efforts of Russia's Internet Research Agency in 2016.

Racist Americans have been encouraged to focus on an "Other" with the help of Trump whose repeated remarks about the "China flu." With this redirection of attention, it's too easy for any other remaining or new sleeper cells to be created undetected.

Some of these cells may not need to be Russians any longer. They can be loosely organized anarchic groups which are united by their preference for white supremacy and theocratic government. They could include peripherally-connected but influential individuals like David Duke who moved to Russia and lived there for a handful of years, to return to the U.S. to foment more racist tension.

Duke moved to Moscow in 1999 – the same year Putin was FSB Director. Did Duke have an invitation?

Does Putin's *Programma destabilizatsii* go back that far?

I won't even go into the much larger possibility that the umbrella destabilization program was meant to end NATO – which may mean Brexit was not a proof-of-concept linked to the interference in the 2016 election by the use of Cambridge Analytica/SCL, but wholly meant to work hand-in-glove to sustain an attack on NATO.

If this is the case, of course Putin would want to wall off interference into the 2016 election as a discrete, isolated event. Why would NATO continue to tolerate multiple sustained attacks using hybrid warfare on its member nations jointly and separately and not invoke Article 5?