

The End of the Politics of Political Czar “Vladimir Putin”?

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I decided to contribute this analysis because I wish to have your swift seize going back to Russia and Ukraine war topic. We're almost three months into this war and I continue to be very pessimistic about where we are heading.

Over the last few weeks, the biggest headline, I think, has been the sinking of the Moskva and recapturing of Kharkov and opening of diplomacy as Indian Embassy will start working from 17th of this month. Coming to Moskva, it is Russia's carrier, its flagship of its Black Sea fleet. It is the worst naval combat loss that Russia has experienced since World War II at the hands of Ukraine, a country that doesn't even have a navy.

All of this means that internationally Putin is losing and losing badly. Therefore, the big question is, therefore, you want Russia to lose, but how badly do you want them to lose? Or should I say, you want them to lose how badly? Do you want them to lose all the territory that they've taken in Ukraine from 2014? What if it makes them much more likely to use chemical weapons or even tactical nuclear weapons as we've heard from President Zelensky himself warning over the weekend. Internationally, how much do you want the Russian economy to be destroyed given the actions that are being taken?

Questions comes – what Russia is losing and how much every day? And keep it in mind, the losses are accumulating day by day and it is affecting Russia to have two front war – what if Japan hits Russia in South China Sea. It will be the loss of Political Czar Vladimir Putin – *that's as Indian we don't like to see*. But he is moving towards per hour speed. I think Vladimir Putin will reach the destination leading to his coup, which is most likely inevitable in this *scenario*.

Why I am saying this because - according to the Rand Corporation and the IISS (International Institute for Strategic Studies), Russia had about 2,700 main battle tanks in total at the start of the conflict. Russia lost its 40 percent tanks. According to Oryx's figures, half of the tanks Russia has lost have not been destroyed or damaged by the enemy but have been captured or abandoned.

TEN WEEKS PLUS INTO Russia's invasion of Ukraine, as its underperforming military swamps down in the face of a world-inspiring defense effort, US president Joe Biden and Russian president Vladimir Putin find themselves caught between the cautionary lessons of history and today's geopolitical realities.

Almost nothing has gone according to Putin's earlier plans: Ukraine assembled against his military, wreaking horrendous losses and making it clear that Russia will never be welcomed into the former Soviet republic, and the world has united against Putin's government, inflicting an immediate economic toll that already poses the greatest threat to his ongoing leadership in two decades.

Now Putin faces a dangerous question with destabilizing consequences for the West and the world beyond: How does he want to lose this war? What more of Russia's treasury, economy, and people—and, not least of all, his own political power—is he willing to risk to either grind down Ukraine or preserve his hold on the country he's led for nearly a quarter-century? Putin seems to understand when the war is not going his way — hence his withdrawal from the environs of Kyiv at the beginning of April 2022 rather than risk the complete destruction of his forces. He gambled on winning a more limited victory in Donbas in eastern Ukraine, but that's not happening, either. The Institute for the Study of War reported on Sunday: "Russian forces did not make any significant advances on any axis of advance on May 8." Putin is running out of options.

Some of them argue that a coup is highly unlikely, while others say it is almost inevitable due to Putin's decision to give a free rein to unprecedented aggression against Ukraine. Support is still high in Russia for Putin and his invasion of Ukraine, and the Western sanctions have not yet destroyed the Russian economy fully. On the other hand, there are not many people capable of overthrowing Putin or wishing to do it in his inner circle, and a coup is extremely risky but can be thought of if CIA makes a move, a planned move.

Whatever comes next, the war in Ukraine will be a net loss for Russia leading to coup in Moscow, under full scale plan of CIA by using – Russian Oligarchs and Politicians. A top Ukrainian military official has said that a coup to overthrow Russian President Vladimir Putin is underway and cannot be stopped, till August 2022 he will be ousted out of power. Mikhail Kasyanov, who served as prime minister under Vladimir Putin in the early 2000s, told DW he believed that the Russian president had "already started to realize that he's losing this war."

My opinion is the whole political system of Russia has been built to prevent a coup. Coup needs public dissatisfaction and protest. If a coup does happen, it will happen only if Putin becomes unpopular and there are major protests. But the right to protest is ceased in Russia. Coup from all points may fail.