

Putin: Unipolar Order Has Ended, West Headed For "Change Of Elites" As Russia Emerges Stronger

## **Description**

RUSSIA: Update(11:00am ET) Russian President Vladimir Putin stressed in further remarks given before the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum that anti-Russian sanctions have only come back to hurt the people of the EU and the West broadly, amid soaring gas and food prices, inflation fears, and severe supply chain shortages. He declared the end of the unipolar world as we know it, saying, "Over the past decades, new powerful centers have been formed on the planet [...] each of them develops their own political system and public institutions, implements their own models of economic growth, and, of course, has the right to protect themselves, to ensure national sovereignty. We are talking about real processes, about truly revolutionary, tectonic changes in geopolitics, global economy, the technological sphere, in the entire system of international relations". And more, according to a state-backed media translation:

The Russian president criticized the European Union over the decision to impose anti-Russia sanctions, calling it "crazy" and "not well thought out". Putin said that their goal was to crush the Russian economy in one go, but that they have failed to achieve this.

Instead, EU politicians delivered a serious blow to their own economies, prompting high inflation, the president stressed. He estimated the costs of the "sanctions fever" to be around \$400 billion this year alone and noted that the measures will become a burden on regular people's shoulders.

As Russian President has claimed, Moscow is ready to talk about normalizing logistics and transportation, as well as increasing exports of fertilizer and food, with 'people who understand what's going to happen', despite speculations about Russia blocking Ukrainian deliveries. pic.twitter.com/0bCDj7LsNU

— RT (@RT\_com) June 17, 2022

"It is clear why they waged this propaganda campaign, what all these spells about 200-to-1 ruble-dollar

exchange rates and claims that our economy would collapse were all about. All this was – and remains – a tool in the information warfare, an attempt to put psychological pressure on Russian society," he continued, stressing further that "some global currencies are committing suicide".

On the EU, he said: "The European Union has completely lost its political sovereignty, and its bureaucratic elites are dancing to someone else's tune, accepting whatever they are told from above, causing harm to their own population and their own economy."

He said there will be a "change of elites" in the West as part of the "revolutionary" shift initiated by the Ukraine war and the US-Europe overreaching: "Such a detachment from reality, from the demands of society, will inevitably lead to a surge of populism and the growth of radical movements, to serious social and economic changes, to degradation, and in the near future, **to a change of elites**," Putin said.

"Russia is entering the coming era as a powerful sovereign country. We will definitely use the enormous new opportunities that time opens up for us.

And we will become even stronger."

Putin finished his speech at the SPIEF.

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The speech essentially declared that despite the West attempting to hammer the Russian economy and bring it to its knees, the efforts have failed spectacularly and is blowing back on the West, according to Putin's words.

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Ukraine just got a big boost for its EU membership bid on Friday, with the 27-member nation bloc's executive giving full support for its candidate status. European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen announced for the first time that the **commission recommends** "that Ukraine is given candidate status. This is of course on the understanding that the country will carry out a number of further reforms."

She said further while <u>speaking from Brussels</u>, "In the view of the Commission, Ukraine has clearly demonstrated the country's aspiration and the country's determination to live up to European values and standards." Von der Leyen included further: "We all know that Ukrainians are ready to die for the European perspective. We want them to live with us the European dream."



"Yes, Ukraine should be welcomed as a candidate country — this is based on the understanding that good work has been done but important work also remains to be done," von der Leyen said.

The day prior, on Thursday, French President Emmanuel Macron, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz and Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi traveled to Kiev by train where they delivered a unified and "strong signal of support" to Ukraine amid the Russian invasion. They publicly backed Ukraine's path to the EU, urging "immediate EU candidate status."

Currently France holds the rotating EU presidency. It's leader Macron said while in Kiev of EU candidacy status, "This status will be accompanied by a roadmap and will also involve taking into account the situation in the Balkans and the neighboring area, **notably Moldova**."

While putting forward Modova, absent was any mention of Georgia, which is not being considered, angering Georgian leaders who have <u>lashed out at Brussels</u>. As for Ukraine, even with enthusiastic supporting from leading EU countries, the process for potential membership is **still expected to take years, possibly even decades**, as some officials have warned.

Later on Friday, Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky hailed the EU candidacy decision as a "first step on the EU membership path that'll certainly bring our victory closer." He thanked von der Leyen for the commission's "historic decision" – but which will await formal approval at the June 23 to 24 EU summit. Zelensky said his country is eagerly expecting a "positive result".

Looming heavy in the background is Moscow deciding this week to dial up the pressure on Europe by drastically reducing flows of natural gas for its biggest customers in Western Europe, sending Energy prices surging higher.

Russian President Vladimir Putin in statements issued the same day as von der Leyen's EU candidacy preliminary approval announcement stressed the growing 'cost' to Europe over its intransigent pro-Ukraine position and anti-Russia sanctions. He estimated that the European Union will incur "losses of at least \$400 billion" due to its multiple waves of sanctions imposed on Moscow thus far.

He once again rejected responsibility for the global economic downturn, stating instead that inflation, energy costs and food crisis are all linked to the West's policies. He further predicted a potentially disastrous development for the global food supply, already under threat, according to news wires:

Putin predicted the fertilizer shortage could push food prices even higher, adding that Russia could boost its exports of fertilizer and grain. He also claimed that "gloomy forecasts" about the state of the Russian economy did not come true and that his government has successfully stopped the rise of domestic inflation. "After a peak of 17.8%, inflation is now at 16.7% and continues to decline," he said, noting that public finances are stable and the authorities are taking measures to further cool down the economy.

However, in the statements Putin emphasized of the fertilizer and food production crisis triggered in the wake of the war that "Russia cannot be blamed for it" while saying it's not yet today's problem, suggesting that appropriate action and a response from the West could allay the coming crisis.

Putin's invasion of Ukraine is driving a severe global fertilizer shortage causing food prices to rise.

The House just passed the Lower Food and Fuel Costs Act, which includes my amendment to help lower costs for farmers and hardworking Americans. pic.twitter.com/W30my0NikA

— Rep. Ro Khanna (@RepRoKhanna) June 16, 2022

Regardless, US leaders are mounting an attack, blaming Putin full-stop for a "sever global fertilizer shortage" – as Rep. Khanna argued from the floor Thursday, as Congress takes steps attempting to shield US farmers and thus American consumers from the coming impact.

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