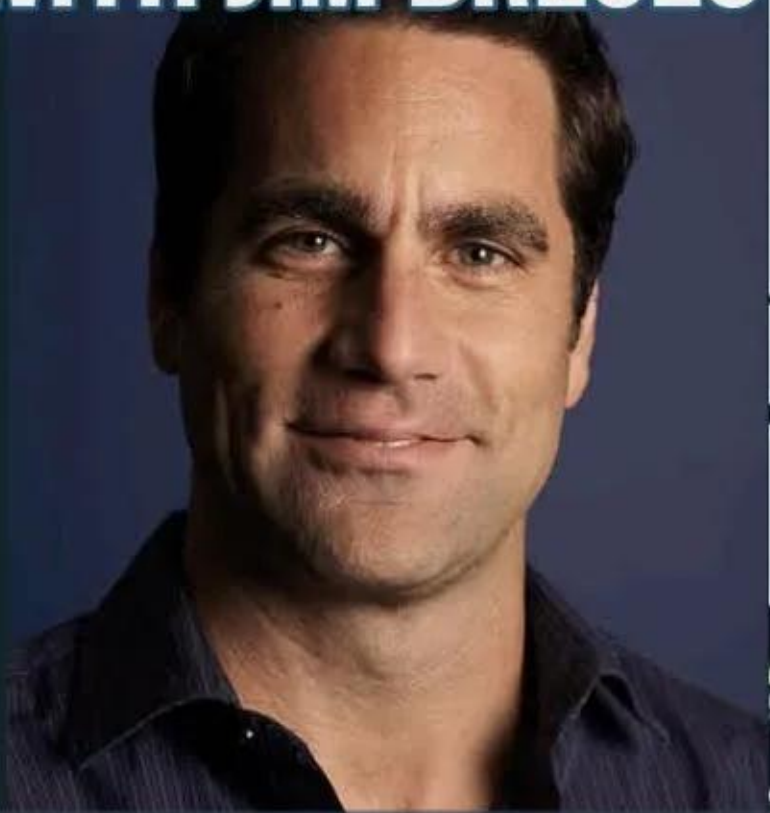


**HIDDEN TRUTH SHOW
WITH JIM BRESLO**



REBEKAH KOFFLER



**INSIDE THE MINDS OF PUTIN
AND ZELENSKY**

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okay here's our interview with rebecca

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00:00:08,950 --> 00:00:06,640
kaufler let's start with putin and what

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00:00:10,549 --> 00:00:08,960
his motivation is i know you're a

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00:00:12,470 --> 00:00:10,559
genuine expert

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00:00:14,310 --> 00:00:12,480
on that in fact i think i also saw your

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00:00:16,870 --> 00:00:14,320
youtube video that you put out on like

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00:00:18,790 --> 00:00:16,880
february 23rd where you pretty much laid

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00:00:20,950 --> 00:00:18,800
out what was going to happen and it all

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00:00:23,910 --> 00:00:20,960
it all happened pretty much as you laid

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00:00:25,109 --> 00:00:23,920
out but i i kind of tick through what

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00:00:26,630 --> 00:00:25,119
you hear

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00:00:28,310 --> 00:00:26,640
out there as far as potential putin

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00:00:31,109 --> 00:00:28,320

motives and i just want to identify a

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00:00:32,630 --> 00:00:31,119
few of them and then have you comment on

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00:00:33,430 --> 00:00:32,640
which it is so

16
00:00:36,150 --> 00:00:33,440
so

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00:00:38,069 --> 00:00:36,160
one popular one is that he's facing a

18
00:00:41,510 --> 00:00:38,079
lot of internal

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00:00:45,430 --> 00:00:41,520
um pressure and opposition and this war

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00:00:48,389 --> 00:00:45,440
is a way of him allowing himself to stay

21
00:00:49,830 --> 00:00:48,399
in power number one number two you hear

22
00:00:52,150 --> 00:00:49,840
a lot about him

23
00:00:55,029 --> 00:00:52,160
having some grand vision for russia and

24
00:00:57,510 --> 00:00:55,039
returning it to the world prominence

25
00:00:59,270 --> 00:00:57,520
allah the soviet union or the russian

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00:01:00,950 --> 00:00:59,280
empire so that would be a number two

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00:01:02,310 --> 00:01:00,960
motivation which i consider to be

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00:01:04,469 --> 00:01:02,320
totally separate from number one even

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00:01:06,390 --> 00:01:04,479
though both could be driving him number

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00:01:07,910 --> 00:01:06,400
three you've got the one that he puts

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00:01:09,910 --> 00:01:07,920
out there that this is he needs to

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00:01:12,469 --> 00:01:09,920
protect russia from

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00:01:14,070 --> 00:01:12,479
from threats from the west especially

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00:01:16,550 --> 00:01:14,080
from nato

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00:01:18,870 --> 00:01:16,560
number four would simply be total

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00:01:20,070 --> 00:01:18,880
self-interest of making more money for

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00:01:22,390 --> 00:01:20,080
himself

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00:01:24,870 --> 00:01:22,400

and then number five would be

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00:01:26,870 --> 00:01:24,880

trying to improve russia's economy that

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00:01:28,789 --> 00:01:26,880

somehow ukraine adds something valuable

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00:01:30,630 --> 00:01:28,799

to russia and this is about improving

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00:01:32,230 --> 00:01:30,640

its economy so those are the five i came

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00:01:33,910 --> 00:01:32,240

up with you could take any one of those

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00:01:35,670 --> 00:01:33,920

or i'm just curious where you come down

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00:01:39,270 --> 00:01:35,680

on them

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00:01:41,350 --> 00:01:39,280

sure you want me to start off yes

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00:01:45,429 --> 00:01:41,360

okay so

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00:01:47,510 --> 00:01:45,439

i'm gonna say uh number one uh is

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00:01:51,270 --> 00:01:47,520

definitely a no

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00:01:55,990 --> 00:01:51,280

uh and everything else is a yes and a

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00:02:00,550 --> 00:01:56,000
combination of them why is it a no uh

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00:02:01,429 --> 00:02:00,560
putin was uh elected four times

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00:02:07,429 --> 00:02:01,439
uh

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00:02:10,550 --> 00:02:07,439
interestingly since the beginning of

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00:02:14,550 --> 00:02:10,560
russia's invasion on ukraine putin's

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00:02:15,670 --> 00:02:14,560
popularity has skyrocketed to uh 83

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00:02:17,190 --> 00:02:15,680
percent

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00:02:19,990 --> 00:02:17,200
and by the way is that i'm hearing that

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00:02:23,750 --> 00:02:20,000
number is that a poll we can trust

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00:02:27,030 --> 00:02:23,760
uh excellent question uh jim

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00:02:30,630 --> 00:02:27,040
yes so of all the polls that are out

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00:02:32,949 --> 00:02:30,640
there uh this is the one we can trust

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00:02:34,150 --> 00:02:32,959

with the caveat this is like the best

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00:02:41,270 --> 00:02:34,160

that we have

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00:02:44,710 --> 00:02:41,280

opinion yes i would um

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00:02:48,390 --> 00:02:44,720

so the caveat is this obviously uh the

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00:02:50,390 --> 00:02:48,400

russians are very

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00:02:53,350 --> 00:02:50,400

concerned and

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00:02:57,990 --> 00:02:53,360

paranoid for the lack of the better word

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00:03:00,630 --> 00:02:58,000

due to the history of repressions and

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00:03:03,190 --> 00:03:00,640

you know all kinds of things we just and

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00:03:04,550 --> 00:03:03,200

i was born and raised in russia

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00:03:08,390 --> 00:03:04,560

you might know

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00:03:10,710 --> 00:03:08,400

and uh there's even such a phrase um

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00:03:13,430 --> 00:03:10,720

that we had growing up and i'm sure they

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00:03:16,390 --> 00:03:13,440

still have it they are it is not a phone

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00:03:19,030 --> 00:03:16,400

conversation which means that if the

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00:03:21,830 --> 00:03:19,040

topic is a little bit too sensitive

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00:03:24,229 --> 00:03:21,840

that could be perceived by authorities

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00:03:27,030 --> 00:03:24,239

as critical of the government then you

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00:03:29,509 --> 00:03:27,040

can't talk about it on the phone so even

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00:03:31,750 --> 00:03:29,519

with that caveat let's say it's not 83

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00:03:34,070 --> 00:03:31,760

percent let's say it's

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00:03:36,869 --> 00:03:34,080

60 percent it's still the kind of

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00:03:38,550 --> 00:03:36,879

approval rating that any us leader could

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00:03:39,509 --> 00:03:38,560

only dream of

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00:03:41,509 --> 00:03:39,519

um

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00:03:42,309 --> 00:03:41,519

and would you sorry would you anticipate

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00:03:44,229 --> 00:03:42,319

that

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00:03:46,229 --> 00:03:44,239

you'd get approximately the same number

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regarding this conflict in other words

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those that

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believe that this conflict is in

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russia's interest versus not

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okay another excellent question so the

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russians do not support

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uh

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war in general but they support putin so

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the difference between u.s culture

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american culture and russian culture is

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that they traditionally favor a very

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strong leader

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who can protect them from external

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threats because russia's history uh is

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00:04:23,590 --> 00:04:21,120
just war-torn

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00:04:26,230 --> 00:04:23,600
you know every single time that they had

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00:04:28,550 --> 00:04:26,240
a weak leader it was associated with

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00:04:32,070 --> 00:04:28,560
what the russians call the uh

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00:04:35,430 --> 00:04:32,080
um instability and the time of troubles

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00:04:38,950 --> 00:04:35,440
right um and so they prefer to elect

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00:04:41,189 --> 00:04:38,960
somebody who borders on brutality uh

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00:04:43,270 --> 00:04:41,199
rather than a weak person

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00:04:46,230 --> 00:04:43,280

so interestingly

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joseph stalin's popularity who by the

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way murdered uh millions of the russian

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00:04:54,950 --> 00:04:52,720

people is also on the increase so the

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00:04:57,830 --> 00:04:54,960

long answer to your short question is

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00:04:58,790 --> 00:04:57,840

that uh it's complicated

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00:05:02,390 --> 00:04:58,800

um

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00:05:04,629 --> 00:05:02,400

and plus if you add like the russian

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propaganda and the soviets and the

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russians are just simply the best at it

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and uh by the way the americans are

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getting pretty close as well um

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having learned from the soviet kgb

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so um it is

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yes they don't support the war they

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support putin

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but also a significant chunk of the

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population supports the war because the

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de-nazification

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and demilitarization the narrative that

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putin has constructed resonates with the

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russian people who lost 20 million

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uh of their own people to nazi germany

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so again it's pretty it's pretty

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complicated uh one data point that um i

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usually remind two people who lean

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towards regime change is that every

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single time putin was elected the

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runner-up was a communist somebody who

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would have been even worse than putin

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believe it or not it's the culture that

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00:06:10,150 --> 00:06:07,120

produced ivan the terrible who killed

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his own son and joseph stalin

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and

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so these

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people in russia they who support the

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war they really have bought into this

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de-nossification

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narrative which just seems so absurd to

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00:06:25,990 --> 00:06:24,880
us here

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00:06:27,590 --> 00:06:26,000
um

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00:06:29,749 --> 00:06:27,600
what do these people

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00:06:31,749 --> 00:06:29,759
think they think that zolensky's a nazi

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or they think that ukraine is run by

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00:06:35,749 --> 00:06:34,319
nazis or

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00:06:37,749 --> 00:06:35,759
that's the majority of the population

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00:06:40,710 --> 00:06:37,759
what what do they think

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00:06:43,309 --> 00:06:40,720
so the majority of the population did

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00:06:46,230 --> 00:06:43,319
not buy in into

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densification so let's separate food and

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00:06:52,710 --> 00:06:48,960

support and support of the war which is

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00:06:53,909 --> 00:06:52,720

two different things but still about 72

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00:06:58,150 --> 00:06:53,919

percent

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do support the current special operation

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uh on ukraine so regarding the

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denotification about two percent only of

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the ukrainian population

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uh in the election in 2019 voted was

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pro-nazi right that was a pro-nazi

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movement two percent minuscule

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uh zelinski can't possibly be a fascist

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or nazi he's jewish uh four members of

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his own family uh his great-grandfather

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and three of uh the great grandfather's

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brothers uh were murdered in the

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holocaust so it's clearly a lie right

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but it resonates with the russians who

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now

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don't have much of the alternative

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information flows because putin is

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as the soviets uh were

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is very very strict in terms of

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controlling

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what other russian people allowed to

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know ironically we are in the same boat

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as a intelligence officer a former

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intelligence officer who does red force

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analysis for a living i was stunned to

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learn that we also banned uh information

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flows from russia i can't get my

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traditional sources you know russian tv

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channel 24 channel one and everything

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and i am highly trained and discerning

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propaganda i'm in no danger of falling

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you know um a victim to somehow putin's

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but we do exactly the same thing and so

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both sides lie right now putin lies

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about the justification of

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denutification demolarization the

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western narrative is also pretty much a

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lie that putin is waging this uh war

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because he's afraid of democracy ukraine

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is not in no danger becoming democracy

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anytime soon uh just like russia isn't

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it's at the very bottom of the

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corruption scale zelensky himself

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his presidential campaign was bankrolled

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by igor kolomoisky yeah let's hold let's

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00:09:19,910 --> 00:09:16,000
hold on that person yeah let's hope this

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00:09:21,750 --> 00:09:19,920
go yes let's do that so um to wrap up on

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though on the nazi thing so which since

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we did touch on that so yes you're

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saying it's an invented thing very

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common thing for putin to kind of put

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out some some red herring out there um

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misdirection

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but but there's people in the west

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that are kind of

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buying into this to some extent that

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there is a genuine nazi problem in

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ukraine so before we move past the the

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nazi narrative

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is there an element there that's

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significant enough that we should be

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concerned about it or

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so um

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i don't think i'm in a position to

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characterize it as significant i'll just

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tell you the facts uh so the azov

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battalion is a right-wing

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you know nazi fascist type of

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leaning

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group if you will and arun brad bear on

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fox news when he was interviewing

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president zielinski

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an admission

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if you will from the ukrainian president

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that the azov battalion was incorporated

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into the ukrainian army so uh you can't

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really change the the the the nature of

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what just like the

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uh uh wagner group or wagner or wagner

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group or whatever

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this is the putin's uh um hit squad

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right the assassins the azov battalion

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is very similar

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is it like a huge portion of ukrainian

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population and ukrainian military no is

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putin amplifying to resonate you know

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the the the master of the disinformation

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uh that he is the former kgb operative

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yes thank you again to our guest rebecca

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coughler you can check out her book

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putin's playbook russia's secret plan to

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defeat america

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wherever you get your books

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also check out zielinski the unlikely

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ukrainian hero who defied putin in

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united the world it's a new book which

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rebecca writes the forward to

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so we highly recommend you check that

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out just came out recently on zielinski

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the unlikely ukrainian hero who defied

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putin and united the world

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thank you to our producer michael parker

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thank you all for listening we'll be

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back soon with another episode of the

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thank you for listening to the truth

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show with jim breslow

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