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Ex-Trump Official Says Advisors Are Pushing War With Russia

A former Trump administration national security advisor suspects that people near the president are pushing him into a war with Russia.

Retired Gen. Michael Flynn said in a social media post on Monday that people within President Donald Trump's orbit may be luring him into "a trap" that could cost American lives. Recent public rhetoric from high-ranking administration officials appears to support Flynn's analysis.

On Fox News Live's *Sunday Briefing*, U.S. Special Envoy to Ukraine Gen. Keith Kellogg told White House correspondent Jacqui Heinrich that Trump is giving Ukraine permission to launch long-range missiles into Russia. At first, Kellogg walked around Heinrich's question about long-range strikes, prompting the host to ask for clarification. "Are you saying, though, that it is the president's position that Ukraine can conduct long-range strikes into Russia — that that has been authorized by the president?" Heinrich asked. Kellogg answered:

I think reading what he has said, and reading what Vice President [J.D.] Vance has said as well as Secretary [of State Marco] Rubio, the answer is yes. Use the ability to hit deep. There are no such things as sanctuaries.



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Michael Flynn



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President Trump has authorized long-range strikes into Russia, Special Envoy to Ukraine General Keith Kellogg says -- but occasionally Ukraine has not been granted authority by the Pentagon to carry them out.

KELLOGG: "Everybody should follow what the President says. He's the [Show more](#)

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Ukraine Needs Western Permission

Ukraine needs American approval to launch U.S. weapons deep into Russia. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky has in the past asked the U.S. for long-range missiles so he can take the fight directly to the Kremlin. He has asked for Tomahawk cruise missiles, which can hit targets more than 1,500 miles away. Before Kellogg's statement to Fox, Vance said that Trump was "certainly looking" at another Ukrainian request for U.S.-made Tomahawks.

The Russians said they would "carefully analyze whether any American Tomahawk missiles that might be supplied to Ukraine were fired using targeting data supplied by the United States," [according](#) to reports.

Russian head of state Vladimir Putin has said that if Western nations allow Ukraine to strike deep



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within Russia, it will be considered an act of war. Putin [said](#) a year ago:

This [lifting of restrictions on Ukraine's use of longer-range Western missiles] will mean that NATO countries — the United States and European countries — are at war with Russia. And if this is the case, then, bearing in mind the change in the essence of the conflict, we will make appropriate decisions in response to the threats that will be posed to us.

Kellogg's comments came in the midst of intense fighting between these sibling nations. "Russia launched more than 600 drones and dozens of missiles at Ukraine on Saturday night and Sunday morning," [according](#) to reports. The Ukrainians volleyed back a strike of their own, on Moscow. "The Russian Defense Ministry said its forces intercepted 84 Ukrainian drones across several regions between late Sunday and early Monday," Russian media [reported](#).

Trump Pressuring the Kremlin?

Last week, Trump posted a statement on social media suggesting he had shifted his stance in support for continued fighting in Ukraine. "With time, patience, and the financial support of Europe and, in particular, NATO, [Ukraine's reclaiming] the original Borders from where this War started, is very much an option," Trump [said](#) September 23. Trump also insulted the Kremlin's military might, calling Russia a "paper tiger."

The statement prompted the question of whether the president's comments were part of a strategy to pressure the Kremlin into being more open to a peace deal, or the true sentiments of a president who is frustrated that, despite the talks, despite rolling out the red carpet for Putin, the fighting has only intensified.

Flynn: Work Harder at Seeking Peace

Regardless, Gen. Flynn is worried that his former boss is being led down a disastrous path. In a social media post on Monday, Flynn asked: "Is Ukraine is a foreign policy dead end or a trap?" He also said that someone near the president suggested that another nation's leader be eliminated, presumably Russia's. And he addressed Trump directly: "Donald Trump we want you to be the PEACE PRESIDENT."

In his post, Flynn implied that the Eurocrats are pushing for escalation. "The NATO & EU need this war to shift their internal problems away from themselves and place it on an enemy who has massive physical capabilities and will use them (don't underestimate this guidance)," he said. He has made similar accusations in the past.

Flynn also opposes selling weapons to NATO:

Selling weapons to "NATO" may make us feel good but never forget, we are NATO. if NATO gives those weapons to Ukraine, are we not in a PROXY WAR against Russia? Are we not now directly involved? Who provides the guidance systems, the intelligence, the information operations, cyber, space — warfare is multi-domain activity and not a simple bullet or missile flying through the air.

The longtime general then issued the reminder that "there remain peaceful solutions to ending this war" and that "we must work harder at seeking these." He added that those who are pushing for war



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aren't offering all the options.



Hegseth's Gathering

This is all happening as Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth is bringing hundreds, if not thousands, of the top generals and admirals in the U.S. military to a Marine Corps base in Virginia for a meeting on Tuesday. Trump is also attending.

The unusual summoning has prompted a lot of questions. The president said there's nothing ominous about the gathering. He [told](#) NBC, "It's really just a very nice meeting talking about how well we're doing militarily, talking about being in great shape, talking about a lot of good, positive things." One official told news outlets that Hegseth plans to "highlight military accomplishments and to discuss the future of the Defense Department under his leadership." But skepticism abounds, as this kind of information is usually communicated via memos or teleconferences.

"Is It Our Fight?"

Just days before Russia invaded Ukraine, *TNA* asked in our Feb. 14, 2022 print issue, "[Russia vs. Ukraine: Is It Our Fight?](#)" We noted that the eastern regions of Ukraine that Russia occupies either completely or partially are overwhelmingly ethnically Russian, and the local sentiment has been "decidedly in favor of either independence from the corrupt, kleptocratic, and discriminatory Ukrainian government, or of outright annexation by 'Mother Russia'." We also acknowledged that Russia is being encircled by NATO nations. The point of NATO, we noted, is to "prepare for the eventual consolidation of regional military alliances into a global military," which we dubbed an "indispensable ingredient of a consolidated global government."

But Russia and China, we said, might not be willing to go along with a Western-led global government:

Russia and China, their other deficiencies aside, remain extremely nationalistic and resistant to assimilation into existing international systems. Both countries are very



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reluctant to enter into any type of binding agreement or treaty with other countries or with any international authority, and typically flout the rules of any international organization that they do end up joining. And both countries are large enough and well-enough armed that even a Gulf War-style international coalition might not be able to compel them to accede to the demands of the “international community.” Thus the ultimate objective of the so-called international community, i.e., the internationalists whose policies and priorities completely dominate the foreign-policy agenda in the West, including the United States, is the establishment of a single world government — by consent if possible, but by force if necessary.

The globalists followed both 20th-century world wars with attempts at world government, first via the League of Nations, then, with more success, the United Nations, which continues to pose a threat.

People Learning About Globalism

But over the last decade, anti-globalist sentiment has grown exponentially around the world. A large reason for that is that more people have simply learned about the globalist threat. And an effective teacher was the Covid-19 experience. As the governments of “free” societies imposed overtly tyrannical measures, it prompted citizens to ask questions. And that asking led many to realize that an international infrastructure of control had been in the works for a long time, and that what they were experiencing was a result of it.

So, perhaps, the globalists are working to foment an event that brings devastation of a level so disastrous that it will render people desperate enough for order and security that they’ll accept anything — even globalism, which will be pitched as a way to prevent another world war. And perhaps they’ve encircled Trump with warmongers who flatter the president while egging on insane moves that could result in a hot war with Russia.

As we said back in 2022, “Risking a third world war, complete with nuclear weapons, over a territorial dispute in Ukraine might seem to be the very definition of insanity.”



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