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Human Nature At Its Best?

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This is a moment to take a look in the mirror – for the answers lie within

- 1 What we have been shown through our television screens - as the conflict in Ukraine unfolds - doesn't need describing by anyone. The images of death and destruction as relayed to us by the mainstream media verges on the unbearable.
- 2 What makes the picture even worse is the reality that the scenes we are shown come from a relatively near neighbour of ours, a little more than 3hrs away by air.
- 3 I have come to understand in the last few weeks that the story of Ukraine is a complex one. Most know that it was originally part of the USSR bloc, before the breakup of the union in the 1990s. Since then, it has essentially been an independent state - but one that has never really settled on an agreed and stable path forward. Too many factions with differing objectives – fuelled from outside - seemingly being at the root cause of the unrest.

In the film, "[Ukraine On Fire](#)", Oliver Stone takes us through a history of the infighting, pressure group actions and not least, the outside interference in politics by other sovereign states – namely the USA.

For many commentators, it is this meddling in other people's business - which by definition is not their own – that has caused the very situation we are seeing on our TV screens now.

Putin and his government have been twitchy for many years now about the growing infiltration the USA, NATO and the EU has had on its very own next-door neighbour – among all the others [13 I believe]. Perhaps the research and possible stockpiling of biological agents – or weapons as they might be – were enough for Putin to say, "OK – that's enough"!

Commentators have predicted this day for exactly these reasons.

There are reputed to be more than 30 Bio Labs in Ukraine - all with strong funding connections with the USA.

Why – we have to ask? Why Ukraine?

Why, the need for any Bio Labs, full stop?

Given the very un-cosy relationship the USA has with Russia, there is enough in this story alone to make Putin twitchy.

Putin by the way – is claiming to the United Nations – that the research into biological pathogens – funded by the USA in Ukraine – is contrary to a treaty signed with the USA and other nations some while ago – banning the activity.

- 4 This article though is not about the whys and wherefores of Russia's actions in Ukraine – or the actions of the USA in the same country.

This article is really about what is going on now in the humanitarian context. The above few paragraphs are really just to set the scene - for this...

- 5 There is barely any time when conflict somewhere in our world is not being reported on. Afghanistan, Syria, Yemen to name just three theatres. But in these last few weeks we have heard the call from PM Johnson to open up our homes to refugees escaping from the war zone in Ukraine.

What a nice thought that is and one that clearly can provide at least a short-term solution for the poor souls displaced by someone else's plans. Some other government's plans to be more exact.

The thing is – as much as the gesture is a noble one....

Actually, just hold there for a moment.

Actually, there is nothing noble about PM Johnson's call for help – since I am sure he and Carrie will not be making up a bed in their *oh so many* spare rooms to home a Ukrainian - then claim £350pm to cover the additional costs.

No – that will not happen.

To continue this thought on noble gestures then.

Well, the like of it has never been seen before – has it?

No, but perhaps we are seeing a turning in how humanitarian aid is delivered to our fellow human beings, the like of which has never been seen before.

- 6 The thing which has surprised me the most however – is the enthusiasm by which people of the UK have filed their applications to provide a home for these unfortunate people. It is truly heartening and I have nothing but admiration and praise for them.

The thing is – why haven't we all shown the same degree of enthusiasm to provide a room for all those others – those others, who for one reason or another - have been displaced or found themselves on UK streets and thus homeless?

[Jim Davidson on GB News](#) this week made the point that people have shown zero interest before in providing a room for a displaced war veteran – that is, a British war veteran having served their country in some far-off place.

This is a complex issue this one – since a number of the veterans in this situation have an axe to grind with the very government who sent them overseas to fight. If the government shows too much interest, then there are certain uncomfortable questions which will naturally arise demanding to be answered.

Questions like – "What really was the cause of Gulf War Syndrome"?

- 7 Further, never before has our government set in place a plan to encourage us to take in an ordinary Joe – just like you and me perhaps – having lost their job and their home with it.

OK – we all know that homing someone is no simple issue to deal with. Some of these poor people have been let down badly by the social services in one way or another – irrespective of where the blame lies. Some people have serious mental or dependency issues and helping them back on their feet is not in the least an easy task to accomplish.

Some of these people have been totally traumatised by the whole experience of life. So much so, that they cannot face re-joining society and behaving again as most of us do. These people need a very special kind of help.

- 8 Then, there are the boat people. These are a little different again of course. Most of these poor souls have not been displaced by war or conflict. They have been economically displaced and are looking for a better future for themselves and their dependents back home in Africa.

These people have been crossing the channel in their thousands and are being homed in various parts of the country – in various types of accommodation – including detention centres and hotels.

Maybe the PM's call to the people to open up their homes to Ukrainians is based on the fact that these detention centres and hotels are all filled up.

These boat people are different to the Ukrainians in fundamental ways. Those ways could account for them being regarded differently.

- 9 According to the charity Shelter, there are 320,000 homeless people in the UK. According to the special features attached to the DVD version of the film "[The Soloist](#)" there are 90,000 people homeless in LA alone. Which says something about how far the USA has yet to travel.

- 10 The other possible point not to be overlooked of course – in understanding why the sea is being parted to allow Ukrainians in – with open arms – instead of making life even more difficult – more difficult than it has been already for all the others I've mentioned – is this.

The Ukrainians are considered European – just like us.
The Ukrainians are mainly white – just like us.
The Ukrainians are educated – just like us.
The Ukrainians watch Netflix - just like us
These Ukrainians will fit right in – so what's not to like?

- 11 I have always said that the way people should measure a country – that is, measure its society and the distance it has travelled along the road of advancement - is to look at one basic thing,

You measure a society by looking at the lowest rung on the ladder.

When you look at the UK's society it doesn't measure well.

The number of homeless people on the street is a big black mark.
The economic inequity across the country is another,
The reaction to people needing help – another.

If society placed its effort on raising the lowest rung on the ladder, we might all be very surprised at how quickly the lowest rung is raised.

- 12 There are no answers here in this article – only more questions.
Questions about our own morals – individually and collectively.
Questions about how we all regard other ordinary people in the world.
Questions about how we regard our leaders and what we do about them.
- PS1 There is a [Soloist](#) in each and every one of us!
As a race of humans – we need to learn that about ourselves!

We also need to grow up and act like intelligent human beings.
We also need to rearrange how government works!

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