



DESTRUCTIVE DESIGN OF THE PSYCHO-PHYSIOLOGICAL PORTRAIT AND THE IMMORALITY OF THE ACTIONS OF THE RUSSIAN MILITARY ON THE TERRITORY OF UKRAINE

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ABSTRACT

The article reflects aspects of the destructive design of the psycho-physiological portrait of the soldiers-occupiers who committed acts of violence and rape of women and children in the occupied territories of Ukraine. We believe that this problem is relevant and requires comprehensive coverage and research by modern philosophers, historians and sociologists. It is shown that during the war, the military has two kinds of feelings. The first are the highest patriotic feelings and human qualities that help to endure the hardships of wartime. The second feelings are the lowest, immoral, inhuman qualities of a person. The article attempts to understand why this happens. Pushing Russian soldiers during the fighting to go beyond morality and commit crimes against civilians. The purpose of this article is to analyze the destructive processes that destroy the humanity and morality of a person, and in the course of hostilities lead to a state of complete devaluation of the life of the civilian population in the occupied territories. The attention is focused on the rape of women and children by the Russian military in the occupied territories of Ukraine. The immorality of the behavior of the Russian military in relation to the civilian population and a number of destructive processes that affect the worldview of the soldier-occupier of the Russian Federation is shown. The testimonies of women who survived the horrors of violence and revelry of Putin's soldiers and managed to escape are given. The conclusions drawn made it possible to highlight aspects of the destructive design of the psycho-physiological portrait of the occupying soldiers who committed acts of rape of women and children, and it was proved that the army, which does not have moral standards, commits crimes against the civilian population, because it understands that it can avoid this punishment. Scientific novelty consists in determining the aspects of destructive processes that affect the worldview of the occupying warrior from the Russian Federation.

KEYWORDS : Putinism, psychophysiological portrait, occupying soldiers, acts of violence and rape.

INTRODUCTION

The topic of the variability of the behavioral aspect of the military during occupational actions was of interest to many scientists. For example, the author Maria Mezentseva presented reports of illegal actions committed by Russian invaders who committed gang rape of women in the occupied territories [1]. Researcher Marianna G. Muravyeva, in her work, presented a documentary report on the rape and murder during military operations in Chechnya, a 17-year-old citizen of this country, Elza Kungayeva, by an officer of the Russian occupation army [2]. The scientist Regina Mühlhäuser, in her research, presented the sexual violence of Wehrmacht soldiers in the occupied territory of the USSR as part of the war waged by the Germans [3]. The author of the article Kelly Down Askin presents the customs of wars of different countries over a thousand years of history, where laws were passed to prohibit crimes related to rape, despite the fact that crimes committed on sexual grounds were widespread for centuries [4].

The scientist Eve Levin in her work conducts a study of the sexual behavior of the peoples of Russia, Serbia and Bulgaria, starting from the period of their conversion to Christianity, from the ninth to the end of the seventeenth century in order to determine the sexual characteristics of different regions [5]. Researcher Harrington, Carol, analyzing the liberation invasion of American troops on D-Day, in France, states the fact of the deterrence of the army legal body in cases of rape by American soldiers of the inhabitants of the occupied territories, including gang rapes, which were committed by armed soldiers at gunpoint in the period from 1942 to 1945 [6, pp. 80-81]. The author of Shrivens, Peter, in his study showed the effect of alcohol on the minds of American army soldiers who commit sexual violence victimization during military operations in Europe during World War II [7]. Researcher White, Osmar, in his article describes the understanding of the permissiveness of American soldiers in the occupied territory during the Second World War in the territory of European countries in the phrase common at that time among them «copulation without talking is not

fraternization». This phrase was used as a guide to action for committing crimes with a sexual motive [8, pp. 97-98]. Scientist M.I. Gavrishko, after analyzing the Polish-Ukrainian ethnic conflict, stated the fact that most often sexual violence against women was committed when they belonged to the side of the enemy [9].

The author Hsu-Ming Teo, while researching the period of the Battle of Berlin in 1945, as well as the next recent period, noted that in this period of time, only in one city, every third woman was raped by the Red Army [10]. Researcher Tatyana Yarmoshchuk, in her work revealing the facts of sexual crimes committed in the occupation zone of Eastern Ukraine, referring to the testimonies of former prisoners, claims that one in four of those who were held captive by Russian criminals were subjected to sexual violence [11].

PRESENTATION OF RESEARCH RESULTS

The beginning of the military intervention of Putin's military in Ukraine began with unprecedented cases of violence against the civilian population, expressed in the rape of women and children in the occupied territories, the torture and murder of civilians. Manifestations of atrocities of a sexual color in the territories captured by the invaders are becoming more pronounced and frequent, presenting these actions as expressions of a characteristic feature of Russian invaders [12]. How could it happen that the Slavic peoples, having the same roots, one common centuries-old history, one historical spiritual path, united by blood kinship, began a war of extermination on the territory of a peaceful, non-nuclear country of Ukraine. At the same time, they showed particular cruelty in the destruction of the civilian population, reaching the lowest immoral level, raping women and children in the occupied territories, not to mention robberies and looting. Moreover, these actions are strictly prohibited by the Geneva Convention for the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, adopted on August 12, 1949 [13]. This behavior can be defined by several aspects that will help to see the destructive

design of the psycho-physiological portrait of occupying warriors.

The first aspect is education related to religion. Interestingly, the formation of a soldier in the tsarist army of Russia was carried out primarily using the systematic and purposeful formation of religious norms of behavior, worldview, which corresponded to the views of the Orthodox Church of that time. Using prayers, a believing soldier focused his feelings and thoughts on a good desire for the heavenly, causing a desire to do good [14, p. 113]. The results of such upbringing are described by witnesses during the occupation of France by Russian troops in 1814, recorded in their letters. They wrote that despite the manners and appearance of the unfortunate savages, the Cossacks presented the softness of their character, kindness and modesty. Also about the fact that Russian Cossacks show cordiality and friendliness, especially to children [15].

How distant is that image of a Russian soldier from the time of Alexander I and a Russian soldier of the 21st century. Here are some testimonies of victims of violence who managed to escape from the zone of occupation by Russian troops in the war with Ukraine. An unexpected occupation caught a resident of the village of Brovarsky district, together with her family, by surprise. One day, a drunken officer broke into their house with another colleague, killing her husband, they began to rape a 33-year-old woman in front of a four-year-old child, while threatening both the victim and the child with weapons. Despite the fact that a white canvas was hung on the gates of the yard, as a sign of the presence of the civilian population, they planned, cold-bloodedly committed this villainy. A woman who suffered violence, at night, together with a child, risking her life, managed to slip unnoticed along the posts of the occupiers, go through minefields and get out to a safe territory controlled by Ukrainian troops. The crime committed by Russian servicemen was recorded and investigated by the prosecutor's office of Ukraine.

Also today, after the liberation of the districts of the Kyiv region, such as Bucha, Irpin, Vorzel, Gosttomel, facts of mass violence against women were revealed, who, after bullying, were executed, some were raped, stripped and killed, some were then doused with fuel and burned [1]. You see what a contrast of the influence of spiritual dominants. In design, contrast is a very important component of the overall composition, and in this case, the contrast cannot be overlooked. An interesting fact is that on July 21, 2009, the President of the Russian Federation Putin signed the Decision on the restoration of the institution of the clergy in the army, which was signed by all the leaders of religious communities, where Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia was the first. What are the fruits of the spiritual Orthodox-Kirilovsky education? What is the problem? Have spiritual truths lost their power, or instead of spiritual principles, all this time in the army of Putin and Kirill were they instilling other values in their atheistic mind and heart? Jesus Christ once said: «Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves; by their fruits you will know them» (King James Bible. Matthew 7:15, 16), [16].

From different places in Ukraine come evidence of brutal violence and bullying from the occupied territories of Russian soldiers so instructed by Putin-Kirilov propaganda. For example, 57-year-old Irina Dovgan, in August 2014, being a resident of the city of Donetsk, occupied by Russian troops, was arrested by separatists on trumped-up charges and spent 5 days in the dungeons of the Russian regime in Donbas. There she was raped and abused, and then they took her to one of the squares in Donetsk, wrapping her in the Ukrainian flag, tying her to a pole, continued bullying (Fig. 1). It was at this moment that foreign journalists who happened to be nearby managed to secretly photograph her. This photo was

published in the Western media, which later helped free Irina from the hell of the Russian regime in Eastern Ukraine [11].



Fig. 1. The planting of Russian peace in the occupied Eastern Ukraine: bullying of 57-year-old Irina Dovgan in August 2014, Donetsk [11]

How similar are the actions of the Russian occupiers in Ukraine to those carried out by the military personnel of fascist Germany in the occupied territories (Fig. 2). Their actions can be easily explained by the fact that the fascist ideology of racial perfection freed them before their Fuhrer from any responsibility for their any actions in the occupied territories. The well-known in history order «Barbarossa», dated May 13, 1941, which determined the work of the military in the East, established that more than one criminal offense that would be committed in this occupied territory by Wehrmacht soldiers was not punishable. Therefore, sexual violence during the occupation became an integral part of the actions of the Nazis [3], (Fig. 3).



Fig.2. German Nazis rape a girl in the occupied territory [22]



Тіло 17-річної дівчини, зґвалтованої та закатованої нацистами у селі Тіхвіно

Fig. 3. The body of a seventeen-year-old girl raped and killed by Wehrmacht fascists in the village of Tikhvino.

The next aspect of the destructive design of the psycho-physiological portrait of the Russian occupying warrior is the influence of alcohol and other drugs on the warrior's mind. Many witnesses who were in the occupation zone confirm mass cases of robberies of shops by Russian occupiers. The main subject of plunder was alcohol and tobacco products. A hidden video filmed the occupiers doing their usual thing –

robbery (link to the video below the picture), (Fig. 4). Drunkenness, looting and killings of the civilian population – this is the testimony of the inhabitants of the occupied village of the Kherson region, and such news is heard from different places in the occupied territory of Ukraine, demonstrating the state of the Russian occupiers [17].



Fig. 4. Plundering of a store by Russian occupiers (video link) [23]

Such a state of alcohol-drug influence, as described by scientists E.M. Zvonitsky, S.P. Markelov in his research primarily depresses the nervous system, which contributes to a characteristically pronounced loss of control over emotions, expressed in uncontrolled behavior [18]. The next aspect inherent in the design of the psycho-physiological portrait of the Russian occupying warrior on the example of the occupying invasion of Putin's military in Ukraine is the awareness of impunity for the crimes committed. A typical example of the behavior of an officer of the Russian army during military operations in Chechnya. In 2003, Colonel Budanov of the Russian army kidnapped, raped and killed a 17-year-old citizen of this country, Elsa Kungaeva. This crime could not be hidden by a war criminal and the case was set in motion, at the request of the public. Yuri Budanov was sentenced to 10 years in 2003, but was released early in 2009, which caused an outcry from human rights activists because the Russian government acquitted Colonel Budanov, although all the evidence was against the killer. They presented the assumption of the criminal himself, that Elza Kungaeva was a sniper who belonged to Chechen militants and therefore she was classified as an enemy, and the actions of the colonel were justified [2]. Another inhuman fact of violence committed by Russian military personnel in the occupied territory is presented by TSN. A resident of the city of Kharkov, a young girl who, during the capture of a part of the city by the Russian army, ended up with her sick and non-walking mother in the occupied territory, because she did not have time to evacuate. Three Russian servicemen broke into her apartment, who first of all took away food supplies. Two left and one stayed. He raped Lyuba, that was the name of the victim, threatening her. The torture continued for a week, and then the rapist declared his «great» love for her and told her that he had a desire to take her to safe areas from the war. When Lyuba referred to the fact that her mother was sick and could not move independently, he stood up and shot his mother in front of her [21]. The Putin government continues to ignore generally accepted norms of human law, including the agreements of the Geneva Convention for the Protection of Civilian Population in Time of War, adopted on August 12, 1949, covering up the crimes of its military personnel in the occupied territories, including Ukraine. Realizing their impunity on the part of their masters, the Russian occupiers continue to act out of order in the occupied territories of Ukraine.

Another aspect is sexual violence as a means of humiliating the opposing side, i.e. rape becomes an instrument of influence to demoralize the enemy. Researcher M.I. Gavrishko describes this phenomenon as a means of humiliating and demoralizing opponents who are not able to protect their women. Often it is sexual violence that is the weapon of the

warring parties. Analyzing the Polish-Ukrainian ethnic conflict, the author describes, according to witnesses during interrogations, the cruelty of the Poles' attack on the village of Leski in the Stanislav region on March 23, 1944, during which women in the village were raped and their breasts were cut off. Also, the attack on the villages of Dobra and Lyakhava, in Przemyslshchyna, on August 19-21, 1945, when six girls were raped. The author presents acts of violence against women in this conflict as a tool in the conduct of war [9]. We see something similar in the war between Russia and Ukraine, seeing how, with the permissiveness of the Putin regime and the blessing of Cyril I, as the spiritual mentor of the Orthodox soldiers of the Russian army, violence is committed against the most unprotected segment of the population – these are women and children.

The next aspect is sexual violence as a method of torture. Here is what 55-year-old Valentina Buchok, a former hostage of the DPR, describes. Valentina says that in 2017 she worked as an electrician at one of the energy supply companies. They arrested her right on the street, in the afternoon, after checking the phone and finding several photographs of buildings, Valentina was sentenced to 17 years in prison as a spy. She was released during a prisoner exchange. She spoke about the Russian occupiers in the East of Ukraine, who mocked the detained citizens of Ukraine in the dungeons. Valentina described how, immediately after the interrogation, she was stripped naked and photographed right in the office. She noticed the pleasure on the faces of the tormentors from the power they had gained in order to decide the fate of people according to their choice (Fig. 5).



Fig. 5. Valentina Buchok, former hostage of the DPR (territory occupied by Russian troops in the East of Ukraine) [11]



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Fig. 6. Found torture in the city of Bucha, liberated from the invaders [19]

She said that when women who were in custody were taken to the bathhouse, they were obliged to undress and take a shower only in the presence of male guards. The same applied to visiting the toilet, only in the presence of a male guard, and this was all accompanied by ridicule from the guards. «We felt crushed and just nobody, only those who were in a similar situation can understand this», Valentina described her feelings at that time. She also spoke about one girl, who is in the same place in custody, who was raped with particular cruelty in a perverted form many times, both individually and by a group of different military men. Rape, according to her, for the Russian executioners, was a method of torture [11]. Similar atrocities occur in the occupied territories of Ukraine, such as Bucha, Gostomel Irpin, where, after the liberation of these places, torture chambers were found, where Russian executioners tortured, raped and killed civilians, including women (Fig. 6 a, b), [19]. All this is one person, one aggressor of one country named Putin's Russia.



Fig. 7. Bodies of raped and murdered children under 10 years old after liberation from the Russian occupiers of the cities of Irpin and Bucha [20]

Another aspect of the destructive design of the psycho-physiological portrait of occupying warriors is sexual violence as a means of intimidating and morally breaking the population under control. Immediately after the liberation of the cities of Irpin and Bucha, within a few hours, the corpses of

children were found in various abandoned houses in these two cities, children under 10 years old who were raped and killed by Russian occupiers. (Fig.7) [20]. The mass scale of raped and murdered children is stunning, there are not enough words and thoughts to express the pain that the Russian invaders brought to the Ukrainian land, bringing with them "Putin's freedom".

How everything in the world repeats itself? Quite recently, the former USSR, which suffered especially from the cruelty and violence of fascist Germany, today completely repeated the same methods of violence that were once publicly condemned, embodying them in the occupied territory of the peaceful country of Ukraine, forgetting the lessons of history.

CONCLUSIONS

After conducting a study on the destructive design of the psycho-physiological portrait of the occupying soldiers, aspects of the Russian Federation occupying warrior, his decisions, his actions during the war in Ukraine were presented, which are expressed: religious education, the influence of the consumed alcohol and other drugs on the mind of a warrior, awareness of impunity in committing crimes, sexual violence, as a humiliation of the opposing side, sexual violence as a method of torture, sexual violence as a means to intimidate and morally break the population under control. It can be stated that the behavioral characteristics of the Russian occupiers who committed acts of rape of women and children in the occupied territories of Ukraine were the result of the cultivation of the misanthropic norms of the Putin-Kirilov regime, presented to the world community as «Putin's freedom».

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