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LECTURES FROM TIMOTHY SNYDER: THE MAKING OF MODERN UKRAINE

Ukraine must have existed as a society and polity on 23 February 2022, else Ukrainians would not have collectively resisted Russian invasion the next day. What does it mean for a nation to exist? Timothy Snyder explores these and other questions in a very timely course.

WHAT DOES UKRAINE'S INDEPENDENCE HIDE? ЩО ПРИХОВУЄ НЕЗАЛЕЖНІСТЬ УКРАЇНИ?

About the proclamation of Ukrainian independence in 1991.

THE GREAT RUSSIAN LIE – SERIES OF FILMS

Series of films about a country living in an atmosphere of informational sanitation, in which the narratives of Russian propaganda are debunked. For centuries, Russia has used history, literature, cinema, art, sports, and media as instruments of propaganda to advance political interests.

HOW RUSSIA REWRITES HISTORY IN ITS FAVOR

The first episode shows how Russia has been using history as a tool of propaganda to advance its political interests for centuries. Russia employs the historical myth of direct descent from Kyivan Rus to claim a millennium-long history and justify territorial claims against neighboring states.

GREAT RUSSIAN LITERATURE IS FAKE? HOW THE KREMLIN USES IT FOR WAR

Instead of revising the imperial literature of previous centuries, Russia still uses the xenophobic narratives embedded there as inspiration for its wars of aggression. This is discussed in the episode "Literature" from the cycle "The Great Russian Lie".

HOW THE KREMLIN PUSHES ITS «RUSSIAN WORLD» USING CINEMA

The episode "Cinema" explores how cinema serves as a platform for promoting the political interests of the Kremlin. Modern Russian cinema from year to year reflects the public policy of the state and shapes public attitudes. The world of Russian films and TV series normalizes arbitrariness, romanticizes cruelty, and glorifies power structures and the apparatus of repression.

«SWAN LAKE» ON THE RUINS: HOW DOES RUSSIA LOOT ART?

The episode "Art" from the cycle "The Great Russian Lie" shows how Russian art is used as a screen for Russian crimes. How the Kremlin orchestra plays Tchaikovsky on the ruins of the bombed-out Mariupol Drama Theater.

«NTV», «RUSSIA 24», AND «DOZHD» – HOW DOES THE KREMLIN LIMIT THE MEDIA?

The episode "Media" from the cycle "The Big Russian Lie" demonstrates the key role of mass media in advancing the goals of Russian propaganda both inside Russia and beyond it. A retrospective look at the purges of the media space after Vladimir Putin came to power makes it clear how the Russian information world came to be what it is today.

List of documentaries and videos about Ukraine compiled by NIJMEGEN4UKRAINE

History and Politics

WHO ARE WE? A PSYCHOANALYSIS OF UKRAINIANS

Documentary film “Who are we? A Psychoanalysis of Ukrainians” is a collective psychotherapy session in the form of a movie.

FREEDOM OR DEATH

About Maydan and the beginning of Russian aggression in 2014, as told by an American director of Ukrainian origin.

WINTER ON FIRE: UKRAINE’S FIGHT FOR FREEDOM

A documentary about Maydan Revolution and days leading to Russian annexation of Crimea.

DOCUMENTARIES ABOUT RUSSIAN WAR AGAINST UKRAINE

DOCUMENTARY CYCLE «THE LAST WAR»

A documentary series in which Ukrainian and Western intellectuals explain how long the Russian-Ukrainian war has actually been going on. They also examine how the Ukrainian army is resisting Russian forces and shattering the myth of the “second-most powerful army in the world”. What will Ukraine’s victory in this war mean?

EPISODE 1: ANATOMY OF RUSCISM

EPISODE 2: WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE. LESSONS

DOCUMENTARY FILM «SVO. WAR AND PEACE»

Why did Europe believe in the “Russian soul” for centuries? Talks with Ukrainian and international experts.

UNBREAKABLE CHILDREN. I AM WAITING

The documentary tells about the challenges Ukrainian children have faced since the beginning of the full-scale invasion. Ukrainian children prove by their actions that nothing is impossible. They remain unbreakable against all odds.

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Culture and Art

NATIONAL TREASURE / СПАДОК НАЦІЇ

About the importance, variety, and significance of Ukrainian vyshyvanka (Ukrainian embroidery)

SCHEDRYK VS «RUSSIAN WORLD»

The film “Shchedryk vs ‘russian world’” reveals the fascinating story of how a visit to a secular concert on January 1st, 1919, led Symon Petliura to entrust the conductor Oleksandr Koshyts with the creation of a choir and send it on a world tour to promote Ukrainian culture.

SOUNDS OF KYIV

A musical journey to the capital of Ukraine. Subway vibes, free piano, miniature sculptures, and electronic beats by our famous musician and DJ, Evgen Filatov.

SOUNDS OF UKRAINE

Two playlists about sounds of other Ukrainian cities. Includes English subtitles.

SOUNDS OF UKRAINE. SEASON 1

SOUNDS OF UKRAINE. SEASON 2

STORY OF MARIA PRYMACHENKO

A story about a Ukrainian artist who changed the world for the better with her paintings. Find out about the unique style of Maria’s artwork and how her work still supports Ukraine on the record auction, at which Maria Prymachenko's painting “Flowers grew around the fourth block” sold for $500,000.

SPADOK / BACK TO BASICS

A series of videos about the variety of embroidery patterns in different regions of Ukraine.

THE IVASYUK PHENOMENON

How did a young composer change Ukraine? A documentary video-essay about Volodymyr Ivasyuk, a young, creative, and stylish Ukrainian musician whose songs changed the rules of the game in the musical industry.

THE NIGHTINGALE SINGS AS LONG AS IT HAS A VOICE

The Nightingale Sings as Long as It Has a Voice—a documentary examining the Ukrainian language and its survival under Russian colonization.

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