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In this 4th Debunk of the Day, we'll refute an absolute classic of vatnik BS, the crown jewel of peak dishonesty: whataboutism.

Now, not everything that looks like whataboutism is wrong. Seeking consistency or comparing actions or responses is normal.

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But when someone pulls some completely unrelated event, that happened to completely different people, a long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away, you know what you're dealing with: a crass denial of the problem at hand, a bad-faith attempt to derail the topic.

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Whataboutism

aka Whataboutery

A rhetorical technique in which people respond to a difficult concern or question with a counter-accusation in order to divert attention to a different topic. The goal is to twist criticism back on the initial critic and make a counter-accusation in an effort to discredit an opponent's position by charging them with behavior that is similar or worse.

Logic or chronology plays no role here, nor your opinion on these other topics. You could be the staunchest critic or supporter of these other actions thrown into the discussion, it doesn't matter. It is irrelevant whether these other things are true or not, or bad or not.

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War crimes do not justify war crimes. Especially not if it's unrelated actions from decades ago used to justify atrocities today.

Nobody is forcing Russia to commit horrible crimes just because someone else did, does, or might do something bad too.

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Russian propaganda gets massive funding, which they use for armies of bots and trolls to distract from their atrocities with manipulation techniques such as this one.

But...what about us, what about us? We debunk the propaganda, please support our work:

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