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1/19 In de soep van vandaag introduceren we het hoofd van de katholieke Kerk tevens bisschop van Rome, Jorge Mario Bergoglio ofwel paus Franciscus. Hij staat bekend om zijn lof aan het Russisch imperialisme waarbij hij nalaat de genocidale oorlog in Oekraïne te veroordelen.



2/19 Zoals bekend is de Paus het hoofd van de Katholieke Kerk, die positie geeft hem veel religieuze invloed en politieke macht. Zo speelde hij een sleutelrol in het verbeteren van de relaties tussen de VS en Cuba.



3/19 Franciscus is ook een voorstander van het globaal decriminaliseren van homoseksualiteit, daarnaast deed hij ook een handreiking naar de LHTBQ gemeenschap. Ook pleit hij voor maatregelen tegen klimaatopwarming.

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By The Associated Press



Cardinal Joseph Zen, a vocal opponent of attempts by Beijing and the Vatican at rapprochement, is shown presiding

4/19 Vanuit dat licht gezien is het vreemd hoe Paus Franciscus zich opstelde naar de Russische invasie oorlog. Toegegeven, Franciscus bezocht de Russische ambassade in Rome om de aanval te veroordelen, ook belde hij met Zelenskyy. Maar kort daarna...

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In unprecedented move, Pope makes personal appeal in remarkable Russia embassy visit

Pontiff breaks protocol to deliver his message of concern to Russia, later assures top Ukrainian Greek Catholic leader he will do 'everything I can' to help.

By NICOLE WINFIELD

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FILE - Pope Francis meets Russian President Vladimir Putin on the occasion of their private audience at the Vatican on June 10, 2015. Pope Francis went to the Russian Embassy on Friday, Feb. 25, 2022 to personally "express his concern about the war," the Vatican said, in an extraordinary, hands-on papal gesture that has no recent precedent. (AP Photo/Gregorio Borgia, Pool)

ROME (AP) — Pope Francis went to the Russian Embassy on Friday to personally "express his concern about the war" in Ukraine, in an extraordinary, hands-on papal gesture that has no recent precedent. Francis later assured a top Ukrainian Greek Catholic leader he would do "everything I can" to help.

Ukraine's President Zelensky tweets thanks for pope's call of support

Feb 26, 2022

by [Christopher White](#)



5/19 ...raakt hij het spoor bijster. In Maart 2023, een dag nadat 80 raketten en drones dood en verderf zaaien in Oekraïense steden, stelt hij dat de oorlog is begonnen vanwege verschillende imperiale belangen.

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Pope says Ukraine war fuelled not just by 'Russian empire'

Reuters

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Pope Francis holds the weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican, March 8, 2023. REUTERS/Guglielmo Mangiapane
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6/19 In mei 2022 suggereert hij dat de Russische invasie toch wel uitgelokt is. Hij vervolgt “Ik ben tegen het reduceren van deze complexe situatie in een situatie van een goed en fout kamp.” Ook is het de NAVO die volgens Franciscus ‘rammelde aan de Russische poort.’

Pope Francis: Russian war in Ukraine was ‘perhaps provoked’

Pontiff echoes his previous controversial remarks about NATO expansion facilitating the Kremlin’s invasion.



The pope's comments come a month after he said that NATO may have "perhaps facilitated" the Kremlin's invasion of Ukraine by "barking" at Russia's door. | Tiziana Fabi/AFP via Getty Images

BY LUANNA MUNIZ

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In an interview published Tuesday, Pope Francis said Russia’s war in Ukraine was “perhaps somehow either provoked or not prevented” — controversial remarks that will raise eyebrows internationally.

He made the remarks during an interview with Jesuit magazine *La Civiltà Cattolica* conducted in mid-May but published Tuesday.

“Someone may say to me at this point: but you are pro-Putin! No, I am not,” Francis said. “It would be simplistic and wrong to say such a thing. I am simply against reducing complexity to the distinction between good guys and bad guys, without reasoning about roots and interests, which are very complex.”

The pope also recalled a conversation he had before the war with an unnamed head of state — a “wise man” — who told Francis he was concerned about NATO and Russia.

“He said, ‘They are barking at the gates of Russia. The situation could lead to war,’” the pope said. “That head of state was able to read the signs of what was happening.”

Pope says NATO may have caused Russia's invasion of Ukraine

Francis says transatlantic military alliance was 'barking' at Russia's door.



Since the invasion of Ukraine, Francis has repeatedly criticized the invasion, while avoiding naming Putin explicitly | Alberto Pizzoli/AFP via Getty Images

BY HANNAH ROBERTS

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7/19 In Augustus 2022 omschrijft Franciscus de dood van Darya Dugina, de dochter van Alexander Dugin, als een onschuldig slachtoffer van de oorlog. Het is tegen het zere been van Oekraïne dat stelt dat Dugina als ideologe van het Russisch imperialisme verre van onschuldig is.

Europe

Ukraine envoy criticises pope over comments on Russian killed by car bomb

By Philip Pulella

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[1/5] Pope Francis meets with Ukraine's ambassador to the Vatican, Andriy Yurash during a private audience at the Vatican, April 7, 2022. Vatican Media/Handout via REUTERS [Acquire Licensing Rights](#)

VATICAN CITY, Aug 24 (Reuters) - Ukraine's ambassador to the Vatican on Wednesday criticised Pope Francis for referring to Darya Dugina, daughter of a prominent Russian ultra-nationalist, who was killed by a car bomb near Moscow, as an innocent victim of war.

It is highly unusual for ambassadors to the Vatican to criticise the pope publicly.

8/19 In november 2022 geeft Franciscus een interview aan christelijke magazine America. Dat be vraagt hem over zijn ogenschijnlijke gebrek aan directe kritiek op Rusland. Franciscus koos er immers voor tot algemeen staakt tot vuren en het stoppen van gebruik van mercenairs..

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Exclusive: Pope Francis discusses Ukraine, U.S. bishops and more

The Editors November 28, 2022



Editor's Note: On Nov. 22, 2022, five representatives of America Media interviewed Pope Francis at his residence at Santa Marta at the Vatican. Matt Malone, S.J., the departing

9/19in plaats van de Russische aanvallen. Zo stelt hij “Misschien zitten de meest wrede personen wel aan Russische zijde maar zij zijn geen erfgenaam van de Russische traditie. Het zijn Tsjetsjenen, Boerjatten enzovoort...”

Gerard O’Connell: Holy Father, about Ukraine: Many in the United States have been confused by your seeming unwillingness to directly criticize Russia for its aggression against Ukraine, preferring instead to speak more generally of the need for an end to war, an end to mercenary activity rather than Russian attacks, and to the traffic in arms. How would you explain your position on this war to Ukrainians, or Americans and others who support Ukraine?

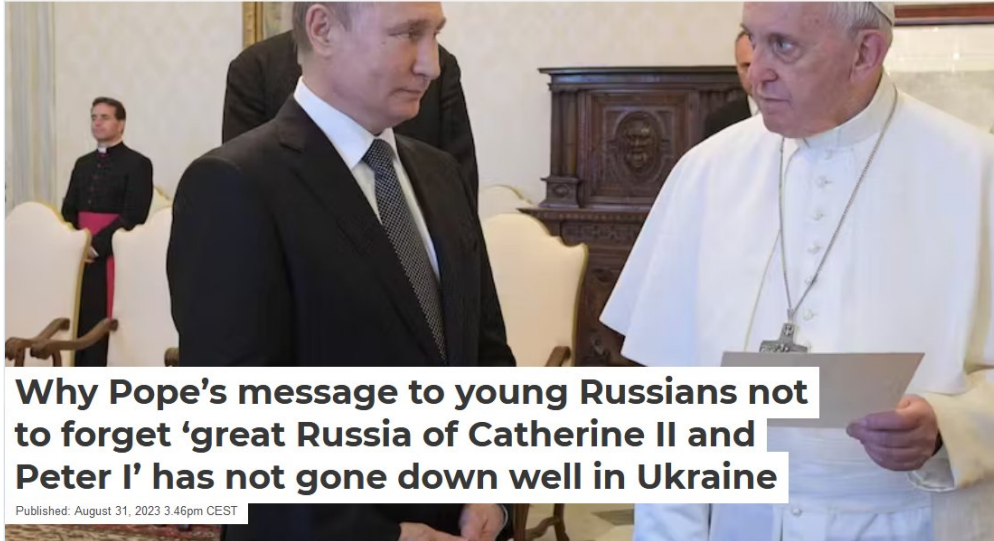
When I speak about Ukraine, I speak of a people who are martyred. If you have a martyred people, you have someone who martyrs them. When I speak about Ukraine, I speak about the cruelty because I have much information about the cruelty of the troops that come in.

Generally, the cruelest are perhaps those who are of Russia but are not of the Russian tradition, such as the Chechens, the Buryati and so on. Certainly, the one who invades is the Russian state. This is very clear. Sometimes I try not to specify so as not to offend and rather condemn in general, although it is well known whom I am condemning. It is not necessary that I put a name and surname.

10/19 Deze uiterst racistische uitlatingen pleiten het Kremlin in gedeelte vrij van haar wreedheden in Oekraïne. Het suggereert dat soldaten uit de grote steden anders handelen. Ook plaats hij vraagtekens bij “Het recht van het Westen tot wapenleveringen aan Oekraïne.”

In the interviews, he also pondered whether it’s right for Western powers to arm Ukraine, explaining he had been trying to assess the roots of the conflict and the reasons pushing Putin to engage in such brutal warfare. “I have no way of telling whether his rage has been provoked,” he wondered aloud, “but I suspect it was maybe facilitated by the West’s attitude.”

11/19 In augustus stuurt de paus een videoboodschap naar de All Russian Meeting van de katholieke jeugd in Sint Petersburg: “Jullie zijn de erfgenamen van het grote Rusland van heiligen, heersers en het grote Rusland van Peter de Grote...”



Why Pope's message to young Russians not to forget 'great Russia of Catherine II and Peter I' has not gone down well in Ukraine

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Pope Francis with Vladimir Putin in 2019: the Pope has angered Ukrainians with a speech that seems to back Putin's idea of a 'glorious Russian empire'. EPA-EFE/Alexei Druzhinin/Kremlin

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Pope Francis's [video speech](#) to the All-Russian Meeting of Catholic Youth in St Petersburg, urging them to "not forget their heritage" has caused quite a stir.

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12/19 ...Katerina II, dat rijk van een geciviliseerde cultuur met diepe menselijke waarden” Het is een narratief dat Poetin graag gebruikt om zijn oorlog in Oekraïne goed te praten. Opnieuw zien we de paus de plank mis slaan met statements die zich slecht verhouden tot de oorlog.

Pope Francis's [video speech](#) to the All-Russian Meeting of Catholic Youth in St Petersburg, urging them to "not forget their heritage" has caused quite a stir. What struck a bitter chord internationally – and especially in Ukraine – about the remarks he delivered on August 25 was not so much its religious contents, but its tone-deaf praise of the heritage of "Mother Russia", which he urged his listeners to never give up.

You are the descendants of great Russia: the great Russia of saints, rulers, the great Russia of Peter I, Catherine II, that empire – educated, great culture and great humanity

The positive invocation of Russia's imperial legacies, has been regularly used as a [historical justification](#) for the military invasion of Ukraine. So it now feels particularly insensitive – and somewhat unaware of the politicisation of religion in Russia's imperial and present-day discourses.

13/19 In 2016 zoekt het Vaticaan toenadering tot de orthodoxe Kerk. Zo ontmoet Franciscus Patriarch Kirill in Havana (Cuba). Het is de eerste keer dat leiders van beide Kerken elkaar ontmoeten.

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Unity call as Pope Francis holds historic talks with Russian Orthodox Patriarch

13 February 2016



AP

The two leaders exchange a joint declaration on religious unity at Marti International airport in Havana



14/19 Het mondt uit in een grote promotiecampagne voor Kirill en het Kremlin. Rusland voert op dat moment al oorlogen in Oekraïne en Syrië. Sommigen beschouwen de ontmoeting als een indirecte legitimering voor Poetins imperiale oorlogen.

For Francis, the meeting was an ecumenical and diplomatic coup that eluded his predecessors but that also opened him to criticism that his embrace of the Russian patriarch would indirectly give a boost to Mr. Putin as he wages a war in Syria and continues to meddle in Ukraine.

In Moscow, the Russian news media made little effort to hide the government's role in enabling the historic encounter. In an editorial this week, Vedomosti, a business newspaper, said, "The meeting would not be possible if the interests of the Russian Orthodox Church did not coincide with those of the Kremlin."¹

15/19 Het is algemeen bekend dat Patriarch Kirill ofwel Vladimir Mikhailovich Gundayayev niet bepaald een heilige is. Dat bewijzen zijn voormalig lidmaatschap aan de KGB, fortuin van 4 miljard dollar en zijn extravagante paleis in Gelendzhik wel.





16/19 Het leeuwendeel van Kirills rijkdom werd vergaard middels corruptie en zwendel. Zijn Kerk kreeg midden jaren negentig het privilege tot belastingvrije import van sigaretten. Kirill rapporteerde bij de belasting inkomsten van miljoenen maar streek miljarden op.

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Patriarch Kirill: Why he was called the “Tobacco Metropolitan”

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Many Westerners know little about the new Patriarch of the Russian Orthodox Church Father Kirill. Many Russians know him as a great orator and a host of a weekly TV show “Pastor’s Word.” However, very few know that Kirill (Vladimir Gundyayev by passport), a billionaire and a former KGB operative, made his fortune in tobacco, alcohol, and oil sales. His activities were among the main reasons why not-for-profits in Russia lost tax-deductible status. The new Orthodox leader is fond of playing with stocks, car racing, downhill skiing, and breeding exclusive kinds of dogs. He owns villas in Switzerland and a penthouse with a view of the Cathedral of Christ the Savior in Moscow.

Kirill graduated with honors from Leningrad Spiritual Academy in 1969. In 1970, he earned his master’s degree, and after several minor positions was appointed a personal secretary to Mitropolit Nikodim, chief of the external church relations. Since that moment, Kirill became the face of the Orthodox Church in all foreign trips to Western Europe. According to vlasti.net website, Kirill’s colleagues and competitors linked all his travels to his work for the Soviet KGB where he was known by nickname “Mikhailov.” Starting in 1972, Kirill/Gundyayev/Mikhailov became more involved with the countries of the Middle East. In 1975, at a forum in Nairobi, he defended the Soviet Union and downplayed dissidents’ letters by making historic claims that people of faith were not persecuted and there were no human rights abuses based on religion in the Soviet Union.

17/19 In alle eerlijkheid zijn er ook momenten waarop Franciscus de oorlog streng veroordeeld heeft. Hij waarschuwde de oorlogsgezinde Kirill om niet Poetins ‘misdienaar’ te worden. Hij stelde eveneens dat Oekraïne het recht heeft zich te verdedigen.

Pope Francis warns pro-war Russian patriarch not to be 'Putin's altar boy'

By Delia Gallagher, CNN
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Video: AP Photo/Chris Wedel



World

Pope acknowledges his Russia comments were faulty

By Philip Pulella

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[1/3] Pope Francis holds a news conference aboard the papal plane on his flight back after visiting Mongolia, September 4, 2023. [Ciro Fusco/Pool via REUTERS](#) [Acquire Licensing Rights](#)



18/19 Die statements verloren echter waarde toen hij besloot om de Russische imperiale geschiedenis te loven. Ook de uitspraken over een door de NAVO uitgelokte oorlog spelen Poetins propagandamachine enorm in de kaart.

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Kremlin welcomes Pope's words urging youth to maintain, uphold Russia's historical legacy

"The Pope knows Russian history, and that is very good. [Our history] is quite deep; its roots go very deep," Dmitry Peskov said

MOSCOW, August 29. /TASS/. The Kremlin has lauded a statement by Pope Francis on the heritage of Great Russia, which strongly resonates with the positions of the Russian state and society, Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters.

On August 25, the pontiff spoke online to attendees of the National Meeting of Catholic Youth of Russia being held in St. Petersburg, urging the audience not to forget the historical legacy and heritage of Great Russia, mentioning such rulers as Peter the Great and Catherine the Great.

"The Pope knows Russian history, and that is very good. [Our history] is quite deep; its roots go very deep," Peskov said, noting that this heritage is not limited to 18th-century sovereigns Peter I and Catherine II, but "is much older." According to the Kremlin spokesman, the government, public associations, schoolteachers and university instructors are now engaged precisely in "transmitting this heritage to our young people on a continuous basis, reminding them of it." "And the fact that the pontiff's call is in unison with these efforts is extremely encouraging," Peskov concluded.

19/19 Daar waar zijn uitspraken over het verdedigingsrecht van Oekraïne vrij snel vergeten zijn zit dat anders met zijn pro Russische statements. Die zullen nog jaren uitgemolken worden en dienen als legtimering van een 'rechtschapen oorlog' voor het Kremlin.

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