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In today's [#vatniksoup](#) I'll be talking about genocide, children and national trauma. Throughout the 20th century, both in the Soviet Union and in Russia children have been suffering because of bad politics and structural negligence & now the kidnapped children face the same.

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Last November I wrote about the genocide that Russia is conducting in Ukraine through forced abductions of children, cultural appropriation and outright mass killing of civilians:

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In this thread I'll be discussing  genocide in Ukraine. I'll focus on the child abductions & will be providing evidence that  has planned this for a long time and that their intent has been announced in the state-owned media at least since the beginning of April, 2022.

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It's not the first time they have done this, however, as the Soviet leaders killed 3,5 - 5 million Ukrainians through organized famine referred to as Holodomor. 1,7 million children died as a result of this horrible event.

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On 18 Mar, 2023, ICC judges finally issued an international warrant on Vladimir Putin and his child abductor sidekick, Maria Lvova-Belova. In the Russian-Orwellian world, Lvova-Belova has been acting as Presidential Commissioner for Children's Rights in Russia since 2021.

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Press Release: 17 March 2023

**Situation in Ukraine: ICC judges issue arrest warrants against Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin and Maria Alekseyevna Lvova-Belova**



Today, 17 March 2023, Pre-Trial Chamber II of the International Criminal Court ("ICC" or "the Court") issued warrants of arrest for two individuals in the context of the situation in Ukraine: Mr Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin and Ms Maria Alekseyevna Lvova-Belova.

Mr Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, born on 7 October 1954, President of the Russian Federation, is allegedly responsible for the war crime of unlawful deportation of population (children) and that of unlawful transfer of population (children) from occupied areas of Ukraine to the Russian Federation (under articles 8(2)(d)(vii) and 8(2)(d)(viii) of the Rome Statute). The crimes were allegedly committed in Ukrainian occupied territory at least from 24 February 2022. There are reasonable grounds to believe that Mr Putin bears individual criminal responsibility for the aforementioned crimes, (i) for having committed the acts directly, jointly with others and/or through others (article 25(3)(a) of the Rome Statute), and (ii) for his failure to exercise control properly over civilian and military subordinates who committed the acts, or allowed for their commission, and who were under his effective authority and control, pursuant to superior responsibility (article 28(b) of the Rome Statute).



They both are allegedly responsible for unlawful deportation and transfer of children. Ukrainian government-ran "Children of War" estimates that over 16 000 children have been forcefully abducted to Russia.

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### CHILDREN OF WAR

24 February 2022 - 19 March 2023

464 <sup>o</sup> DIED	935 <sup>o</sup> INJURED	386 <sup>o</sup> MISSING	10513 <sup>o</sup> FOUND	16226 <sup>o</sup> DEPORTED	308 <sup>o</sup> RETURNED
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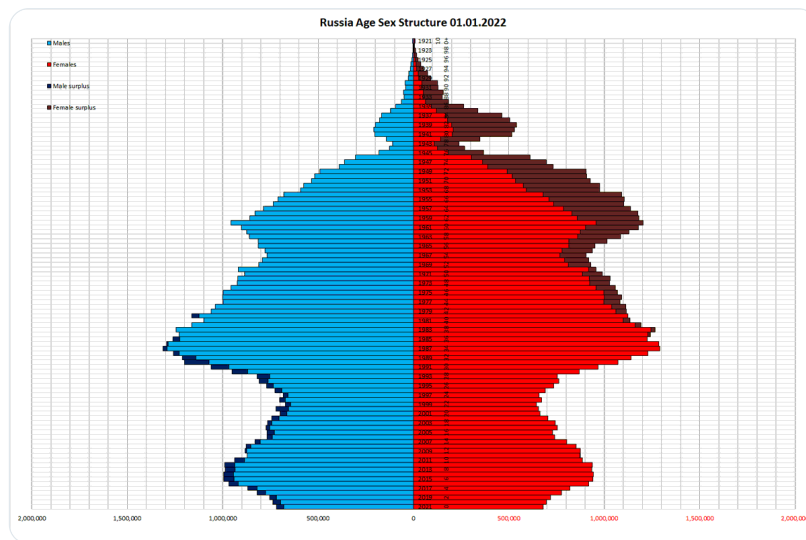
It is impossible to establish the exact number of injured children due to active hostilities and temporary occupation of part of the territory of Ukraine

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The reason for these kidnappings is simple - Russia is in a demographic death spiral, and the country simply needs more children. Since 2016, Russia's death rate has exceeded its birth rate, and now a large numbers of young men are dying in the war. In 2020, their fertility..

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...rate was 1.5, which is well below the replacement average. Researcher Murray Feshbach has predicted that by conservative estimate Russia will lose at least a third of its current population due to disease, environmental hazards, war and decline in healthy newborns.

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## Scholar Predicts Serious Population Decline in Russia

January 29, 2004

Wilson Center Senior Scholar Murray Feshbach discusses the causes and impact of Russia's health and demographic crises. He predicts that Russia will lose at least a third of its current population by 2050.

Wilson Center Senior Scholar Murray Feshbach paints a dismal picture of health and population trends in Russia, even by his conservative estimates. By 2050, he predicts, Russia will lose at least a third of its current population. Disease, environmental hazards, and a decline in healthy newborns underlie this staggering statistic.

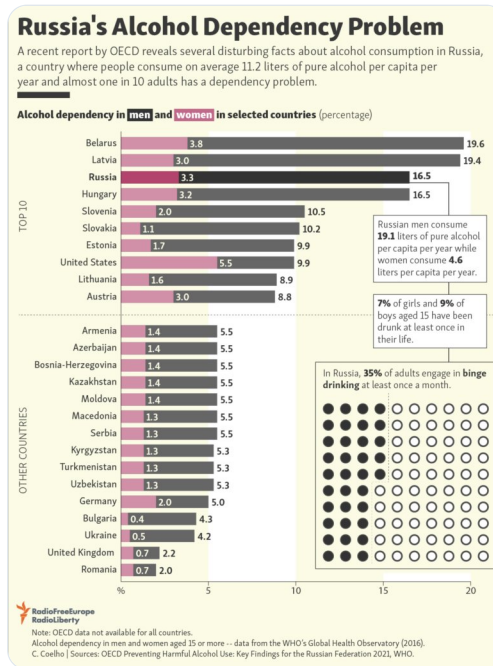
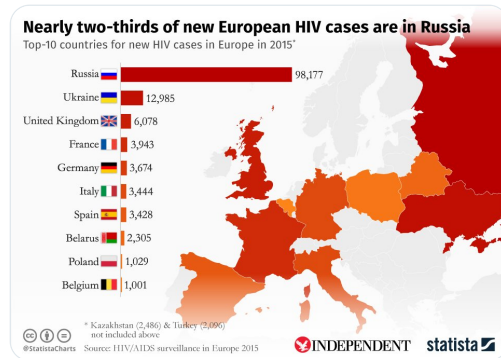
In Russia, deaths far outnumber births. Meanwhile, only a third of Russian babies are born healthy and last year's child health census showed that some 50 to 60 percent of all Russian children suffer from a chronic illness. Current mortality rates reflect the very high share of deaths between ages 20 and 49, potentially the most productive population segment. Such a population decline has a devastating impact on the labor force, military recruitment, and family formation.

By 2050, said Feshbach, Russia's current population of 144 million could fall to 101 million or as low as 77 million if factoring in the AIDS epidemic. Russia and Ukraine have the fastest growing rates of new HIV/AIDS cases in the world, reported Feshbach in his 2003 study, *Russia's Health and Demographic Crises: Policy Implications and Consequences*, published by the Chemical and Biological Arms Control Institute. If current trends continue, by 2020, 5-14 million Russians will be living with HIV and 250,000-650,000 will die from AIDS annually.

Other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) are propagating, as well, particularly syphilis. Initially spread through drug use and prostitution, STDs now are proliferating by heterosexual transmission. Another disease on the rise is tuberculosis (TB). In 2001, 781 Americans died from TB while Russia, with half America's population, had nearly 30,000 TB deaths. The same year, 18,000 Americans died from AIDS. Yet by 2010, at least four times that number will die from AIDS in Russia. Unfortunately, Russian government statistics remain optimistic, rather than realistic, diverting attention and funding from research and treatment.

For long time, Russia has struggled with problems such as AIDS, alcoholism and low life expectancy. At the same time, Russia is suffering of serious brain drain and loss of human capital to other countries due to the war and mobilization.

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## 'We realized that there's no way we can return': Russia's best and brightest are leaving in record numbers. 6 young Russians explain why they left

BY YVESKI LEE  
PHOTO: STEVE GRANITZ

Photo of 25-year-old Anya, who fled Moscow, Russia, for Bulgaria, Serbia, in May 2014 (LARRY FORD)

Three months ago, Anya, a 25-year-old who works at a major mobile gaming company and moonlights as a tutor, made one of the toughest decisions of her life: She left Russia.

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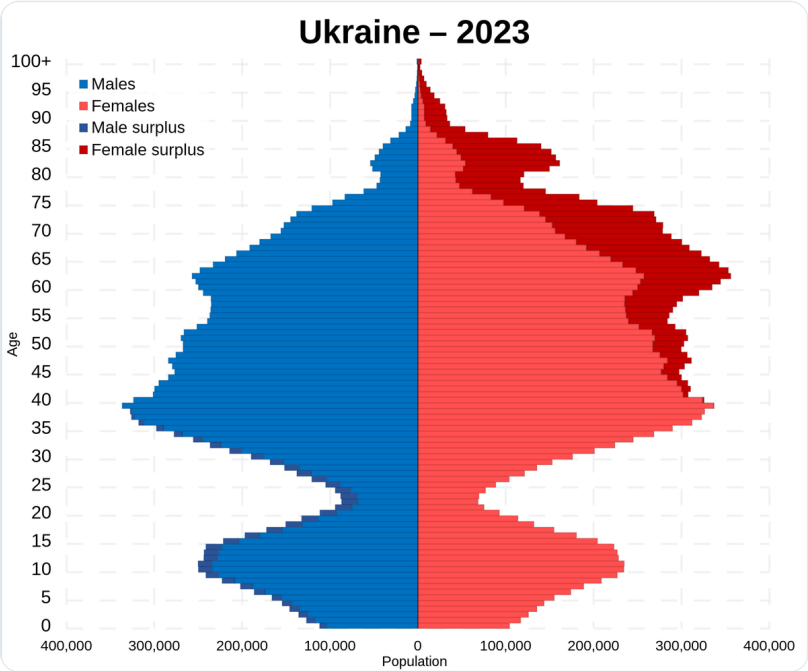
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This is why they are now trying to increase their younger demographic by kidnapping Ukrainian children. If continued, this genocide will have devastating effects on Ukraine, a country that has one of the lowest birthrates (1,22 before the war in 2020) in all of Europe.

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And historically speaking, Soviet Union and Russia hasn't been very gentle on its children. By the early 1920s, Russia had millions of orphaned and abandoned children, called besprizornye ("the unattended").

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Millions died, and many turned to stealing, prostitution and petty crime. In a 1920 survey among street girls aged 15 and younger, 88% had worked as prostitutes.

After 1937, when the persecution of political enemies peaked and millions were imprisoned or executed, ...

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...several hundreds of thousand children became orphans, and the government was forced to confront the problem.

Narkompros, the ministry of education, organized orphanages that were usually ran by criminals and other lowlife. Orphans were often beat, underfed and abused.

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Because they were the children of the "enemies of the people", nobody really cared. Children were also sent to gulags, where they usually resided in the most harsh conditions. This was due to their low productivity in hard labor.

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After the end of WW2, there were 2,5 million homeless children in need of accommodation. But after this, the Soviet system tried to take better care of its children, and wide scale adoption became a new norm.

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These "better times" lasted until the mid-80s, after which the slow dissolution of the USSR increased the number of homeless children and orphans again. In the Soviet times, the abortion rates also skyrocketed, decreasing the birth rates even more drastically.

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During the crazy 90's and the rebirth of the Russian Federation, many children turned to begging, petty crime and prostitution again. Many of them eventually turned into organized crime, working for crime bosses like Semyon Mogilevich.

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From these past events we can see that those who suffer the most in Russia during times of trouble, are the children. The war in Ukraine can be seen as such event, and all children, including the ones abducted from Ukraine, will be suffering the most from Russia's defeat.

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CORRECTION:

Feshback projection is outdated, read this more recent article:



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