

# A SECOND CHANCE

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This is an interview I gave on C-Span over 30 years ago in September 1991.

The Soviet Union still existed and would not be formally dissolved until that December. I had spent much of the summer of 1991 going through the entire collapsing Soviet Union, from Georgia in the Caucasus to Ukraine, Belarus and the Baltics, through Russia, Kazakhstan, and across Siberia. (I took my then 7 year-old son Brandon with me, which he has never forgotten.)

The USSR was breaking apart as I had been predicting for several years. In the early 80s I began giving lectures on college campuses and to business groups on *“The Coming Collapse of the Soviet Union,”* and most everyone thought I was out of my mind.

When I gave that talk at the Heritage Foundation, the most influential conservative outfit in Washington, in May of 1989, they still couldn’t believe it. When I told them the Berlin Wall would be down quickly, they laughed. I laughed back, telling them, “Laugh all you want – all I ask is that you remember that here in May of 1989, I said it.”

They sure did, as the Wall fell in a little more than five months later, on November 9, 1989.

So now it was 1991, the Soviet Union was disintegrating, and I was worried about the nukes. Every democracy leader I talked to in all the Soviet Republics declaring their independence didn’t want them. The problem, of course, was Russia. What was needed was an Anti-Nuclear Movement to guarantee that Russia would not keep its nukes, thus remaining a nuclear threat to America and the West.

I argued for the Reverse Golden Rule – *Do Unto Others Before They Do It Unto You*. “What would the Russians demand if they had won the Cold War and not us?” I asked. “That’s where our demands should start,” I argued, albeit agreeing that Russia would need a nuclear deterrent against China – but that should be in mutual operation with us.

Alas, that was tragically not to be.

Now, all these years later with Putin’s catastrophic miscalculation in Ukraine, we have a second chance.

Russia is now finished as any kind of world power. Whatever new government emerges in Russia, it’s going to need our – the US and allies – protection from China. We will soon have an opportunity to provide Russia with a “nuclear umbrella” from China. All it has to do is cease being any kind of nuclear threat to us – that being the US, Europe (which obviously includes Ukraine), Japan, et al.

We had our first chance 30 years ago and blew it. We have a second chance now. Of course we can’t rely on Mitch McConnell and the Dems obviously. Yet the Republicans after gaining House and Senate majorities next January can move this forward substantially, and complete it with Donald Trump in the White House two years later.

We may never have a third chance – so let’s do it right this time.

Ps: I know the video above is long, 43 min – but it's still worth watching entire. Let me know what you think on the Forum.

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