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You probably think it's impossible to defend Putin's brutal, senseless war in Ukraine. And you're right. But Tucker Carlson is really trying! Let's take a look at last night's show. ■ <https://t.co/0mr4RcWq9n>



Carlson opened w/claims about Biden "funding a number of secret bio labs in Ukraine" conducting "experiments on highly dangerous pathogens." These claims, which have been pushed by Russian media, are false. The US has worked w/Ukrainian labs, but on normal public health research. <https://t.co/Zn4Y4aeByi>

As the NYT explains, Carlson is conflating Ukrainian biodefense labs with biological weapons facilities. Ukraine has the former. It does not have the latter. <https://t.co/jxXUMq5iCE>

Carlson, no doubt aware of how flimsy his claims are, almost immediately moved the goalposts. His monologue culminated with insinuations that any sort of scientific research on deadly pathogens is inherently suspicious. <https://t.co/vcjbVAOZ1U>

Tucker then brought on Glenn Greenwald, who he described as "an expert on detecting deception." (lol) Glenn immediately echoed Carlson's distorted claims about the US government and biolabs in Ukraine. <https://t.co/pCq62O0yi5>



Greenwald's interview ended with him layering distortion upon distortion and suggesting the US is funding biolabs in Ukraine because it wants "to be provocative toward the Russians" -- a talking point also pushed by the Kremlin <https://t.co/ndDMOf6yDY>

Carlson then pivoted to wrestling with strawmen who want the US to start world war 3 with Russia. But the only example of a pro-no fly zone elected official he cited was Republican Rep. Maria Elvira Salazar. <https://t.co/ex0f9YLb31>



One person calling for a no-fly zone immediately became "INCREASED CALLS FOR A NO-FLY ZONE." Transparent dishonesty. <https://t.co/6NLNZ6ijJf>



"It's not the only suffering in the world" -- Tucker Carlson on Ukraine <https://t.co/B382Y1iXVt>

Carlson then accused Kamala Harris of "inciting" Russia's invasion of Ukraine. All of the above happened before the first commercial break. <https://t.co/NJ00qRachV>

Later in the show, Carlson returned to the Ukraine topic, and insisted sanctions against Putin are bad because they're not deterring him and will just make him angry at the US <https://t.co/kXUUy08Dmt>

maybe just don't brutally invade your neighbors for no reason -- you won't have to worry about sanctions then <https://t.co/NlvuhL87hZ>

Note how Tucker Carlson never goes as far as to explicitly defend Putin -- he's anti-anti-Putin. But the effect is the same. The US antagonized Russia, incited the invasion, is going too far in responding to it, etc. Meanwhile, the suffering of the Ukrainian people is minimized.

The most-watched cable news host in America, parroting Kremlin talking points to own the libs. It's no wonder Russian state TV loves him. <https://t.co/5Y1NxPdnqR>

I'll have more on Tucker Carlson's anti-anti-war propaganda in Monday's edition of my newsletter, Public Notice. If you appreciate this thread and haven't subscribed already, please do. I think you'll like it. (end ■) <https://t.co/g8kkcyG2ok>