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Vatnik Vivek Ramaswamy pushing the usual BS about NATO and Zelenskyy, as is tradition...

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Whatever respect I had for Vivek, is now gone. This is pathetic...



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... similar to another vatnik Presidential candidate, RFKJr #russianBob #VatnikKennedy ...

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Vatnik Robert F. Kennedy Jr. 🇺🇸

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As we know Gorbachev himself denied the "not one inch" BS, besides that being irrelevant...

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Did NATO Promise Not to Enlarge? Gorbachev Says "No" | Brookings

Russian President Vladimir Putin has made it well known his antipathy towards NATO, claiming the Alliance took advantage of Russian weakness after the collapse of the Soviet Union in violation of pro...

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'There was no promise not to enlarge NATO' - Harvard Law School

Robert Zoellick, the U.S. diplomat who helped negotiate the end of the Cold War, says Vladimir Putin's claims about Ukraine are part of a disinformation campaign.

<https://hls.harvard.edu/today/there-was-no-promise-not-to-enlarge-nato/>

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Replying to @DarthPutinKGB

Why would anyone even care about a verbal promise to a dead leader of a non-existent state?

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RBTH: One of the key issues that has arisen in connection with the events in Ukraine is NATO expansion into the East. Do you get the feeling that your Western partners lied to you when they were developing their future plans in Eastern Europe? Why didn't you insist that the promises made to you – particularly U.S. Secretary of State James Baker's promise that NATO would not expand into the East – be legally encoded? I will quote Baker: "NATO will not move one inch further east."

M.G.: The topic of "NATO expansion" was not discussed at all, and it wasn't brought up in those years. I say this with full responsibility. Not a single Eastern European country raised the issue, not even after the Warsaw Pact ceased to exist in 1991. Western leaders didn't bring it up, either. Another issue we brought up was discussed: making sure that NATO's military structures would not advance and that additional armed forces from the alliance would not be deployed on the territory of the then-GDR after German reunification. Baker's statement, mentioned in your question, was made in that context. Kohl and [German Vice Chancellor Hans-Dietrich] Genscher talked about it.

... not the real reason for the genocidal invasion...





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History

Not One Inch, Unless It Is from Lisbon to Vladivostok

Abstract A careful evaluation of recent history illustrates that the claim that US and NATO expansion threatens Moscow's existence is an exaggeration. That Russia would inflate fears of NATO to pursu...

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... and contradicted by russian leaders themselves many times...

Does the right to sovereignty also mean for example for Georgia and Ukraine, that Russia does not oppose their accession to the EU and NATO?



Lawrow, Interview with Handelsblatt, Jan 2, 2005

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Yeltsin 'respects' Polish position on NATO

By PATRICIA KRYZA



WARSAW -- Russian President Boris Yeltsin said Wednesday his nation must respect Poland's desire to join NATO because both nations are sovereign and the old 'big brother' relationship is over.

Yeltsin and Polish President Lech Walesa also announced that the last Russian troops -- some 2,500 unarmed soldiers guarding former Soviet garrisons in Poland that once held 60,000 troops -- will be pulled out by Oct. 1, three months ahead of schedule.

Yeltsin was in Warsaw to sign a series of cooperation agreements with Poland, including one setting the groundwork for a \$10 billion natural gas pipeline from Russia and Ukraine through Poland to Germany.

"The ice of distrust has melted between our countries," Yeltsin said in comparing his Warsaw visit with that of Walesa to Moscow in May 1992 to sign the first of what are now 20 cooperation agreements with Russia.

Although many issues still separate the two countries, which have been historically distrustful of each other, the wording of a [joint declaration signed by the two presidents](#) indicated a change in Russia's outright opposition to NATO membership for any of its former satellites.


The agreement says the decision by a sovereign Poland to attain European integration by eventually joining NATO "is not contrary with the interests of other countries, Russia included."

I am absolutely convinced that Ukraine will not shy away from the processes of expanding interaction with NATO and the Western allies as a whole. Ukraine has its own relations with NATO; there is the Ukraine-NATO Council. At the end of the day the decision is to be taken by NATO and Ukraine. It is a matter for those two partners.

— Vladimir Putin, "Press Statement and Answers to Questions at a Joint News Conference with Ukrainian President Leonid Kuchma", May 17, 2002

Putin says Russia has 'no problems' with Finland, Sweden in NATO

Comments ease off earlier Russian rhetoric about 'far-reaching consequences'



BY VICTOR JACK
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Russian President Vladimir Putin said Finland and Sweden's bids to join NATO posed no direct threat to Russia, but warned the Western military alliance against moving weapons into the two countries' territories.

"As for the expansion [of NATO], including through new members of the alliance — Finland, Sweden — Russia wants to inform you that it has no problems with these states," Putin said on Monday, speaking at a gathering in Moscow of leaders from the member countries of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO), the Russia-backed military alliance.

"Therefore, in this sense, expansion on account of these countries does not pose a direct threat to Russia."

...including by Putin himself, recently.

