
Polgár István József

*Ph.D, Lecturer at the Faculty of History
International Relations, Political Science and Communication Science,
University of Oradea*

It is extremely difficult to write or say anything in these very tense moments. It is especially hard to analyze a situation in which thousands of people, innocent civilians are dying, and thousands more are suffering. They are suffering because of the lack of food, lack of water, lack of heat, because missiles destroy their houses. It is hard to understand why thousands need to run and leave their homes. They must run for their lives in the unknown, and they must live in tents, in schools and different type of shelters offered by neighboring countries.

These days and weeks, families are falling apart and they do not know if they see each other again. Women and children become refugees. Fathers, husbands, brothers are sacrificed in this absurd war.

It is not easy to comprehend what is happening in our neighborhood, where people are being killed, cities, roads are being bombed, all this in 2022. With more than 20 years, after the closure of the barbaric war from the Balkans, we thought that a very long period of peace would come in Europe. We believed that such a thing, which we are witnessing now in Ukraine, is impossible.

Unfortunately, the reality is different. It is different because of the imperial thinking stuck in the dirt of the past, because of the idea of a certain national supremacy, which has been gaining strength over and over again and extending its dominance over other areas and populations.

Even though it is hard, we need to write, we need to speak, we need to make our voice heard. All this is very important in order not to be overwhelmed by the large

amount of news, which are making us to get used to the horrors. It is important never to forget that we are facing a brutal aggression that could cover the whole world. We need to talk loud about what is happening in Ukraine to understand what type of terrible things a lost politician and a narrow group can do. We need to show what drives these political leaders to order the army to kill. So, maybe in the future, we will react at the first signs, we will raise our heads and we will not let insane motivations to use power to take over power.

Attention, do not be misled, speaking about war is just a euphemism, a way to obscure the essence, which makes the unacceptable acceptable by naming it with our usual practice. There is no war in Ukraine; there is only insane destruction, murder, brutality, violent destruction of the normal life, refugees and suffering.

We are in the sadistic phase of this war, because at this moment, the Russian Federation does not need to attack, it does not need to conquer cities, but in this mode the civilians suffer the most.

It is our duty to seek for explanations, but not in order to make anything acceptable, but in order to equip ourselves with necessary knowledge and awareness that is indispensable to understand, to fight, to refuse and perhaps to prevent such events. The same amount of knowledge will block the way of fake news and manipulation through which all aggressive powers try to subdue the majority of people.

It seems that in Romania people are willing to understand all this. The threat from the border with Ukraine has led to an increase of confidence in NATO. On the other hand, unfortunately, the fear from the war increased nationalist tendencies as well. The actual situation means a defining moment for Europe, for freedom and for all states and people who love peace. Through its criminal aggression against the Ukrainian people and the sovereignty of Ukraine, Russian political leaders have brutalized the principles that underpin world peace and democracy.