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Over and over, U.S. government officials and their mainstream media allies called Russia's 2022 invasion of Ukraine an "unprovoked attack." The slogan became so overused that people began to ask the obvious question: Why do they protest so much?

In *Provoked: How Washington Started the New Cold War with Russia and the Catastrophe in Ukraine*, Scott Horton explains how since the end of the last Cold War and the fall of the Soviet Union, successive U.S. administrations pressed their advantage against the new Russian Federation to the point that it finally blew up into a full-scale war between Russia and Ukraine.

From NATO expansion into Eastern Europe, to "shock therapy" economic policy, the Balkan and Chechen wars, color-coded revolutions, new missile defense systems, assassinations, Russiagate and ultimately the brutal conflict in Ukraine, *Provoked* shows what really happened and why it did not have to be this way.

Scott Horton has become an invaluable chronicler of the destruction wrought by our interventionist foreign policy. With his new book *Provoked*, Scott blows the lid off the mountains of lies used to justify Washington's waste of billions of dollars and countless Ukrainian lives in a futile proxy war with Russia. Truth is the greatest disinfectant and Scott Horton's crucial account of this awful chapter in U.S. foreign policy is like a spring cleaning. Read this book and pick up copies for your friends...and adversaries!" —

Dr. Ron Paul, former Texas congressman, chairman and founder of the Ron Paul Institute for Peace and Prosperity and co-host of The Liberty Report

"*Provoked* is manna from heaven for anyone who wants to know where the extreme Russophobia in the West came from, as well as the central role the United States played in causing the Ukraine war. Horton provides a detailed account of America's foolish and dishonest behavior toward Russia in the years since the Cold War ended." —

John J. Mearsheimer, R. Wendell Harrison Distinguished Service Professor of Political Science at the University of Chicago

"Scott Horton's important new book traces America's journey to war and intervention through a succession of presidencies and builds a case that points to a frightening, potential final destination for the United States: isolation and alienation from most of the world. Scott's message is simple. Stop now before it's too late." —

Col. Douglas Macgregor, U.S. Army (ret.), CEO, Our Country Our Choice

"Scott Horton is a treasure. He is also the neocons' nightmare. He knows their deceptions and lies and he is fearless in exposing the disasters they have wrought. Provoked is the most thoroughly researched, rationally grounded, and compellingly presented assault on war and defense of peace written in English in the post-9/11 era. It will become the standard against which all similar works are measured, and indispensable reading for all who need to understand how the American government has time and again brought civilization to a terrifying precipice." —

Judge Andrew P. Napolitano, New York Times best-selling author and commentator, host of the Judging Freedom Podcast

"Scott Horton's new book is one of the rare literary works that is impeccably sourced, unimpeachable in its logical conclusions — and fearless in presenting the truth, regardless of how unpopular or inconvenient it may be. It's a hard read, though. Not because of its length — its very thorough — but for its revelations and implications: our country has some ugly warts that must be addressed and some sins for which it must atone. If we honestly look ourselves in the mirror and make necessary changes, we can avoid some of the worst outcomes. Ignore Scott's sage observations, however, and we could be in for a rough future." —

Lt. Col. Daniel L. Davis, U.S. Army (ret.), author of Eleventh Hour in 2020 America: How America's Foreign Policy Got Jacked Up - and How the Next Administration Can Fix It and host of Daniel Davis - Deep Dive

"Delving deep into the record of how the U.S. national security machine lied and conspired to birth a new Cold War that grows hotter by the day, Scott Horton has once again done us a fantastic service. Never has the axiom that the devil is in the details been more powerfully demonstrated. His account, powerful because it is so detailed, covering the serial cynical maneuvers that expanded and transformed Nato into an instrument of aggression all the way to the promotion of the war that has destroyed Ukraine is a resource that apologists for these feckless policies will find it hard to answer." —

Andrew Cockburn, Washington editor, Harper's Magazine, author of The Spoils of War: Power, Profit and the American War Machine

"Scott Horton writes history like a thriller — leaving the reader to anxiously turn the page to see what happens next. Skeptics and fact-checkers beware, the history is meticulously researched; this volume packs in more than 6,000 footnotes leaving no doubt as to Horton's sources and methods. If you want to know why today's headlines are inevitable, read this post-Cold War story of the United States, Russia and Ukraine. Five stars!" —

Peter Van Buren, author of *We Meant Well: How I Helped Lose the Battle for the Hearts and Minds of the Iraqi People*

“Scott Horton is perhaps the country’s most incisive and, without question, its most indefatigable, advocate for a sane U.S. foreign policy towards Russia. If you really want to know how we’ve arrived at this, the most dangerous point in relations with Russia since the Cuban Missile Crisis, then read this.” —

James W. Carden, former State Department adviser, senior consultant to the American Committee for U.S.-Russia Accord

“Scott Horton provides an incisive treatment of the multi-decade background to the Russia-Ukraine War. He demolishes the myth that Western policy bears no responsibility for the current tragedy.” —

Ted Galen Carpenter, Senior Fellow, the Libertarian Institute, author of *NATO: The Dangerous Dinosaur*

“The only excuse for those of us — and I include myself — foolish enough to think that the Ukraine War was the one that would redeem the mayhem of four decades of stupid, disastrous adventures, was ignorance. Ignorance of causes, ignorance of local and international politics, ignorance of what actually happened and above all a failure to remember that our leaders are not our friends. There’s no excuse now. Scott Horton has provided us with the one necessary, essential masterclass on how we got into this mess. Provoked limpidly clarifies that far from this being the ‘good war,’ it need never have happened and the usual suspects are to blame. The same people who brought on us all those other disasters. The Ukraine War is shaping up to the worst one of all, the only conflict which threatens all of us directly and personally, wherever we are.” —

Frank Ledwidge, former Royal Navy Reserve intelligence officer, “Justice Advisor” to the UK Mission in Afghanistan’s Helmand Province and author of *Investment in Blood: The True Cost of Britain’s Afghan War*

“A fan of Scott Horton’s previous books on U.S. foreign policy, I expected Provoked to be the definitive work on the tragedy and folly of America’s Eastern European policy and involvement in the Ukraine war. I wasn’t disappointed. Horton again proves to be a thorough and unerring guide through all the issues and questions related to the grim story he has to tell. To those who admire Scott for his lectures, interviews, de-bates and articles, I tell them you can’t fully appreciate his brilliance unless you’ve read his books. *Provoked* is a good place to start.” —

Gene Epstein, Director of The Soho Forum and former Economics and Books Editor of *Barron’s Financial Weekly*

“Scott Horton has been a voice of reason against the bipartisan War Party for as long as I can remember, but with *Provoked* he takes his rightful place alongside the great revisionist scholars of the past hundred years. Then as now, that noble tradition of thought pursued world peace by exposing, without mercy, the lies of those who would foment war. Nobody who relies on the American news media for

information about Russia and Ukraine will know the story Horton tells in this indispensable book, but thanks to him the truth may at last overtake the lies.” —

Thomas E. Woods, Senior Fellow at the Ludwig von Mises Institute and author of *Diary of a Psychosis: How Public Health Disgraced Itself During COVID Mania*