

and one Belarusian armies lined up on the Soviet Union's western border surrendered en masse to invading Germans, then were starved to death in open-field prisoner-of-war camps surrounded by barbed wire during the winter of 1941-1942.

After the two Ukrainian armies were lost, Germans occupied all of Ukraine from 1941 to 1943 and seized all the Ukrainian collective farms' grain for their own needs. German soldiers set fire to Ukrainian village houses as they advanced, leaving the inhabitants without shelter or food for the approaching winter, and deliberately starved to death Ukrainian city dwellers. About 5 million Ukrainian civilians died of German-caused artificial starvation in 1941-1943.

About a million GULAG prisoners (mostly Ukrainians) starved to death during World War II. Ukrainian artificial starvation deaths from 1921 to 1946 totaled up to 24 million.

If Mr. Cantoni alludes to Ukrainian starvation deaths, Stalin rewarded rather than punished "party members who told him the truth." For example, Nikita Khrushchev advanced his career by doubling assigned quotas of thousands

of Ukrainians shot to death in the 1930s.

As Red Army soldiers advanced in 1943, they massacred all inhabitants of reconquered easternmost Ukrainian villages. The Soviet regime later blamed retreating German soldiers, as though the latter had time, energy, and bullets to waste killing peaceful Ukrainian civilians instead of saving their resources to repel attacking Soviet troops.

The Soviets repopulated emptied eastern Ukrainian lands with ethnic Russians, forming an initial pretext for the war of Russia against Ukraine ongoing since 2014.

The Soviets had similarly murdered thousands of Polish officers at Katyn in 1940, and blamed the Germans. In 1943, the Germans proved Soviet guilt by digging up the corpses.

Deception was Soviet policy. In the Russian Civil War, fought mostly on Ukrainian-settled land, and during World War II as fought on Ukrainian soil, false-flag operations by Soviet armed forces and partisans against ethnic groups and Germans were blamed on Ukrainians. Much worse lethal reprisals against innocent Ukrainians by affected minorities and German troops

ensued. Resultant false, anti-Ukrainian propaganda is still being proliferated and acted upon.

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Erratum

In the review of *The Disrupted Physician* by Anne Phelan, M.D.,¹ it is erroneously stated that Dr. Michael Langan is the author's husband. Dr. Phelan has no relation to Dr. Langan except that both had their careers derailed by the Medical Regulatory Therapeutic Rehabilitation Complex. She learned about Dr. Langan through her efforts to unravel the fraudulent and abusive system that has harmed them and many others so seriously.

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