

The Baltic Sea – a sea of peace

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2022

NATO's EASTERN FLANK



- **1949:** 12 NATO founding members
- **1990:** 16 members
- **2024:** 32 members

Finland joined 2023

Border to Russia

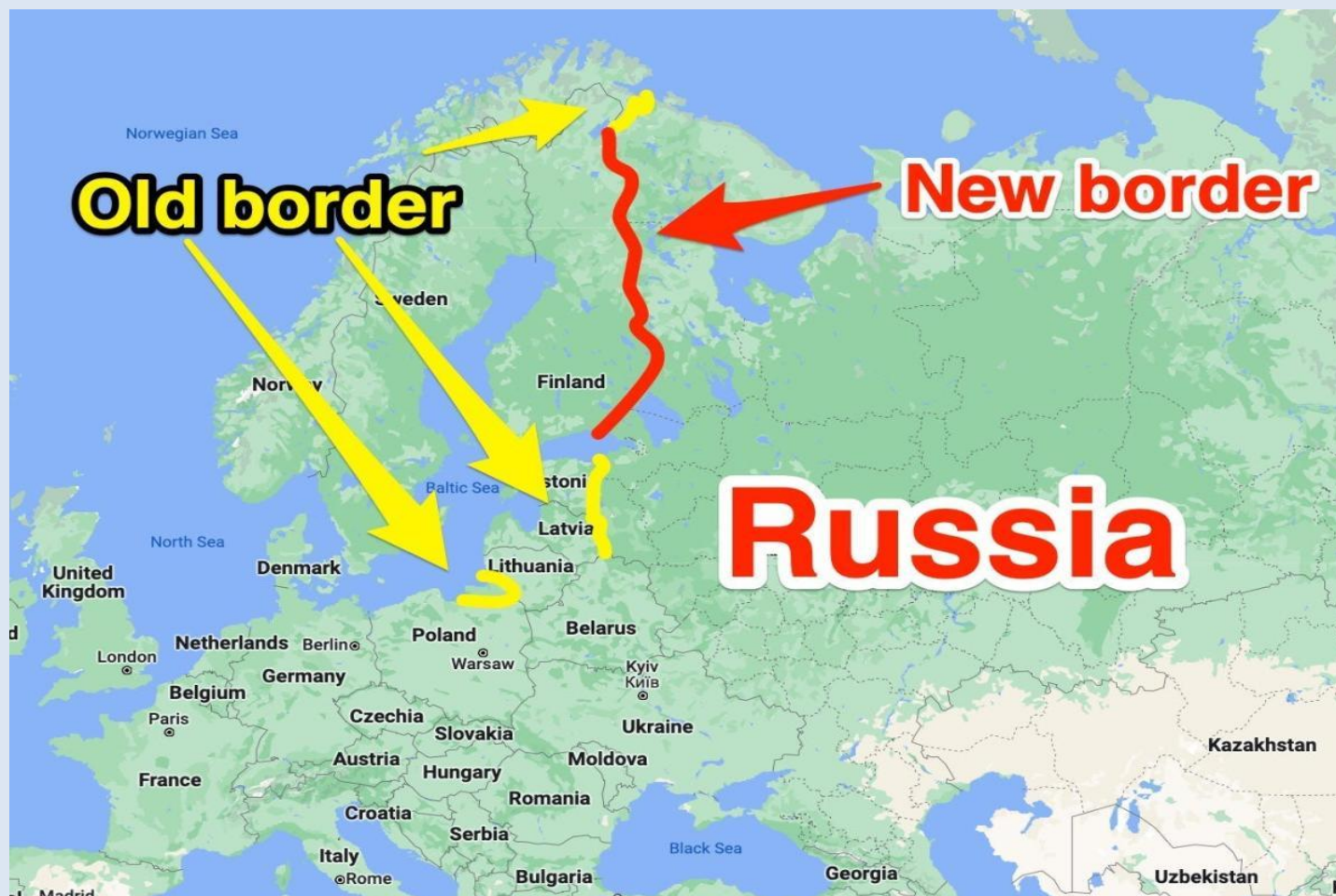
1.340 km (830 mi)

Sweden joined 2024



Finland's NATO-membership April 2023 - NATO's border to Russia doubled - 1.300 km (830 m)

As NATO member, Finland could have nuclear weapons 965 km (600 m) from Kremlin



- **NATO HQ to Mikkeli**
(decision Sept. 2024).
**Ab. 100 km from
Russian border**
- Under the authority
of Nato's Joint Force
Command (JFC)
in Norfolk, Virginia
- Decision about
**northern HQ still
open**
- Training forces of ab. 1000
soldiers would be in Finland
from time to time. More in
exceptional circumstances



47 Nordic US bases - DCA

Dec. 2023

- **Finland 15**
(border 1.340 km – 830 mi)
- **Sweden 17**
- **Norway 12**
With possibilities for more
+ earlier installations
- **Denmark 3**

NATO-memberships

Finland - Sweden - 2023, 2024

**“thanks” to the US
provoked Ukraine war**



Grafik: Jens Herskind

*Kvinnor
för fred*

Tryck: Miss Print 2024

STRATEGIC SIGNALS TO RUSSIA

- **February 2022 – Finland signed procurement contract for 64 US F-35 fighter jets** – 8,378 billion € + 2,920 billion € maintenance 2025-2023 – highly underestimated
- **US F-35 fighter jets (64) – capable of carrying nuclear weapons** – to be delivered by 2030 - Rovaniemi (Northern Finland) - first delivery 2-6 fighters 2026



- Denmark has **15 F-35 fighter jets**
March 2025 news: + **8-10 more F-35s**
- April 2025: Norway now **operates 52 F-35s**
- March 2025: **For the first time as NATO Allies, Danish F-35 and Swedish JAS-39 Gripen fighter jets flew aerial combat training drills in and around Danish airspace**

- **Finland** has not outspokenly said NO to nukes in the DCA

Finnish president Stubb: **It would be acceptable for US nuclear weapons to be transported through Finnish territory**

- **Sweden**: June 2024 - Swedish Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson indicated that he was open to **hosting nuclear arms in wartime.**

Kristersson, January 2024 - authoritative forum – ***“Sweden is not at war. But there is no peace either.”***

- **Denmark**: Denmark supports the retention and potential use of nuclear weapons on its behalf, by its endorsement of various NATO statements

High North News – May 2024:

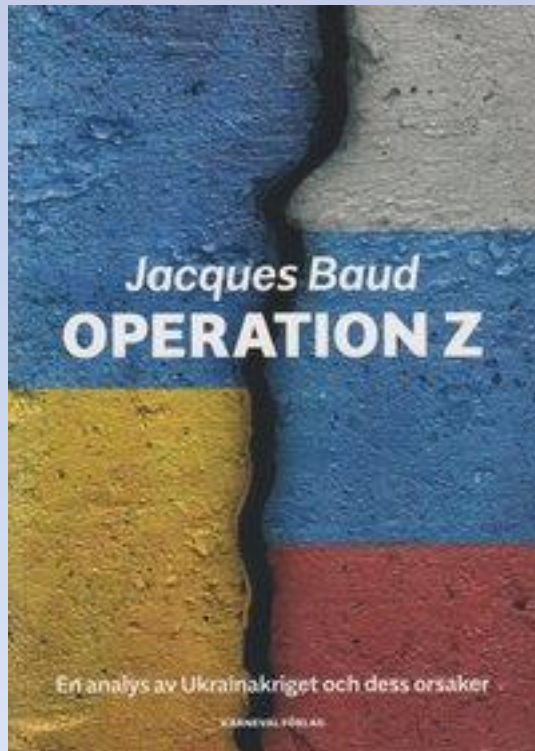
- **Norway:**

Norway will not permit the stockpiling of nuclear weapons, landmines, or cluster munitions in its territory.

"The parliament asks the government to enter into a dialogue with Denmark, Finland, and Sweden to define a shared view on the storage of nuclear weapons in our areas, as well as establish control mechanisms to ensure compliance with this view."

Interview with Jacques Baud - MRonline 5.8.22:

“By joining NATO, Sweden and Finland increase the risk of becoming involved in a nuclear conflict”



- **Colonel in the Swiss Army**
- **security adviser at NATO** responsible for combating the proliferation of small arms
- **NATO advisor to Ukraine** in its build-up of the armed forces
- head of the **UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations**,
- **military adviser to the Swiss Ministry of Foreign Affairs**
- member of the **Swiss General Staff intelligence**
- **officer in the Swiss Army** responsible for the Warsaw Pact.

May 2025: The Nordic transport ministers signed a joint statement on **military mobility and security of supply**

- **Finland's train tracks should be narrowed**
 - the price tag could be as much as 1.5 billion
- Finnish tracks, inherited from the Russian period, are approximately 90 millimeters wider than the European track gauge.

April 2025: Finland invests in future rail link to Norwegian Sea

- Close to Narvik – **DCA – US military base**
- Tromsø: Olavsvern submarine base/cave able to **accommodate i.a. 3 US Seawolf submarines**
- Kiruna: **DCA – US military base**

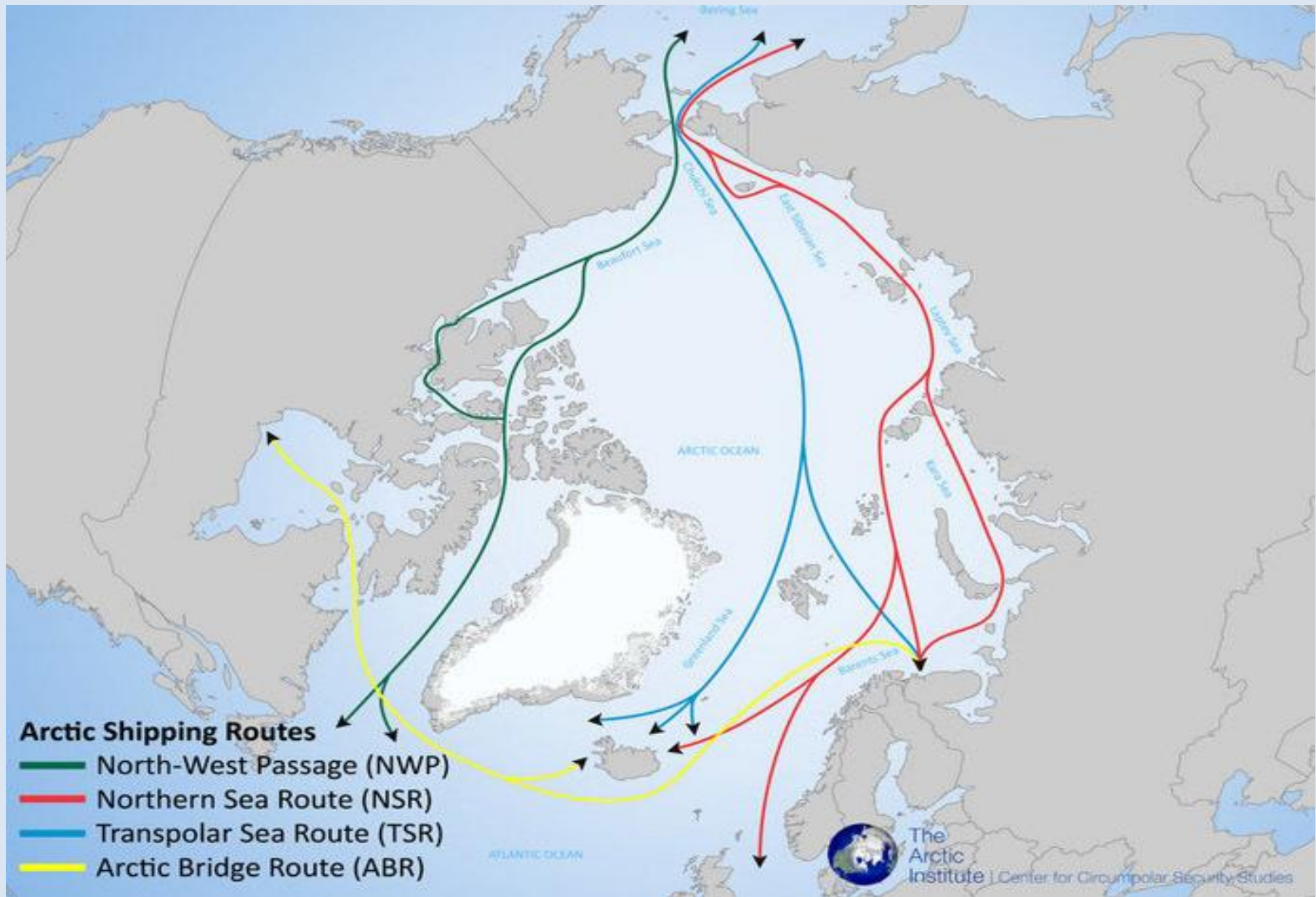


Kaliningrad and St.Petersburg isolated in the Baltic Sea – NATO lake

- Used by approx. 2,500 civilian vessels per day. One of the world's busiest seaways
- Shallow and crowded. Can only be accessed through three narrow straits



the ARCTIC – a new strategic region of tension





UKRAINE WAR =

THE RESULT OF ALL BROKEN PROMISES

Gorbachev's dream (Prague 1987) - **“Our common European Home”**



The Guardian – July 1989

Western political leaders at the meeting with the Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev - 9.2.1990

“not one inch eastward”

1990 – 15 NATO members – 2025 - 32



MUNICH SECURITY CONFERENCE, February 2007

Vladimir Putin reminded about the promises



Back in 2007, many people criticized me for my talk at the Munich Security Conference. But what did I say there? I merely pointed out that the former NATO Secretary General Manfred Wörner had guaranteed that NATO would not expand eastwards after the fall of the Wall.

— *Vladimir Putin* —

AZ QUOTES

MUNICH SECURITY CONFERENCE, February 2007

- Vladimir Putin warned about NATO expansion
- He accused the United States of creating a unipolar world *“in which there is one master, one sovereign.”* He added, *“at the end of the day this is pernicious.”*
- *“Incidentally, Russia – we – are constantly being taught about democracy. But for some reason those who teach us do not want to learn themselves.”*

May 2023

Pope Francis

- **NATO may have caused Russia's invasion of Ukraine**
- **NATO was 'barking' at Russia's door.**



- Daily Mail online –
14.5. 2022
**Putin warns Finland has
'made a mistake'** after
president Niinistö tells
him they WILL join NATO



- DEEP SEA REPORTER –
4.6.2025
Baltops 2025
**Russia: Preparing for
War Against us in the
Baltic Sea**



Possible damage radius and time of approach of the Oreshnik missile



Daily Mail
12.5. 2025

Kremlin hits back at Finland's and Sweden's NATO accession

'When we applied for NATO membership, Russia said it would take such steps. We are now seeing that happen' Sweden's Chief of Defence Michael Claesson said.

Russian military build up on Finnish border



What kind of allies?

September 2022 – **Note Nord Stream on the map!**



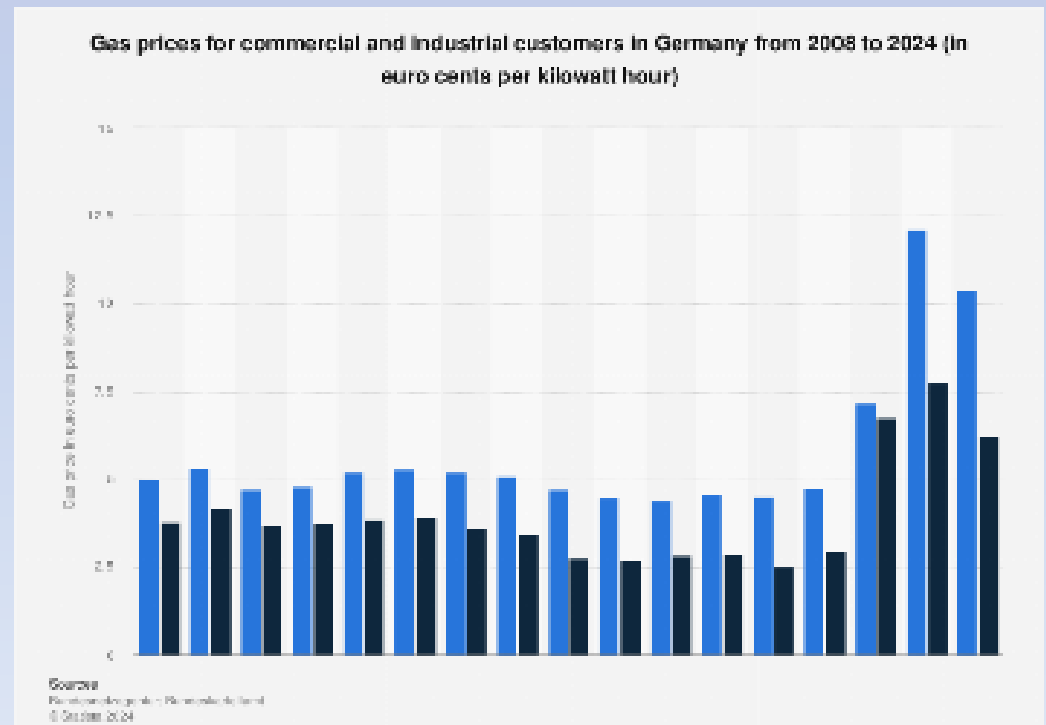
- Regarding the Nord Stream pipelines, **President Joe Biden, Senator Ron Jonson, Polish President Andrzej Duda spoke openly in favour of “getting rid of” the pipeline.**
- When the explosions had happened, **Radoslaw Sikorski**, former foreign minister of Poland, former member of the EU parliament, openly congratulated the USA on Twitter: ***“Thank you, USA”***
- **Jeffrey Sachs**, US economist, Colombia University professor, **excellent overview of who did what and why on YouTube**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fv_nKyF_5g

Hastings Lionel Ismay – 1st Secretary General of NATO - 1952 – 1957:

Purpose of NATO: *"to keep the Soviet Union out, the Americans in, and the Germans down"*

- Blowing up 3 out of 4 Nord Stream gas Pipelines September 2022 certainly keeps Germany down
- Commercial and industrial customers 2008 – 2024 – Statista 2025



Reuters March 2025

- **Most U.S. LNG exports head to Europe** amidst cold weather and **strong prices**

Atlantic Council website March 2025:

- President **Donald Trump** tries to secure peace in Ukraine. **Reports that negotiations are taking place to open the Nord Stream 2 subsea pipeline with the backing of US investors.**
- The pipeline was suspended by the German government on Russia's Ukraine invasion before it had delivered a single molecule of gas.

MILITARY ACTIVITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

The Guardian – 30.5.2025

- A study shared exclusively with the Guardian:
Long-term climate cost of destroying, clearing and rebuilding Gaza is more than the combined 2023 emissions of Costa Rica and Estonia (31m tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent)

The Guardian – 29.5.2025

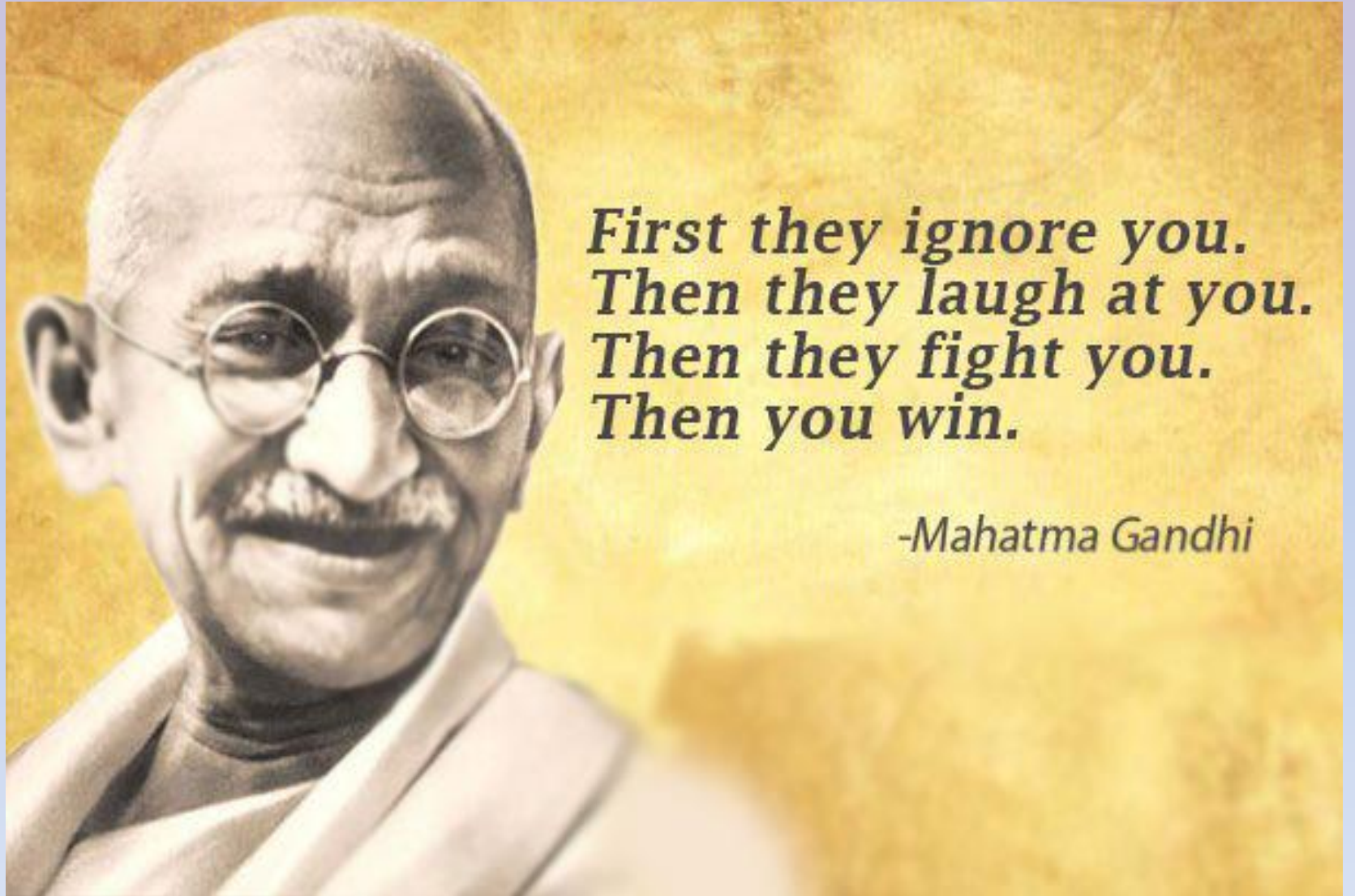
- **NATO rearmament could increase emissions by 200 million tonnes a year**

The Guardian – 29.5.2025

- Former army and navy leaders urge government to **think beyond military capability**


How to proceed when the situation looks totally hopeless?

- Build **stronger networks**
- Send each other “glimpses of hope”
- Create/support **appeals, demonstrate**, show **resistance**
- **The 5 % of GDP NATO will certainly be of help.**
Cuttings in health, education, social security will create anger and unrest.
- **We must demand redefinition of “security”**
- Near future: Take part on-site/online in the counter events in the Hague June 20-22, 2025



***First they ignore you.
Then they laugh at you.
Then they fight you.
Then you win.***

-Mahatma Gandhi



“NEVER DOUBT
THAT A SMALL GROUP OF
THOUGHTFUL,
COMMITTED CITIZENS
CAN CHANGE THE WORLD;
INDEED, IT’S THE ONLY
THING THAT EVER HAS.”

- Margaret Mead