

Does anyone, for example, really think that Germany is going to say, as soon as the Ukraine conflict ends, "Oh, that 2 percent GDP on defense stuff? Never mind!"

Russia hands knew exactly what I meant: <https://t.co/HyxPVdA9kt>

This has to be the policy now

— Dr Alina Polyakova (@apolyakova) [February 27, 2022](#)

Most of my Twitter followers did too, I'm sure. A few people were confused and I tried to engage with them politely about what I was and wasn't saying. Thanks to them for the engagement and responses: <https://t.co/zRsDBd5zMa>

Don't think it's wise to signal existential threat to country with vast army and nuclear weapons.
<https://t.co/JS7sMign4O>

— Murtaza Hussain (@MazMHussain) [February 27, 2022](#)

But the tweet did not blow up among those who actually follow me. It blew up among people who do not—many of them Putin's stooges of the right and left: <https://t.co/LLucKURBMi>

It is remarkable how Putin apologists don't like my tweet suggesting that he should not be president of Russia any more. <https://t.co/PHQEu6sEHy>

— Benjamin Wittes (@benjaminwittes) [February 27, 2022](#)

And I do not engage with the Kremlin's useful idiots.

I am appending this thread to the original tweet so that nobody will be actually confused about what I do and do not believe and advocate.

If you hear anyone suggesting that I am warmongering, that person is simply lying.

I have nothing further to say on this subject.