

Dr. Alexander Vindman's Address to DACOR and TWG

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Dr. Vindman addressed the imbalance in American foreign policy of paying too much attention to Russia and not enough attention to Ukraine. He pointed out that his book "The Folly of Realism, How the West Deceived Itself About Russia and Betrayed Ukraine" covered this imbalance in American foreign policy with respect to Ukrainian Independence, Ukraine's denuclearization, the NATO Bucharest summit, the Russia-Georgia war in 2008, and the Russia-Ukraine war in 2014.

With respect to current American foreign policy, Dr. Vindman criticized the folly of completely acting transactionally without a sense of the past or future with everything being viewed from the perspective of what is immediately happening. This leads to misplaced hopes and fears.

Dr. Vindman advocated for a foreign policy based on "Values primacy over transactional agreements." He felt that our historical allies wanted to reestablish traditional relations with strong affirmation of democracy.

Dr. Vindman felt that President Trump likes authoritarian rulers and believes in a world ruled by United States, Russia, and China while diminishing the importance of other nations. This will not lead to a successful American foreign policy.

A reception and book signing concluded the event.