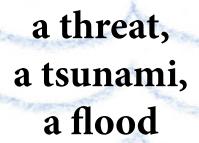


"Europe stands by those in need of protection. All those fleeing Putin's bombs are welcome in Europe." "a sea of sadness"

a flood, a threat, a tsunami "these are not refugees from Syria, these are refugees from Ukraine... They're Christian" "These are real refugees." "European people with blue eyes and blond hair being killed"



"We're not talking here about Syrians fleeing the bombing of the Syrian regime backed by Putin. We're talking about Europeans leaving in cars that look like ours to save their lives."



"heroic Ukranian people"

"glory to the homeland"

"fight, stand up for your country!"

"Heroes!"

women, children flee,

"a sea of sadness"

"has heroically blown himself up"

"a sea of sadness"

men stay home
—and travel there
(with guns)

"a sea of sadness"

"A deluge of weapons into Ukraine"

"EU agrees to give €500M in arms, aid to
Ukrainian military"

"Germany said it would send lethal weapons
to Ukraine, while also stepping up its military
spend to more than 2% of of its GDP."

"Russia's attack on Ukraine means more
military spending. The defence industry looks
set for bigger business"

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## "white people naturally gravitate toward peace."

## "war is a natural state for people of color"

"civilized Europe"

"barbaric 3rd world countries'

"amid the invasion and humanitarian crisis, Black and brown people in Ukraine find themselves at the bottom of the social hierarchy as they try to flee"

"Foreign citizens of colour, mainly students from Africa and Asia, have faced discrimination and violence as they've attempted to flee Ukraine."

"...reports and footage posted on social media in the past week has shown acts of discrimination and violence against African, Asian and Caribbean citizens – many of them studying in Ukraine – while fleeing Ukrainian cities and at some of the country's border posts."

Four hundred years of conquest and looting, four centuries of being told that you are superior to the fuzzy-wuzzies and wogs, leave their stain.\*

# a sea of sadness

"Wars sacrifice common people for the benefit of those in power and the profits of the 1%. To stop them and prevent them, we need real democracy."

I could find only one civilized political response in this madness, one political voice not stuck in the macho patriotic nationalist rhetoric of the past century. I am aware of that this is an add.

"DiEM25 is calling upon progressives in Europe, Russia, the United States, and across the whole world to energize a new internationalist peace movement with the sole objective of disarming the global military-industrial complex and working through a people's diplomacy – one that has humanity's interests at heart – toward internationalist solidarity, cooperation and peace."

### EUROPE IN 2022, A SEA OF SADNESS.

#### Nina Slejko Blom

\*Salman Rushdie, The New Empire within Britain, 1982

""taken from various news reports and public statements