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### Honest Candor

#### **U.S. Support for Ukraine: The Reagan Doctrine in Action**

TVC Advisory Board Member Marshall Billingslea | Washington Examiner | December 11, 2022

**Bottom Line:** Arming a friendly nation to defeat a massive Russian invasion is a quintessentially conservative & Republican thing to do. Reagan did it to the Soviets in Afghanistan; the new Republican-led House should continue doing it for Ukraine.

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#### **The Merchant of Death Can Now Return to Business**

TVC Advisory Board Member Rebeccah Heinrichs | World | December 12, 2022

**Bottom Line:** President Biden's decision to trade notorious weapons trafficker Viktor Bout for celebrity athlete Brittney Griner—imprisoned earlier this year by Russia—fails in the government's duty to protect the American people and the nation's interests.

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#### **Putin's Eternal World**

Gerhard Mangott | GIS | December 9, 2022

**Bottom Line:** Even if Putin resigns or is removed from office, there is little evidence to suggest that a Russian politician with a less personalized understanding of power will fill the void. The power clique at the center of

Russian politics shares an undemocratic worldview, and it is unlikely that an outsider will be able to overturn their system.

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## Disentangling the Digital Battlefield: How the Internet has Changed War

Steven Feldstein | War on the Rocks | December 7, 2022

**Bottom Line:** The war in Ukraine has highlighted how digital technology is reshaping modern conflict—increasing the participation of citizens in warfighting, blurring the lines between military and civilian actors, and bringing open source intelligence to the fore.

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## Mexican Cartels Have Turned to Fentanyl

Ioan Grillo | UnHerd | December 6, 2022

**Bottom Line:** Once focused on the marijuana, cocaine, and heroine trades closer to home, Mexican drug cartels have branched out, forging alliances with shady chemical suppliers in Asia to dominate the trade in potent & profitable synthetic drugs like fentanyl.

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