



AFPC Senior Fellow for Russia Stephen Blank's research cited in Real Clear Defense report on Russia

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"Nuclear threats are central to Russia's strategy for dealing with the West and are sometimes made over trivial issues. Noted Russia expert Dr. Stephen Blank has pointed out that, 'When 300 marines came to Norway to help Norway defend its coastline in the Arctic, they [Russia] made nuclear threats against Norway also. This is what they do, because it's the only way they can intimidate people and force them to take Russia at Russia's own self-evaluation.'"

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