

Alaska today is an exercise in misinformation

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Today's news agenda is going to be dominated by events in Alaska.

My problem with this is that the meeting between Trump and Putin that is going to take place there is, very obviously, totally staged managed, and is a complete distraction from reality.

The reality is that there is a war in Ukraine, and that cannot be solved unless that country is a party to any peace agreement. But they are not going to be in Alaska.

It is also very obvious that the USA has not been given any special right to negotiate with Russia on behalf of either Ukraine or Europe, both of whom have much more at stake in this issue than the USA has.

What is more, the talks are ignoring another crisis, which is still unfolding, namely the situation in Gaza, about which these parties could definitely discuss with the aim of putting pressure to bear.

So, we have the news agenda dominated by a false reality created by Trump, almost certainly to distract attention from the Epstein files, which is what people in the USA really want to know about, almost as much as they want to know what the real relationship of power between Putin and Trump is.

We could, therefore, call this news. Or we could call it a giant exercise in misinformation to which the world has been invited so that they do not notice what is happening elsewhere. My inclination is most definitely to the second of these options, and what worries me is that the media is not pointing this out as strongly as they should.