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NEEDS, CONCERNS, FEARS,
PREOCCUPATIONS, OF RUSSIAN AND
UKRAINIAN SPEAKING UNIVERSITY
PROFESSORS FROM UKRAINE ABOUT THE
INVASION/SPECIAL OPERATION, MEETING
IN HAIFA, ISRAEL [JUNE 2022]

Russian Speaking Ukrainian minority /now Independent
Luhansk/Donetz- [why separatism?]

- Fear of Ukrainization, issue of mistrust issue
- Need of access to independent information → transparency [disinformation due to manipulated media]
- Threat from the West misregarding their Russian identity
- Acceptance of identity/rights for the people in Donbas region
- Lack of acknowledgment of damage done to the Donbas region
- Lack of respect of Russia's security needs, [NATO threats]
- Concern that the balance-of-power principle is not longer accepted by US world dominated institutions
- Respect our ideology, even if still called a "Marxist-Communist value system.
- Do not stereotype Russia with totalitarianism, recognize it is majority rule
- stop cultural domination that everything can only be judged through liberal democratic value system.
- Denial of integration into Europe. Respect part of Russia's European identity, rather than isolate it locally and by EU [economically, politically and culturally].

- More comprehensive and objective reports about Russia and Russians are needed. Stop flattening our image.

Ukraine speaking majority:

- Protect Ukrainian national identity and its values - detach from Soviet identity; self-sovereignty (land, culture, language, etc)
- Clarification about disinformation from the Russian side ???
UNCLEAR-

Recognition of Russia as historical aggressor and assume responsibility from the Russian lies to justify the war

Right now, ensure the provision of humanitarian corridors during the war, impossible trusting the Russia's words and promises

- Stop war to end victims, displacement and destruction
- Respect our independence as a country
- We are not historic enemies, we realize that the way to gain Western respect is to become closer to them.