

About myself

My first few years in Ukraine I worked as a webmaster, translator, English teacher and at various other nonpaying or low-paying jobs just to get to know the country. But there is no real point in it, and I haven't done anything for the past three or four years.

My first priority is raising Eddie. Over the two month summer break I am spending at least half a day with him every day bicycling, swimming and in other activities. During the year, when he is a kindergarten, I walk him to school at 9 o'clock and pick him up at 1:30 in the afternoon, which still gives us half of a day together. Some of the best time is simply walking. We always have something to talk about, and Eddie loves to chat with the people on the bus – passengers, drivers, and conductors. They all respond very positively to such an outgoing little kid.

I remain active in the Toastmasters organization, attending the English-speaking ArtTalkers club just about every Saturday. I occasionally answer the call to give a speech at the German speaking club or another English speaking club. I am extremely pleased that in the eight years since I was president our club has prospered mightily, becoming what I consider to be the premier club in Kyiv. I am especially pleased with the quality of the young people who are joining us. We usually spend Saturday afternoons in conversation over lunch at the restaurant where we meet.

My major intellectual activity is reviewing books for Amazon. The number of reviews stands at 420 at the moment, and I am reviewer number 318. I truly love what I learn by reading, and I find the discussions posted as comments on Amazon to be of higher quality than any other Internet blog. I waste more time than I should with Zero Hedge and other alt right sites. I find the writing on some of them to be quite good, and the opinions more or less consistent with my own, but the commenters are mostly the kind of people to whom one wants to say "get a life."

The single most compelling notion that I entertain is that all of the back and forth about politics – healthcare, education, immigration and so on – is absolutely meaningless unless we perpetuate our culture. The only way to perpetuate the culture is to have children and raise them to be like ourselves. I simply do not see any group of people working in this space. There are homeschoolers, who tackle the question as an educational issue. There is Generation Identity, the Europeans who see it as a political battle against immigration and cultural Marxism.

I see it as an issue of evolution. What reigns now is the selection of the most unfit. Our short-term interests are leading us up many long-term blind alleys. My small role to be the father of two successful children, kids who have faith in themselves and are willing to marry in their turn and pass on their culture. If I succeed in this, that which over the span of millennia was no more than the normal expectation, I will have surpassed most of my peers and done well by my own lights.