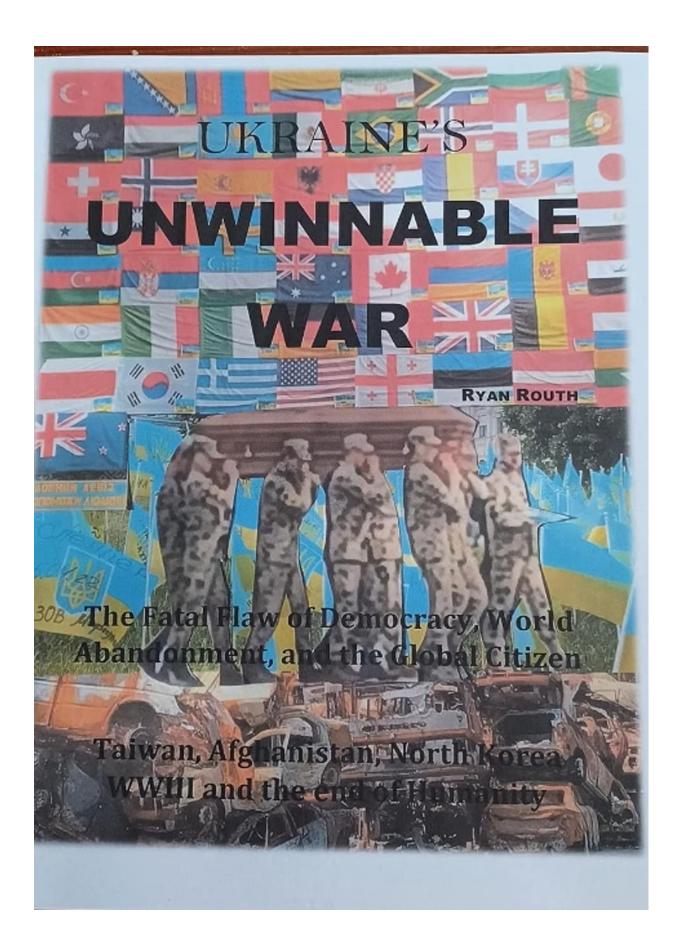
Suspected Trump shooter wrote a book urging Iran to 'kill' Trump

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Ryan Wesley Routh, the man named as the suspect in a possible assassination attempt at Donald Trump 's Florida golf club, urged Iran to kill the former president in a book he self-published last year. In 'Ukraine's Unwinnable War,' he said he had made a terrible mistake in once voting for Trump, whom he described as a 'buffoon'



'I must take part of the blame for the retarded child we elected for our next president that ended up being brainless, but I am man enough to say that I misjudged and made a terrible mistake and Iran I apologize,' he said, after berating the former president for abandoning the nuclear deal with Tehran.



'You are free to assassinate Trump as well as me for that error in judgment and the dismantling of the deal. The e-book is still available on Amazon for \$2.99.



Routh (pictured), 58, was arrested Sunday afternoon. Authorities said he was armed with an AK-47-style rifle as he stalked the Republican presidential nominee at his West Palm Beach golf course.



He has a prodigious online footprint and was interviewed by multiple news organizations as he tried to recruit foreign fighters from Afghanistan to join the war against Russia in Ukraine. His book sets out his views on the war in rambling prose, describing how he landed in Poland before making his way to the border with Ukraine.



He put up his tent in Kyiv's Independence Square to act as a volunteer coordinator but one day returned to find the police had torn it down. The book sets out some of his own political philosophy.



'I get so tired of people asking me if I am a Democrat or a Republican as I refuse to be put in a category and I must always answer independent and I think that most intelligent people judge every situation case by case and vote solely on the merit of the candidate and not about parties or groups,' he writes. The book is broadly a manifesto for world peace comes across as deeply naive.



For example, he expresses regret that borders remain issues of dispute around the world and that Afghanistan's brutal Taliban has no desire to behave as a 'legitimate civilized organization and government.' The world would be a better place if it were run by women, he says.



'It seems that the totality of the world's problems revolve around men with massive insecurity and childlike intelligence and behavior,' he writes. 'We must get to a place where every leader is always a woman so that we can avoid this testosterone driven insanity and macho [expletive].'