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<https://faculti.net/ukraines-missing-children-slipping-into-a-life-of-war-crime/>

This video is a transcript of an interview discussing the serious issue of missing children in Ukraine amidst the ongoing conflict with Russia. Vivian, the interviewee, shares insights on the motivations behind the interest in this topic, referencing the International Criminal Court's indictment of Russian President Putin and Maria Lova Belova, Russia's Commissioner for Children's Rights.

Vivian describes Belova as an unlikely figure for such charges, noting her conservative appearance and background. He delves into the history of the role of the Commissioner for Children's Rights in Russia, highlighting how the office transformed under Anna Kva, Belova's predecessor, especially after a tragedy involving children. He outlines how Kva and Belova share similar profiles, including connections to the Russian Orthodox Church.

With the war in Ukraine, Belova allegedly organized efforts to follow troops and pick up children during the invasion, claiming they were helping abandoned children and addressing their needs. He critiques her justifications as absurd in the context of war and emphasizes that there seems to be a systematic plan to adopt children from conflict zones.

Vivian discusses the historical context of international adoption in Russia, which gained prominence in the 1990s after the Soviet collapse and how recent efforts align with nationalist and Orthodox ideologies. He asserts that Putin's administration has politicized the issue of orphans and stresses the implications for individuals involved in these adoptions, suggesting that legal repercussions could emerge as the situation evolves.

He concludes by indicating that the situation for these children is not just a matter of current war crimes but a broader moral and humanitarian issue that will persist over time, urging a more profound societal response to prevent such politicization of vulnerable lives. The interview raises concerns about ethical responsibilities and the potential for future repercussions for those involved in adopting children amid conflict.