

THE RUSSIAN - UKRAINIAN WAR

WHY UKRAINE MUST WIN



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PART A. THE RUSSIAN - UKRAINIAN WAR

1. Ukraine is defending the West - Ukraine Can and Will Win the WAR:

- **Capturing Ukraine in three (3) days was the goal of Putin:** The full-scale Russian Invasion started on **February 24, 2022**. **Putin's goal was to capture Kyiv and install a puppet government in 3 days. It's now 22 months and there is still no victory for Russia.**
- Ukraine has defended the West from Russian invaders **since 2014, 10 years of war.**
- Russia is waging the **largest European land war of conquest since the Second World War.**
- Ukrainians know what they are fighting for – **“defending their nation’s existence.”** If they stop fighting, Ukraine will cease to exist as an independent state and its people will cease to exist as a Ukrainian nation.
- **Ukraine Independence:** Ukraine has been seeking **national independence** from Colonial Russia for **three hundred years** and achieved it briefly in **1918 -1921** and then finally in **1991**, at the dissolution of the Soviet Union.
- **Destruction of Ukraine:** Russia is attempting to crush Ukraine, destroying its industries and infrastructure, bombing its hospitals, universities and residential neighbourhoods. Undoing all the progress Ukraine has made in the past 30 years since it broke free of Russian Soviet occupation and control.
- **Ukraine is only the beginning:** Intelligence officers in Germany, Finland, Poland, and the Baltic states of Estonian, Latvia and Lithuania have all opined that Russia is building a military machine that **will attack them within 4 to 10 years if Russia is not deterred now in Ukraine. Americans will be in that war again.**

2. US support for Ukraine:

The United States, its allies and partners have provided incredible support to Ukraine in their fight for Sovereignty and Freedom from the Russian invasion on February 24, 2022.

- **Lloyd Austin, US Defense Secretary** spoke at the **Reagan National Defense Forum** on **Saturday, December 3, 2023.**
 - **“Now, in both Israel and Ukraine, democracies are fighting ruthless foes who want to annihilate them and we will not let Hamas or Putin win. And we will not let our enemies weaken us.”**
 - **“And so, 22 months into Putin’s failed campaign of conquest, the Russian military has been badly weakened”.**
 - **“But Ukraine’s achievement also flows from bipartisan US leadership – and from the coalition of 50 countries that we forged.”**
 - **US administration objective: The US seeks a free and sovereign Ukraine that can defend itself today, and deter more Russian aggression in the future.**

Ronald Reagan in **1983** at the height of the **Cold War /Soviet Afghan War** said in a speech and referred to the **Soviet Union** as an **“evil empire”** and as **“the focus of evil in the modern world”**. He asserted that the conflict is between **“good and evil”**

Forty years later his words on Russia are still very relevant today.

“WE WIN -THEY LOSE”

Zbigniew Brzezinski (the Former National Security Advisor under President Jimmy Carter) astutely said: **“Without Ukraine Russia ceases to be an Empire, but with Ukraine suborned and subordinated, Russia automatically becomes an Empire “**, and that is Putin’s plan for Ukraine

American War of Independence (1775-1783). American was a colony of the British for 200 years.

Ukraine was a colony of Russia for 300 years.

The Americans fought the British for 8 years and Ukraine has now been fighting the Russians for ten years and (21 months since the full-scale invasion in 2022).

The Americans were supported by the **French** who provided supplies, **arms and ammunition**, uniforms **and most importantly troops and naval support**.

It was estimated that 50% of the cost of the war of independence was provided by the French.

In the same way America has continuously helped Ukraine to defeat **the Russian Imperial power.**
Ukraine can win just like the Americans.

3. **After the Fall of the Soviet Union in 1991, Ukraine gave up its Nuclear Weapons to Russia:**



The US under **President Clinton** forced Ukraine to give up the **third largest nuclear arsenal** in the world. **Clinton** told President Kravchuk that ***“not signing would risk major damage to U.S.- Ukrainian relations.”***

There would have been no invasion in 2014, 2022 by the Russians.

Ukraine sacrificed their nuclear weapons in **exchange for promises of goodwill and signed its own death warrant.**

If these nuclear weapons had remained in Ukraine, 500,000 people would not have been killed.

- **Ukraine gave up:** - 200 ICBM's
 - 1,000 cruise missiles, which were used against Ukraine
 - 33 heavy bombers – which Russia is using against Ukraine
- **Prof. John Mearsheimer – U of Chicago**, a political scientist stated in 1994 that Ukraine should keep its nuclear weapons. In his view that was the most effective way to prevent a Russia - Ukrainian war. He argued, **Ukraine keeping its Nuclear weapons are the only reliable deterrent to Russian aggression.**
- **At the same time Pakistan, India and Israel** have nuclear weapons, but they were not forced to relinquish them.
- **Budapest Memorandum -1994:** Ukraine gave up its nuclear weapons on the condition that Russia would honour its borders and not invade the country or apply economic pressure. Ukraine signed the memorandum on **December 5, 1994.**
- That was a Ukraine's biggest geopolitical mistake was giving up its nuclear arsenal. **Assurances for Ukraine's security** were provided by the **United States, United Kingdom, the Russian Federation, with further signatures of France, and China,** that **UKRAINE's borders will be maintained and honored.**
- In 2014, Russia invaded Ukraine and occupied Crimea/Donbas, **but there was only silence from the signatories.** ***Where was the support by the signatories for Ukraine at that time?***

President Bill Clinton admitted regret for pushing Ukraine to give up its nuclear weapons. April 5, 2023.

4. Why did Russia Invade Ukraine?

- Putin stated that he does **not accept Ukraine as a real State** nor **Ukrainian national identity**. **Putin's propaganda is a lie**. Ukraine is a separate country with a much longer history than Russia by over **400 years**. **Ukrainians are not Russian**.
- Putin believes that an **independent, democratic Ukraine was a threat** to his dictatorial rule.
- Putin manufactured various reasons for invading Ukraine – that the Ukrainian government were **Nazis with a President that was Jewish; "that he was afraid of Ukraine joining NATO and that it be neutral"**.
- Russia is not looking for **"peace" but conquest; not co-existence, but dominance**. Russia seeks to re-establish the power it exerted when it controlled a vast and unwilling empire of subject nations under the guise of a "co-operative Soviet Union".
- Russia's invasion of Ukraine was the beginning of that **new ambitious imperial vision for European dominance** – not through leadership and the competition for superior economic models but **by brute force**.
- Russia today is dedicating a **third of its state budget to military production** and is in the process of expropriating its industrial base from private to state ownership to mobilize full-scale war production.
- Putin knew that **NATO would not invade** at all, another false narrative. Recently Sweden, Finland sharing an 840 mile border with Russia joined NATO, with no concern at all by Russia. In fact, Russia has withdrawn its forces from all the bordering nations to commit them to the war with Ukraine. NATO has never been a threat to Russia, only an impediment to its imperial ambitions
- Some have argued that **NATO should not have expanded** into the former Warsaw Pact countries, however, **NATO did not** expand as the former **occupied countries, voluntary** wanted to join as they were all aware of Russian intentions that at some point they would invade again. Russia is in fact and throughout its history a violent and imperialistic state that respects only power and seeks to dominate wherever it sees weakness.
- **ICC arrest warrant for Putin**: The International Criminal Court (ICC) issued **arrest warrants** for Putin and **Lvova-Beleva**, alleging criminal responsibility for the unlawful deportation and transfer of population (children) from occupied areas of Ukraine to Russia.

Because of the leadership of the United States and the West on confronting the Soviet Union, which fell in 1989-1991, a total of over 144 million people were liberated from Soviet domination in Eastern Europe, Baltics and Ukraine . None of those countries want to go back to be ruled and dominated by Putin's mafia gang again, including UKRAINE.

Putin's Invasion:

Yevgeny Prigozhin the Russian mercenary leader (founder of WAGNER group) and oligarch (killed by Putin) said in one of his videos.

"The only reason that Putin invaded Ukraine was to steal its resources and split it up with his Oligarch mafia cronies" This is what happened in Donbas and Crimea since 2014.

5. PUTIN's Kleptocracy – Russia is a Mafia State:

Russia under Putin has become an **Authoritarian and Fascist State** and a **kleptocracy**. Russia has become a **Mafia state** which features centralised corruption networks led by Putin and a political elite that controls society. Russia basically is a **single party state** with oligarchs controlling the wealth of the country which was accumulated during the rapid privatization in the early 90's. **Putin** and the **FSB** secret police control the country. Power within the Kremlin is based on allegiance and those designated as traitors by Putin are eliminated, like Prigozhin the Wagner leader.

Opposition to Putin: There is no effective opposition to Putin's rule. The most effective opposition leader to arise in thirty years, **Boris Nemtsov**, was murdered on the streets within sight of the Kremlin. The "opposition" leader, **Aleksei Navalny**, in prison in Russia, does not seek an end to the Russian system but merely a change of leadership

Ordered Killings: Between **2014 to today**, any people who opposed Putin are now dead. There are over **eighty (80) deaths** of **Russian oligarchs, politicians, business people, journalists and high officials**, sometimes including their family members, have occurred in circumstances highly suggestive of state-ordered killings. No doubt under instructions by Putin.

Putin's Vision: Putin has a vision of a "**Great Russian Power**" as it had lost its purpose after the fall of the Soviet Union and was drifting, but it has now regained its historic vision: **power and empire is its *raison d'être*, its sole reason for existence.**

Educated Russian Classes: The vast majority of the **one (1) million** Russians who fled Russia after the war broke out did so not in opposition to the war but **to escape conscription**. Unlike the Iranian exiles in the west, or even the Chinese, very few Russians have ever raised their voice – free to do so in the West – in protest against the Russian regime. To the contrary they mostly support it.

- **Diane Frances** a Canadian journalist and author wrote the article "**THE PUTIN KLEPTOCRACY**", November 30,2023, and stated;

*"He (PUTIN) is the world's only "TRILLIONAIRE", but his name does not appear on the Forbes billionaire list nor does he show up on any bank accounts, share certificates, or property deeds. The **105 Russian billionaires** listed by Forbes are Putin's proxies and partners, and most of **their assets or companies are controlled and owned by him.**"*

- **Diane Francis** wrote: "**PUTIN is the world's richest man, money is a means, not an end, to obtain world domination**".
- **Gary Kasparov**, the former Russian chess champion and Putin critic said: "**Putin controls more money, directly or indirectly than any other individual in the history of the human race**".
- **Andrei Illarionov**, Putin's former economic advisor for six years, stated recently: "**As soon as he conquers Ukraine, he will quickly take full control of Belarus then its Moldova and then the Baltics. I seriously doubt anybody will help the Baltics (NATO members) in this situation. Having taken Belarus, Ukraine and the Baltics, he will have twice as many military forces to then attack Europe**".

6. Total Deaths in Ukraine due to Russian Rule over the last 100 years:

*Since 1917 till today, over **twenty five (25) million Ukrainians** have perished by starvation and murder mostly due to the Russians and Nazis.*

Few countries in the world has suffered more death and destruction, than UKRAINE.

7. Ukraine voted for Independence in 1991 from the Soviet Union:

- One of the reasons for the invasion Putin said was that the people of Donbas & Crimea wanted to join Russia as they are Russian speakers. Putin's statement are lies as the majority of the people in those regions voted for independence from the Soviet Union in 1991.

In the **Ukrainian Referendum of 1991**, the question was “***do you want to leave the Soviet Union?***” Out of **84%** people who voted **92.3% voted - YES**. Nobody wanted to join Russia. The results are as follows.

The following **occupied territories** voted for **Ukrainian Independence in 1991**.

- Donetsk – 83.9 %
- Dnipropetrovsk – 90.36 %
- Luhansk – 83.86 %
- Zaporizhzhia – 90.66%
- Sevastapol City – 57.07
- Crimea – 54.19%

- In the Ukrainian occupied lands, Russia staged a so-called referendum on the annexation, with results showing 93% agreement. ***In fact few people voted and most were forced to sign by gunpoint.***

8. **Invasion by Russia on February 24, 2022:**

- **Invasion:** The Russian army invaded Ukraine from Crimea in the South, from the North East via Kharkiv, from Belarus in the North and from Donbas in the East.



Destroyed Russian tanks.

Battle for Kyiv: When the Russian army invaded from the north, Ukrainian troops, civilians and volunteers mobilized and headed for the forests and Pripyat swamps to meet the tanks and APC's.

Ukraine used **Javelin missiles** supplied by the USA /NLAW by the UK which destroyed the Russia's tanks and crushed the Russian army in the early days and weeks of the war, forcing the Russians to retreat back to Belarus.

- **KILL LISTS:** Russia had prepared “**Kill Lists**” of politicians, army officials and everyone they deemed hostile to Russia. Many teachers, lawyers, civil officials were to be arrested, executed or imprisoned and placed in concentration camps or sent to Siberia exactly as the Russians did to the Ukrainians in the years between the 1920's and 1947.
- **Ukrainians Forcibly removed to Russia:** Russians have inflicted **war crimes** on the Ukrainian people throughout the occupied territories. They have stolen children, and by their own figures have **forcibly removed five (5) million Ukrainians (this is a Genocide)** into distant Russian regions from the occupied territories.
- **Sexual Crimes:** There are over **93,000 reported cases** of sexual crimes and torture of children that were committed and against civilians in the liberated regions being investigated. Vaginal-perineal damage to some women is so severe surgery cannot repair. They carried out mass rape of women, men, boys and children.
- **Ukrainian Children Abducted by Russia (20,000 -700,000)** Ukrainian children have been abducted by the Russian state after their parents had been arrested by Russian occupation authorities or killed in the invasion, or after becoming separated from their parents in an active war zone. Children have also been abducted from Ukrainian state institutions in occupied areas, like orphanages, group homes, care homes, hospitals, and boarding schools and through children's "summer camps". The abducted children have been subject to Russification; assigned Russian Citizenship, and forcibly adopted into Russian families. Raising children of war in a foreign nation and culture is an act of genocide.

- **Torture and Executions:** Captured Ukrainian soldiers were beheaded and their heads stuck on rebar for public display. There are multiple instances of Russians soldiers and guards castrating Ukrainian prisoners, civilian and military. Many soldiers who surrendered were executed on the spot in the fields. Their murders are “war crimes” and were recorded by drone video.
- **Over 100,000 Russian war crime cases have been documented in Ukraine:** They have identified **six hundred (600) Russian suspects**. Of particular concern is the fact that the Putin government encourages the commission of war crimes and honours the killers with state awards. This is not aberrant behavior but Russian state policy of terror.
- **Torture Chambers:** Russia sets up torture chambers in every Ukrainian community it has occupied. In the areas where the Ukrainian army, liberated from Russian occupation over **104 active torture chambers** have been discovered.
- **Mass graves** of murdered and executed civilians were found in **Bucha, Irpin, Izyum, and Mariupol** and in many other Ukrainian towns and villages the Russians had occupied.



Bodies exhumed from mass graves in Bucha

- **The UN has recorded deaths of over 10,000 civilians and 18,000 casualties.** However, what has not been included are the deaths in **Mariupol** and other **occupied cities and towns** where verification is not yet possible.
- **Destruction of Mariupol** is the coastal city on the Azov Sea that the Russians carpet bombed and destroyed. The city had a pre-war population of **500,000**. Estimates of the dead from Russia’s bombing campaign alone are estimated at over **80,000-100,000**. One publicized incident involved the **Russians deliberately bombed the Drama Theatre with missiles**, where it was estimated that over **600 women and children** were killed.



Destroyed Mariupol theatre

- **Mass bombings of civilians in Ukraine:** are carried out by Russia with artillery, drones, and cruise missiles against civilians in cities, towns and villages they have targeted and destroyed **218 hospitals and clinics, 150,000** apartment buildings, **131,000** houses and over **1,300** schools.
- **Ongoing Mass bombings of civilian targets across since December 30-31, 2023:** Russian unleashed 180 cruise missiles and drones throughout Ukraine which killed over 40 people and hundreds were injured.
- **Russia claims that they are a religious Orthodox country.** However, only between **2% -10%** of the total population are **practicing Christians**. The Patriarch of “**Moscow of the Russian Orthodox Church**” **Vladimir Gundyayev**, known as **Kirill**, is a close ally of Putin, and is himself both an oligarch worth over **\$ 4 billion** and a member of the **FSB**, the secret police. All senior members of the Russian Orthodox Church are appointed by the FSB (secret police).

- **Over 500 churches have been destroyed** in Ukraine. Some that were over 900-1,000 years old.

“Putin says Russia is a Christian Country?”



- **Closing of Churches in Occupied Ukraine:** The cynical and unwarranted closing of the Ukrainian Orthodox Churches inside occupied Ukrainian territories by Russia, deprives Ukrainians of their right to worship and exposes Russia’s long-standing hostility to Christian teachings. Russian propaganda notwithstanding, **this is a war on Christianity.**
- **Kakhovka Dam destroyed by Russia:** The dam was blown up by the Russians on June 6, 2023, which then flooded the lower reaches of the Dnieper River. Hundreds of people were drowned and over 40 towns and villages were destroyed. A road and rail line was located on top of the dam and this was the reason it was destroyed as the Ukrainian army would have used it to attack Russian forces that had retreated to the south.
- **13 museums in the occupied areas were deliberately plundered** and the gold Scythian artifacts, icons, sculptures, paintings were taken to Moscow.
- **Grain Stolen:** Russia has stolen over **\$7 billion worth of grain** from the occupied territories and continues to sell it on the international markets.
- **Refugees:** There are over **six (6) million Ukrainian refugees**, women and children in Europe, US, and Canada and an estimated over **eight (8) million** people displaced in Ukraine.
- **Russian emigres to occupied Ukraine:** It is estimated that over **700,000 Russians** have moved into the occupied area of Ukraine, including Crimea since 2014. They moved into the abandoned apartments in the occupied areas when the Ukrainians left.

- **The size of the Ukrainian Army and Casualties:**



Cemetery near Kyiv

The Ukrainian army has an active strength of **800,000** personnel of which **42,000 are women**. Ukraine does not provide actual figures of deaths or injured. However, according to **estimates maybe 30,000 -70,000 Ukrainians** have been killed and **100,000 wounded**. Every family in Ukraine has been affected by the death of family members. The average age of soldiers in the Ukrainian army is **43** as the government has limited the use of young men and women to fight. In the Vietnam War, **58,220** young Americans were killed and their average age was **23**.

- **The makeup of the Ukrainian army:** Regular troops and volunteers are from all walks of life, Politicians, industrial workers, farm workers, teachers, Olympic athletes, nurses, doctors, professors, lawyers, musicians, football players and IT specialists for the drone army. A Ukrainian Opera singer who was the star at the Paris Opera returned to Ukraine to fight and was killed in the Donbas.

9. Ukraine's Major Accomplishments in the war against Russia since the invasion in 2022:

- **Ukraine re-occupied 50% of the land:** From the full-scale invasion by Russia, Ukraine has managed to **re-occupy 50%** of the **20 %** estimated territories that were initially seized by Russia.
- **The War Since 2014:** Russia has been unable to capture the whole of Donbas. After the start in 2022 of full-scale war and some of the most intense fighting in history at **Bakhmut, Soledar** involving repeated Russian mass attacks for over one year – which attacks completely depleted the Wagner mercenary army – Russia was unable to seize the whole territory. Against the full force of the Russian army Ukraine has even managed to regain some of the lost territory recently.
- **Russian Army Casualties:** It has been reported that over **360,000 Russian troops** have been killed and injured in Ukraine. Most of the Russian soldiers killed were ethnic minorities from Siberia and convicts. Out of a prisoner population of **460,000** an estimated **200,000** convicts were sent to the front. Very few from Moscow or St. Petersburg are conscripted into the army as the Russian elite do not send their sons to fight in their wars of conquest.
- **Crimea /Kerch Bridge:** The Bridge is an illegal construction built by Russia to provide a direct link between Russian territory and Ukrainian Crimea (occupied by Russia since 2014). Ukraine was successful in partially destroying the bridge with a truck bomb on October 8, 2022, and again with sea drones on July 17, 2023. However, the Russians have managed to repair the damage and it continues to be Russia's principal supply route for war materiel into Ukraine. American-made ATACMS missiles have the capability of destroying the bridge. Destruction of the Kerch/Crimea Bridge would cripple Russia's logistical system and bring Ukrainian victory into sight. The **solid warhead ATACMS**, however have not yet been supplied by the US which would be a decisive weapon in the war.
- **Black Sea Headquarters** in September 2023. It was destroyed by a Storm Shadow missile in Sevastopol (supplied by Britain) and most of the senior commanders of the Russian Navy perished.
- **New Ukrainian weapon SEA DRONES:** Ukraine developed a new type of weapon the **sea drone** which has devastated the Russian fleet in the Black Sea.
Ukraine new unprecedented methods have changed the way the world navies will fight in the future.
- **The Russian Navy; 23 warships corvettes, landing ships and 1 submarine** were destroyed out of a fleet of **44 ships**. What remains of it, has been forced to relocate to the Russian port of Novorossiysk hundreds of miles on the eastern part of the Black Sea.
- **The flagship the "Moskva"** of the Russian Navy was **sunk on April 2022**, with a Ukrainian cruise missile (Neptune) with many **sailors** on board.
- **Russian landing ship Novocherkassk destroyed in occupied Crimea on December 26, 2023:** The landing ship was struck by a British cruise missile and completely destroyed with 73 sailors killed on board, including a nearby training vessel.
- **Ukraine has broken the Russian blockage of its sea ports:** A few months ago Ukraine re-opened a **western route** in the Black Sea for international **shipping of grain** to the world. With over **220 ships** it has used the Western corridor carrying in excess of **13 million tons** to feed the world. Ukrainian sea drones has kept the remainder of the Russian Black Sea fleet out of the western Black Sea region.

- **Russian airfields** housing **15 helicopters** were recently destroyed by **ATACMS cluster munitions** supplied by the US.
- **Russia has thousands of pieces of military equipment**, planes and helicopters. Over **5,983 tanks**; Artillery systems **8,482**; armoured fighting vehicles **11,087**; and **324** helicopters since the start of the war.
- **Ukraine survived last winter's infrastructure attack by Russia** which used cruise missile and drones to destroy heating plants and the electrical grid. Much of the damage was quickly restored with the help of allies providing generators.
- **Russia/China rail line:** Ukraine on **December 1, 2023**, destroyed the **Rail Tunnel (12 miles long)** between Russia and China and another rail line which transports military supplies for the Russian Army.
- **Counter Offensive:** Ukraine has broken through **2 trench lines** of the three trenches Surovikin line in parts of the south, which was heavily defended by the Russians.
- **Kherson - Dnipro River crossed by Ukrainian marines**, and a large area has been re-occupied, although Russians have been throwing in many troops they have not been able to displace the marines.
- **The ongoing battle for Avdiivika:** South of Bakhmut, the Russians have been trying to encircle and capture the city since July, however they have managed to advance 1 -2 km with a loss of **40,000 dead** and the destruction of thousands pieces of equipment.
- **Russian causality rates:** The casualty rate approaches close to **1,000** troops killed in a day, due to mass assaults on Ukrainian defences. The **Bradley M2 (190) supplied by the USA** have been extremely effective with **FPV drones** and **cluster munitions** in halting and driving back the Russians wave assaults.

The US has not fully committed to Ukrainian Victory according to Retired US. Lt. General BEN HODGES, Former Commanding General US Army Europe

- **Ben Hodges said recently:** "The U.S. government has consistently stressed that it will support Ukraine until the war is won.
- **For Ukraine, victory means retaking all of its internationally recognized territory**, bringing war criminals to justice and receiving reparations. However, the U.S. has so far refused to definitively outline what that might mean from its perspective and has not provided **long-range ground-launch weapons**.
- "Our willingness to **commit to Ukraine actually winning** is the key and so far, **we have not done that**. I am proud of what the U.S. has provided but it has **only been enough to keep Ukraine in the fight.**"
- **Hodges said that "Ultimately the recovery of Crimea is key to the security of Ukraine, its economy and the safety of its shipping routes through the western Black Sea".**
- "Imagine if Ukraine had **ATACMS, Taurus, Storm Shadow, or Scalp?** Crimea would be an untenable base for Russia.... No navy, no air force, no drone launches against innocent civilians, no logistical hub to sustain Russian defences in southern Ukraine... No Kerch Bridge".

10. A negotiated “PEACE DEAL” with Russia?

- There can be NO PEACE DEAL until Ukraine regains all of its land that is occupied by Russia to its 1991 borders.
- Many western apologists have suggested that Ukraine cede its land that is occupied by Russia for a peace deal. All it would do is give Russia a chance to replenish its resources and they would try again to conquer Ukraine.
- The only “PEACE DEAL” PUTIN will accept is the surrender of Ukraine and its complete occupation.

A PEACE TREATY: Russia has never adhered to any treaty it has signed in history. Making treaties with Russia is seen by Russia as a weakness to be exploited. Even on the eve of its February 2022 invasion, Russia vehemently denied any intention to invade Ukraine but did so, violating all its previous agreements - **the Budapest Memorandum, Minsk 1 and 2.** History has proven that Russia cannot be trusted to abide by any agreements it signs.



President Clinton, Yeltsin and Kravchuk

UKRAINE WAS “BETRAYED” ON THE BUDAPEST MEMORANDUM IN 1994

And any peace agreement with PUTIN will be betrayed again

PART B. FACTS ABOUT U.S. and EUROPEAN AID TO UKRAINE

1. The U.S. is not writing “blank checks” to Ukraine and the majority of the money is spent in the USA.

- **Total Assistance to Ukraine: \$74.3 billion** (\$ 29.3 billion, non-security assistance).
- **Military Aid US: \$50.4 billion** was allocated in **military aid** to Ukraine by Congress and the US administration.
- **Direct Military aid: Only \$27.3 billion** over the last two years which amounts to **\$ 1 billion** a month has been directly delivered. The remaining **\$ 23.1 billion** is non-military aid, training and logistics mostly paying US personnel.
- **Most of the Military aid - (\$27.3 billion) is spent in the USA in (38) States: Munitions/Tactical Vehicles, etc.**
- **Positive Economic Impact in States who received orders:**
 - Arizona - \$2.16 billion
 - Pennsylvania - \$1.96 billion
 - Texas - \$1.45 billion
 - Arkansas - \$1.27 billion
 - Wisconsin - \$1.021 billion
 - Florida - \$987 billion
 - Alabama - \$924 million
 - West Virginia - \$763 million
 - Massachusetts - \$762 million
 - Michigan - \$737 million
 - California - \$724 million
 - Missouri - \$692 million
 - Ohio - \$684 million
 - New York - \$587 million
 - Alabama - \$391 million
 - Iowa - \$363 million
 - Virginia - \$315 million
 - Kansas - \$201 million
 - Indiana - \$122 million
 - Oklahoma - \$118 million
 - Tennessee - \$118 million
 - Utah - \$91 million
 - Colorado - \$52 million
 - Washington - \$28 million
- **Defence spending benefits American workers:** The money allocated for weapons supports American workers in the defense industry and creates well paid jobs in **38 states**. In the Aerospace and defense industry there are over **2.1 million employees** who work for over **200,000** companies.
- **Accountability for US military Equipment:** The US government established the **Ukraine Interagency Group** and more than **160** officials across 20 agencies monitor aid to Ukraine with a budget of \$ 50 million. In their recent reports there has not been any substantiated waste or fraud.
- **Huge new orders for military equipment which benefits the American workers:** **European and other allies** have **placed massive orders** worth over **\$ 100 billion** for US military equipment as they assess from direct combat experience that the US-made equipment is the best in the world. Russian arms sales have collapsed by 63% as nations have given up on Russia as an arms supplier after seeing its massive destruction by Ukrainian forces using western weaponry. Recently even India, a former purchaser of Russian military equipment has reduced their orders of Russian equipment by 37%

2. Types of US Military Aid to Ukraine:

- **Type of Military Aid:** The military aid was drawn from **existing army stocks in storage**, a large portion of which was slated for decommissioning. Sending it to Ukraine is cheaper than the storage and decommissioning cost.
All of this equipment has been extremely effective, especially the **HIMARS** and **Cluster Munitions**, in destroying the Russian army with **500-1400** deaths per day. In the last two months on the eastern front there have been a total of **40,000** Russian casualties and 4,000 pieces of equipment destroyed in **Adviivka** and **Bakhmut**, and other areas of the front.
- **The war has tested US armaments on the battlefield:** The military hardware provided is being tested in battle, something that is not possible in peacetime, allowing for design/tech improvements and future marketability to US allies.
- **New Equipment for the US Army and Air Force:** The US is replacing the equipment sent to Ukraine with new equipment and new improved systems.
- **Why only 31 Abrams tanks supplied** by the USA when there are **4,500** in stock?
- **HIMARS:** Ukraine has been provided with **(20) HIMARS (Cost \$ 4 million each)** which has been the most effective weapon on the battle field. Not **one** has been destroyed by the Russians. The battlefront is 1000km long and it would help end the war if an **additional 50-100 units were supplied**. **The US has 400 HIMARS in stock**. Seeing their effectiveness the **Polish government has recently ordered 486 HIMARS launchers**. The **HIMARS** are now in high demand by American allies, however it would be more strategic to redirect the supply to Ukraine to stop Russian aggression now before Russia attacks other (NATO) countries as it threatens to do.
- **Bradley's M2:** The USA supplied only **(190)** units out of a stock of **4,500**. Those **Bradley's** in stock are to be replaced by new **XM30**, as the existing units have reached its limits. Why not donate additional units to Ukraine including more **Strykers**?
- **F16's:** Three European nations (Denmark, Netherlands and Norway) have agreed to supply F-16s to Ukraine. However, the USA has **841** in service which are being replaced with F35's (450 to date) why have none been provided ?
- **Why no Long Range ATACMS M39?** The US has supplied only **20 ATACMS cluster** missile which is a short range missile which have been successfully used already. However, the long range version has not been supplied, which would be useful in hitting all the supply lines of the occupied areas of Ukraine. The existing stock is ageing (3,700 were built) and a new system is been procured (**PrSM**).

3. **Russia vs the West. GDP and Population comparison of leading countries vs Russia :**

The **TOTAL GDP** of the US and the European Union is over **\$40 trillion a year**, and Russia is a mere **\$1.7 trillion** – **twenty five (25) MORE** and with a population base of five (5) times as much.

For relatively **modest amounts of money** supplied by the US and Europe to Ukraine, the Russian army is being destroyed and European security is enhanced.

- *Supporting Ukrainian forces to win the war is a very good investment for US and NATO allies*
- *The GDP of Russia (\$ 1.7 trillion) with a (140 million population.) The average annual salary is \$14,500.*

The Russian GDP Is 7 % of the US; Russian GDP is less than that of Canada & Italy!

- *More sanctions are needed to be applied in order to stop the supply of technology via third countries like the UAE and Kazakhstan. Cutting off oil and gas sales would collapse Russian finances and Economy.*

GDP comparisons:

- USA (GDP) - \$23.2 trillion. (332 million population)
 - European Union (GDP) - \$18.4 trillion (450 million pop)
 - Germany (GDP) - \$4 trillion. (83 million pop)
 - Canada (GDP) - \$2.2 trillion (40 million pop)
 - China (GDP) - \$19 trillion. (1.4 billion pop)
- Apple is worth \$ 3 trillion dollars and Musk bought twitter (now X) for \$44 billion

Russian Overseas Assets - \$300 billion:

- *Russia has over \$ 300 billion in frozen assets in Europe and the USA. Reparations must be paid and their money must be confiscated and used to supply war materials to Ukraine and for its reconstruction.*
- *In the first Gulf war Iraq paid out \$ 50 billion to Kuwait as war reparations after Desert Storm in 1991.*
- *In the First World War German reparations to the allies was \$760 billion in today's dollars.*

4. The cost of War in Ukraine and contribution by various allies on a monthly basis:

- Ukraine is spending \$ 3 billion a month
- USA is spending \$ 1 billion a month
- European / NATO and 50 other countries contribute \$ 1 billion a month
- **For a Total of \$ 5 billion a month**

Russia is spending over \$15 billion a month on the war

5. The following comparisons provide a picture of expenditures in various wars that the US has fought :

- **US - Afghanistan war (2001-2022):** The cost to the US over 20 years was more than \$2.3 trillion or \$9 billion a month - nine times what it spends to support Ukraine.
- **US- Desert Storm (1991) - Iraq war (2003 -2010):** The Iraq war cost to the US over 7 years was \$ 1.1 trillion. If it was not for the Americans sending in the Army to liberate Kuwait, Saudi Arabia would have been overrun. From the Kuwait border the Iraqi army would have destroyed the oil fields/refineries in the Eastern Provinces of Saudi Arabia as they were **3 hours away by tank.**

- **Second World War Cost:** The USA provided military aid to the UK - **\$650 billion** (in today's dollars) to continue its battle against the Nazi forces.

6. Europe has spent twice more than the US on Ukrainian aid (military and humanitarian):

- **Kiel Institute for the World Economy:** A German Think Tank in their recent report states that the European commitment to Ukraine is **double** than that of US after including military, economic and humanitarian aid.

- **Europe - \$ 145 billion**
- **US - \$ 75 billion**
- **Other countries - \$ 41 billion.**

- **Twenty (20)** European countries have provided more to Ukraine than the US as a percentage of GDP.
- **Canada (40 million pop.)** has provided **\$ 9.5 billion** in weapons, and humanitarian aid which is **equivalent** to the US contribution (332 million pop). America has **eight (8) times** population - \$76 billion.

7. Comparison of Military Equipment supplied to Ukraine by USA/EUROPE/NATO countries:

- **USA: \$ 46.6 billion**— direct **\$ 23.5** in weapons and equipment, **USA: \$ 23 billion** in security (training, logistics)
- **Germany: \$ 18.5 billion**
- **United Kingdom: \$ 6 billion**
- **Denmark: \$ 3 billion**
- **Canada: \$ 2.4 billion**
- **Sweden: \$ 2 billion**
- **Norway: \$ 600 million**
- **Japan: \$ 7.1 billion economic aid**

8. Europe is far more important for the USA economy than China:

- **48%** of the world economy is accounted by **Europe and North America.**
- Europe invested **\$ 3.2 trillion** in the US.
- **More US goods and services are exported to Europe than to China.**
- European stability is imperative to the US economy.
- Support for Ukraine (and the defeat of Russian imperialism) stabilizes Europe and strengthens strategic alliances.

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PART C. Question: WHO ARE THE UKRAINIANS? Answer: THEY ARE NOT RUSSIANS

1. The Origin of the Russians:

The people of Muscovy (now “Russians”) were north-eastern tribes of **Finno-Ugric people** with Asiatic elements. The Mongols occupied the Duchy of Muscovy and Moscow for 300 years after they conquered it in the 1200’s. The Mongols intermixed with the locals and so the predominant ethnic type is **Finno-Mongolian** that is now representative of the Russian people.

2. The Ukrainian People and Nation:

Ukrainian people are Slavic. The Slavs in Ukraine were descendants of the Scythians and other tribes that inhabited the Ukrainian lands from 6000 BC. The Slavic tribes inhabited present day Ukraine, Poland, Belorussia, Romania, and parts of Moldova and the Balkans.

3. (Kyiv –Rus) vs “Russia:”

The name “**Russia**” and “**Rus**” have nothing in common. Peter the Great appropriated the name “**Rus**” from Ukraine in 1721 and applied it to the territory of “**Russia**” (formerly called the **Grand Duchy of Muscovy**) after Muscovy had conquered the eastern part of Ukraine in the battle of **Poltava** in 1709.

4. The Origin of the Russian and Ukrainian languages:

The modern Ukrainian language can be traced back thousands of years to the Trypillian era. Both **Ukrainian and Russian languages are very different**, it’s like comparing **German to Dutch** or **Spanish to Italian**. Maybe **20%** of the words are similar.

5. Why is Russian spoken in certain parts of Ukraine:

As part of the Russian-occupied territories of the Russian Empire and then the Soviet Empire, Ukrainians – like all the citizens of Russia’s numerous subject nations - were denied the right to live, work and study in their own language. No less true in Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan than in Belarus and Ukraine.

The **policy of Russification** was designed by Moscow to eliminate all non-Russian languages and cultures within the Empire. Accompanying this massive cultural genocide, ethnic Russians were also planted throughout the empire to control important state functions. Ukraine thus **underwent a long process of Russification** where the Ukrainian language was aggressively suppressed. No formal education in Ukrainian was allowed and no books were permitted to be published in Ukrainian.

6. Russian and its claim to Crimea:

Crimea was never historically a part of Russia. The indigenous people of Crimea were Ukrainian, Tatars (90%), Turks, and Greeks. In **1783** Crimea was annexed by Catherine the Great. In **1944**, Stalin ordered the forcible deportation of the Crimean Tatars, some **300,000 people**, by freight train to Uzbekistan. Falsely claiming the Tatars were collaborating with the Nazis, more than **100,000** of the Tatar population died on route. The deportations resulted in the abandonment of **80,000 homes** many of which were then re-occupied by the Russians – retirees and naval personnel.

In **1954**, Crimea was recognized as part of Ukraine by then Soviet President Khrushchev. In the Ukrainian Independence Referendum of 1991, **54%** of the people in Crimea voted for independence. After Ukrainian Independence in 1991, **thousands of Tatars** from Siberia and Asia returned home and were strong supporters of an Independent Ukraine.

C1 - A Brief History of Ukraine:

1. The Founding of Kyiv - Ukraine:



Saint –Sophia Kyiv

According to various archeological sources, Kyiv is at least 4,000 years old. Most great cities and Empires were established on trading routes and Kyiv was located on the Dnieper River and was a transit point to the vast territories of the south, east and west.

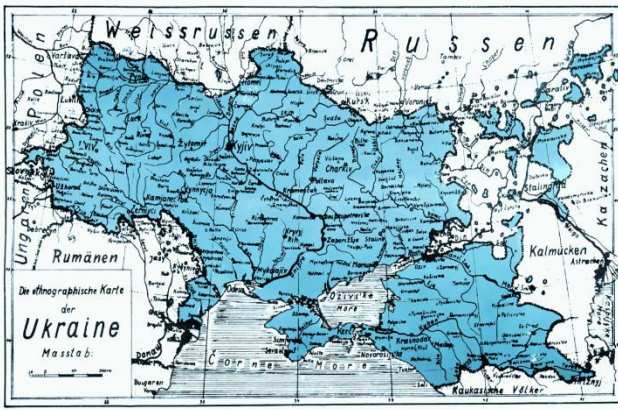
Kyiv was formally founded in 482 A.D. In the 800's three Viking noblemen – representing one of Europe's largest trading empires – collaborated with a nascent Kyiv to transform it into the centre of a large and powerful trade route from the Baltic Sea to the Black and Mediterranean Seas. The political state they founded, **Kyivan-Rus** became the largest kingdom in Europe

Christianity came to Kyivan-Rus in 988 from the Byzantine Empire under the Ukrainian ruler Volodymyr the Great (980-1015). The cathedral of Saint-Sophia, based on the Hagia Sophia in Constantinople, was completed with 40 golden domes. After a thousand years, it still stands today.

Moscow by contrast did not exist for another 400 years.

2. **Mongol Invasion – 1223 - 1240:** The Mongol army, commanded by Batu Khan, a grandson of Genghis Khan, invaded and sacked Kyiv in 1240 and killed over 50,000 of its inhabitants. The Moguls then retreated to the east, where they established Muscovy as a vassal state of the Mongol Empire and remained there, ruling for the next 300 years.
3. **Ukraine occupied and divided by Poland, Lithuania and Russia for 400 years.**
4. **The Ukrainian Cossacks -1648:** The Cossacks rebelled against Polish-Lithuanian rule, successfully liberated their lands and created an independent Ukraine with their own unique political organization, a democratic rule known as the Hetmanate. Theirs was Europe's first democratic system in over a thousand years. They chose their own leaders known as Hetman.
5. **The Ruin – 17th century:** The period was marked by constant warfare. In 1654, Hetman Bohdan Khmelytsky entered into a disastrous military alliance with Russia against the Polish-Lithuanian Empire. The Russian Tsar **Peter the Great** then broke his agreement with Khmelytsky, signing a truce with Poland-Lithuania instead and divided Ukraine between the two Empires – in circumstances that nearly mirrored the Russian/Stalin alliance with Hitler centuries later to divide Europe between them.
6. **Russia gets control of Eastern Ukraine – 1709:** King Charles XII of Sweden formed an alliance with Hetman Ivan Mazepa , trying to free Ukraine from Muscovy's Tsar Peter I. King Charles invades Russia in 1707 and detours into Ukraine to tie up with the army of Ivan Mazepa. The Swedish and Ukrainian Cossacks forces are defeated at the **Battle of Poltava in 1709**. King Charles and Mazepa escaped to Moldova. The Tsar Peter I, thereafter cements his rule over the eastern part of Ukraine, including then the Kuban region north and east of the Black Sea, which becomes the basis of the newly created "Russian Empire". In 1721 Tsar Peter 1 changes the name of his territory from the "**Grand Duchy of Moscovy**" to "**The Russian Empire**" and declared himself as "**the first Emperor of the Russian Empire.**" Of note, Vladimir Putin has compared himself to Tsar Peter and envisions their goals as identical, namely the creation of a Russian Empire.

7. The Russian Revolution of 1917: Ukraine Independence established in 1918 -21:



Map of Ukrainian speaking lands

Following the outbreak of the **Russian Revolution** and the demise of the Russian Empire, an **Independent republican government** was formed in Ukraine, headed by the “Central Rada,” on January 22, 1918.

Western Ukraine declared itself independent from the fallen Austrian Empire and joined the Ukrainian Republic. Ukrainian Independence was diplomatically recognized by most foreign countries on January 22, 1918. (USA, UK, Soviet Union, China, Germany, Japan, France, Poland, Europe etc.) Ukraine issued its own Currency and passports.

In 1922, Lenin, in a classic Russian betrayal, having first recognized Ukrainian independence, then attacked Ukraine. Launching the Soviet Army against Ukraine, the Russian-led forces crushed Ukrainian forces, occupied the country, destroyed its political and administrative systems, and “annexed” the country into Russia’s new iteration of its former Empire.

Repeating this historical precedent, in 1994 Russia signed the **Budapest Memorandum**, together with America and Great Britain, promising to recognize Ukrainian independence and safeguard its territorial integrity in exchange for Ukraine’s denuclearization – only to have Vladimir Putin order Russian forces in 2014 to invade and seize Ukrainian Crimea and the eastern territories of Ukraine (the Donbas Region), starting the long war.

8. Ukrainian Famine (1921-22):

This famine was caused by the civil war initiated by the Communist party under Lenin. Moscow’s policy was to **massively export food, goods and products out of Ukraine, to crush the country**, and caused **three (3) million** deaths.

9. Collectivization of Ukrainian farming and agriculture (1925-31):

Up until the Russian Revolution in 1917 Ukraine was the “**Breadbasket of Europe**”. The communists in Moscow outlawed all private property and holdings (e.g. lands, farm implements and livestock) and forced the people to work as slave labour inside collective state farms.

Stalin issued orders for all “**kulaks**” – identified as farmers with a few horses or cows – to be liquidated. Hundreds of thousands of men, women and their children were rounded up and sent to the Arctic and Siberia by freight trains. Most perished from starvation and winter conditions as they were literally left to fend for themselves in the middle of nowhere with no food or shelter.

10. Holodomor -The Ukrainian Famine of Genocide (1932-1933):



The famine in 1932 was initiated by Stalin to destroy the incessant struggles of Ukrainians for national independence. **The famine was created by forcibly removing all food and livestock** by Soviet gangs throughout Ukraine and then exporting the food for foreign currency for Moscow. Stalin closed all the borders of Ukraine to prevent people from escaping and many who tried to cross the borders were shot. Under Stalin’s orders anyone who tried to hide any grain they themselves grew or who harvested their own gardens were executed.

11. DEATHS in Ukraine: The estimate of death from starvation by various sources is between **4 -10 million** of which the greatest proportion were children.

When Churchill and Roosevelt met Stalin in Yalta, Crimea in February 1945, to discuss the end game for the war and the “**gift of Eastern Europe to Russia**”, Stalin was asked what his “**land reforms**” had cost. Stalin replied “**Ten million people**” - a figure that may well be the most accurate.

United States SENATE REPORT (1985-1988) and the UKRAINIAN FAMINE:

The US Senate in 1985 set up a US Commission on the Ukrainian Famine to study the (**Holodomor**) 1932–33 man-made famine that killed millions in Ukraine. The Commission's final report to Congress concluded that the man-made famine was an **act of genocide** against the people of Ukraine carried out by the Soviets. Its findings were delivered to the US Congress on April 22, 1988.

12. Ukrainians liquidated (1937-38) in the Great Terror:

Following the Holodomor in Ukraine Stalin continued “purges” of perceived enemies in Ukraine. What remained of the aristocracy, and every educated person and successful farmer or businessmen were considered a potential threat to Soviet Russian control. Virtually all of Ukraine’s **writers, painters, poets, priests, professors, teachers, government officials** were rounded up in **mass arrests, and were executed or deported to Siberia.**

It is estimated that under Stalin’s directions, **3 to 12 million** from the Soviet Union were sent to the Gulag labour camps in the remote eastern regions of Russia. Many did not return. About **750,000 people** were executed by the secret police rather than internally deported – a major portion of whom were Ukrainians.

13. Ukraine in the Second World War 1939-45:

Moscow and Berlin in August 1939 signed the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact which would carve up Poland between them and marked out their “spheres of influences” which for the Soviet Union encompassed Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Finland and Romania. The Nazis, however broke their agreement and invaded the Soviet Union in 1941.

During both the **Soviet Army** and the **German Army retreats** in (41-44) across Ukrainian lands, everything was destroyed – farms, buildings, bridges, factories, granary silos, homes, villages and towns – anything that could benefit either side.

- **Due to its huge resources and fertile soils Ukraine was the prize for Nazi Germany as it is for Russia today.**
- **Hitler classified all Slavic peoples, as well as the Jews and others as “*untermenschen*” – inferior people.**
- **The Nazi plan for Ukraine – strikingly similar to Stalin’s – was to kill two thirds of the population and use the remaining population as slave labor in Ukraine and Germany while the depopulated Ukrainian lands would be resettled by German immigrants.**

14. UKRAINIAN DEATHS 1939-1945: During that short period **2.5 million** Ukrainians who had fought against the Nazis in the Soviet Ukrainian army died fighting while another **5.5 to 6 million** civilians were killed in the conflict and occupation for a total **8 - 9 million dead**, one of highest death rates in the Second World War.

15. After the war (1945-1947), it is estimated an additional **two (2)** million Ukrainians perished due to famine.

Timothy Snyder, the Yale historian in his recent book **BLOODLANDS**, stated that between **1939 – 1945**, in Ukraine, Poland and Belorussia, the **NAZI and SOVIET** regimes **murdered some fourteen (14) million civilians.** If the German plans had not been defeated by allied forces many millions more would have been systematically murdered.

16. Ukrainians in the United States and Canada:

- **In the US:** - There are approximately **1.35 million** who identify as Ukrainians and included **250,000** who have arrived as refugees since the war started.
- **In Canada:** - There are approximately **1.46 million** who identify as Ukrainian which includes **160,000** who have arrived as refugees.

PART D. WHY DOES UKRAINE MATTER?

- For those who ask: “**Why does Ukraine matter**” - “**This is why Ukraine matters**”
- It is the **second-largest country by area in Europe**, and had a pre-war population of over **44 million**.
- In **1939**, the population of Ukraine was **42 million** as the Ukraine population was reduced due to war.

1. Ukraine ranks:

- **1st** in Europe in proven recoverable reserves of **uranium ores**;
- **2nd** in Europe and 10th place in the world in terms of **titanium** ore reserves
- **2nd** in the world in terms of **manganese ores** (2.3 billion tons, or 12% of the world’s reserves);
- **2nd** largest **iron ore** reserves in the world (30 billion tons);
- **2nd** in Europe in terms of **mercury** ore reserves;
- **3rd** in Europe (13th in the world) in **shale gas reserves** (22 trillion cubic meters);
- **4th** in the world by the total value of **natural resources**;
- **7th** in the world in **coal reserves** (33.9 billion tons)

2. Ukraine is an important agricultural country. It can feed 600 million people:

- **1st** in Europe in terms of **arable land area**;
- **3rd** in the world by the area of **black soil (25% of world's volume of chernozem)**;
- **1st** in the world in exports of sunflower and **sunflower oil**;
- **2nd** in the world in barley production and 4th place in **barley** exports;
- **3rd** largest producer and 4th largest exporter of **corn** in the world;
- **4th** largest producer of **potatoes** in the world;
- **5th** largest **rye** producer in the world;
- **5th** in the world in **bee** production (75,000 tons);
- **8th** in the world in **wheat** exports;
- **9th** in the world in the production of **chicken eggs**;
- **6th** in the world in **cheese** exports.

3. Ukraine is an important industrialized country:

- **1st** in Europe in **ammonia** production;
- **Europe's 2nd's** and the world's 4th **largest natural gas pipeline system**;
- **3rd** largest in Europe in terms of **installed capacity of nuclear power plants**;
- **3rd** in Europe and 11th in the world in terms of **rail network length** (21,700 km);
- **3rd** in the world (after the U.S. and France) in production of **locators and locating equipment**;
- **3rd** largest **iron exporter** in the world;
- **4th** largest exporter of **turbines for nuclear power plants** in the world;
- **4th** world's largest manufacturer of **rocket launchers**;
- **4th** in the world in **titanium exports**;
- **8th** in the world in exports of **ores and concentrates**;
- **9th** in the world in exports of **defense industry products**;
- **10th** largest **steel producer** in the world (32.4 million tons).

UKRAINE MATTERS. That is why its independence is important to the rest of the world.

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