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DEBATE: IS IT TIME TO STOP ARMING UKRAINE?

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Last Friday marked ONE YEAR since Russia invaded Ukraine.

- It was the largest military action in Europe since World War II.
- The Russians advanced on three fronts, holding ground all the way up to Kiev.
 - <https://www.voanews.com/a/map-russia-s-invasion-of-ukraine/6463047.html>
- This is what it looks like after 12 months:
 - https://twitter.com/War_Mapper/status/1630008688512577539
- Russia has been pushed back completely out of the North, and a bloody stalemate rages every single day in the East. How the heck did Ukraine pull this off?
- The answer is easy. It's not like there's any kind of Cold War era secrecy going on here. There are no clandestine men dressed in black, operations to quietly thwart the Russian advance. WE are helping Ukraine, and WE ARE BRAGGING ABOUT IT... all out in the open.
- This is Joe Biden last week, walking out in the open with Zelensky in Kiev.
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pi4RtnABfk8>
- Can you imagine if Brezhnev did this in Hanoi during the Vietnam War? How would we have reacted? The CIA KNEW that the Soviet Union was supplying weapons and advisors to aid the North Vietnamese, but it was never bragged about. It was never spoken of out in the open. The Soviets never held media press conferences, announcing how much money and weapons they were donating to help kill Americans... but we now do that every other week!!
- This chart shows an estimate of the amount of military and financial aid the world has ponied up to fuel this war.
 - <https://www.statista.com/statistics/1303432/total-bilateral-aid-to-ukraine/>
- The United States has shouldered most of the burden BY FAR. Over \$70 BILLION taxpayer dollars with no clear end in sight. We've basically given Ukraine a blank check to kill Russians, but with no

goal or end point ever stated. Well... I guess that's not entirely accurate.

- Last week Biden tweeted that this will go on for “as long as it takes.”
 - <https://twitter.com/POTUS/status/1627703401940131847>
- Does that mean that \$70 billion could one day turn into \$70 TRILLION? Would it ever be too much? It doesn't appear to be. NATO tweeted this just a few days after Biden pledged his unlimited—blank check—support.
 - <https://twitter.com/NATO/status/1628416542302928896>
- NATO similarly published THIS video, saying it will support Ukraine, “For as long as it takes”... “we will not back down.”
 - <https://twitter.com/NATO/status/1628821378211389441>
- If we take them at their word, this means that this war can go on indefinitely, with infinite amounts of funds and weapons, and we are more than ready to escalate.
- As a whole, the West has given around \$56 billion in direct military assistance to Ukraine.
 - https://www.sipri.org/sites/default/files/2022-04/fs_2204_milex_2021_0.pdf
- That would put them in the top 10 in global military spending. Directly on par with NATO's France and Germany and just under Russia. That's a lot of hardware.
- Is there any oversight on these weapons... AT ALL?
- Are there personnel monitoring where all this money and equipment is going? Guess what?
 - <https://www.wsj.com/articles/u-s-watchdogs-want-to-deploy-staff-to-ukraine-war-zone-to-track-arms-aid-up-close-c61b09b3>
 - Not inside Ukraine! We don't have anyone on the ground observing. Oversight is being done REMOTELY.
 - Wow... it's a good thing the country of Ukraine doesn't have a reputation for being corrupt, because otherwise we might seem kind of irresponsible here.
- But our military help goes even FURTHER than just supplying weapons. We're also providing intelligence to help Ukraine kill high

value targets. So basically... here are the weapons, AND HERE are the people to kill.

- The mainstream media seems more than willing to see all of this escalate. They're painting Biden as if he's a cross between Rambo and Winston Churchill. That's an ugly baby, but still... they're all about it.
 - <https://www.breitbart.com/the-media/2023/02/20/establishment-media-gush-joe-bidens-return-ukraine-audacious-defiant-shock/>
- How do all of these "for as long as it takes" people completely disregard how high the stakes are here?
 - So far, Ukraine has suffered around 100,000 deaths.
 - It is estimated that Russia has suffered between 120,000 and 180,000 casualties.
- Let's put that in perspective.
 - 40,000 Americans died in the Korean War.
 - 58,220 Americans died in Vietnam.
 - 15,000 Soviets died in Afghanistan.
 - 13,500 died in the Kosovo War.
 - If Russian casualty numbers are accurate, they have probably taken more losses in Ukraine than any of these other wars... COMBINED. This is no SMALL thing.
- When will the Russians say out in the open who they are REALLY at war with here? NATO doesn't seem to have a problem.
- Last week the Prime Minister of Poland—a member of NATO—said this: "I expect that there will be very strong confirmation of our resilience and our joint efforts to defeat Russia in Ukraine."
 - <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/poland-us-troops-biden-ukraine-mateusz-morawiecki-face-the-nation/>
- It's a proxy war. They see it as US vs THEM. And meanwhile, escalation continues.

The conflict is escalating.

- China is considering arming Russia.
 - <https://www.wsj.com/articles/u-s-considers-release-of-intelligence-on-chinas-potential-arms-transfer-to-russia-8e353933>
- Meanwhile, Biden is QUADRUPLING U.S. troop presence on Taiwan.
 - <https://www.wsj.com/articles/u-s-to-expand-troop-presence-in-taiwan-for-training-against-china-threat-62198a83>
- Biden is in talks with Poland to INCREASE U.S. boots on the ground.
 - <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/poland-us-troops-biden-ukraine-mateusz-morawiecki-face-the-nation/>
- Russian state TV is declaring that the United States has “declared war” on Russia.
 - <https://www.newsweek.com/russian-state-tv-says-us-has-declared-war-after-crimea-comments-1782239>
- All of these escalations happened WITHIN THE LAST WEEK.
- When will all of this be enough? Biden has said that Americans will not directly fight in this war, but how many times have you heard Democrat presidents make that promise in the past?
 - Woodrow Wilson said it, then America joined WWI.
 - FDR campaigned on it, then we entered WWII.
 - LBJ said he wouldn’t send American boys to do what “Asian boys ought to be doing for themselves”... then proceeded to invade Vietnam.
- Biden has framed this war as a defense of democracy. Is it the job of the U.S. to fund every war to that goal? If so, that’s gonna be a lot of wars.
 - <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-64716380>
 - And who makes the call that one war over another is for furthering democracy? What’s the standard for which the decision is made? What was the standard for Ukraine?

- Last week when Biden was walking down the streets of Kiev, he wasn't alone. House REPUBLICANS were there also.
 - <https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2023/02/21/house-republicans-visit-kyiv-strong-bipartisan-support-give-ukraine-everything-needs/>
 - Furthering this war, despite all warnings that this is escalating, shares bipartisan support. Why? Why is it so imperative that we fight Russia in Ukraine? Why is it worth the risk of crossing multiple red lines and threatening all out global war?
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Let's look at the pros and cons of staying in this war.

The PROS:

This is from the perspective of the "We need to continue to arm Ukraine because" crowd.

1. "Defense of Democracy"

You've heard this directly from Biden himself, but really from nearly everywhere in the mainstream media. The idea is that Democracy is the most humane form of government, and any system that's different leads to oppression on their people. This argument is certainly makes sense... until you have to explain our ally Saudi Arabia.

2. "Rules based order"

You've probably also heard this one quite a bit. George H. W. Bush called it the "New World Order," but that sounded a bit too scary so they changed it. The idea is that the international community collectively holds rules that everyone is expected to follow. It gets tricky, though, when a country's own national interests don't jive with the rest of the world. For example, what if 90 percent of one country's

GDP comes from fossil fuels, but the “rules based order” calls for massive cuts to DIRTY energy?

Here’s another. What if Country A doesn’t want Country B to join a hostile alliance—let’s just say NATO—but the hostile alliance continues to expand towards Country A. Would it then be in their best interest to intervene to stop Country B? It might be in their interest, but NOT in line with the “rules based order.”

This phrase is ALSO frequently used just before there’s some kind of regime change, or at least AN ATTEMPT.

3. Russia won’t stop with Ukraine.

There are reports that Moldova is now fearing they could be next on Russia’s invasion list. Putin has stated that the collapse of the Soviet Union was the greatest geopolitical catastrophe in history. What if he wants to reclaim ALL of the territory they once had? Could Poland be next? Romania? Hungary? Why would Putin stop at JUST Ukraine if he’s willing to go this far? The argument would be that nothing can be assumed here, and that Russia must be stopped NOW. If Russia is stopped then we save ourselves from entering a larger war later.

4. Russia won’t go nuclear.

Mutually Assured Destruction didn’t just STOP becoming a thing. The threat is still there. This war will be fought conventionally for as long as it takes. As long as the Russian regime and homeland are not directly at risk, the nuclear threat is merely just that... a threat.

5. A larger global war is not a threat.

Russia can barely handle Ukraine. They definitely can’t afford a fight on multiple fronts.

The CONS:

1. We can't afford to continue to bankroll this war.

Inflation is already at all-time highs, and we CONTINUE to spend money we don't have. And what happens if a conflict happens elsewhere that directly threatens the United States? Will our OWN military be depleted?

2. Defending Democracy is not our job.

Defending the United States, however, IS our job. Isn't this kind of rhetoric EXACTLY what has kept us in a state of perpetual war for the past 20 years? Will we ever learn?

3. The risk of nuclear war.

Is this EVER a risk that should be taken? Russia has already declared that Crimea is their homeland. If we support Ukraine as they try and take back Crimea, wouldn't that be a direct attack on Russia? That would fall in line with Russian nuclear doctrine, greenlighting the use of nuclear weapons. Whether you agree with Russia's claims to that land is irrelevant... THEY believe it.

4. World War III.

What happens if Russia decides that the losses they are taking from Western weapons are too great, so they decide to hit where the weapons are coming in from? Places like Poland would be first on the list. That would trigger Article 5 and WWII would commence. Countries like China, who is already considering sending weapons to Russia, would be forced to choose sides. Is Ukraine worth that risk?

5. Global supply chain and food.

The pandemic has already turned the supply chain upside down. This war has made things even worse. What happens if the war expands beyond Ukraine? How high are we willing to let gas and food prices get? How long will it take for civil unrest to break out into the streets?