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Putin's War: Ukraine, Russia and the "West"

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It's the 35th day of an 8-year war that has lasted for centuries

1. Developments in Ukraine in the last 30 years (mostly)
2. Russian aggression
3. Refugee and displaced person's situation
4. Responses by the European Union and the United States
5. How to help
6. Questions and comments from the audience.



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- Polish–Lithuanian
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- USSR
- Holodomor

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Soviet Union Administrative Divisions, 1989

DEPOSITORY

The United States Government has not recognized the incorporation of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania into the Soviet Union. Other boundary representation is not necessarily authoritative.



ASSRs and AOs in the Caucasus

1. Adygeyskaya AO
2. Karachayevo-Cheresskaya AO
3. Kabardino-Balkarskaya ASSR
4. Severo-Osetinskaya ASSR
5. Yugo-Osetinskaya AO
6. Adzharskaya ASSR
7. Nakhichevanskaya ASSR (Azerbaijan SSR)
8. Nagorno-Karabakhskaya AO
9. Checheno-Ingushskaya ASSR

* Areas with no oblast-level administrative divisions, where rayons are under direct republic jurisdiction



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Multi-party
semi-presidential
democracy

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The 2004 Orange Revolution

Yushchenko 2006-2010

Yanukovych 2010-2014



Yushchenko Poisoning

Ukrainian candidate may have been fed high concentration of dioxins

by BETTE HILEMAN

December 20, 2004 | A version of this story appeared in Volume 82, Issue 51

Former First Lady of Ukraine, a Chicago Native, Urges Help for Country

Kateryna Yushchenko, who served as first lady from 2005 to 2010, said she appreciates all those who have supported Ukraine

By Christian Farr • Published March 7, 2022 • Updated on March 7, 2022 at 10:30 pm





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The Euromaidan – 2013-2014

Relations with the EU
Revolution of Dignity
Yanukovych flees

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2014 annexation of Crimea Donbas War





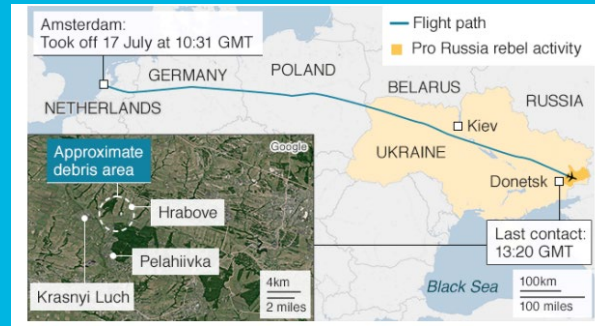
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The war that started in 2014

flight MH17

limited sanctions

Minsk agreements





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The war that started in 2014

2019 Presidential elections

Trump's first impeachment



President Trump acquitted on both
impeachment charges, avoids
removal

[Bart Jansen](#), [Christal Hayes](#), [Savannah Behrmann](#) and [Nicholas Wu](#) USA TODAY
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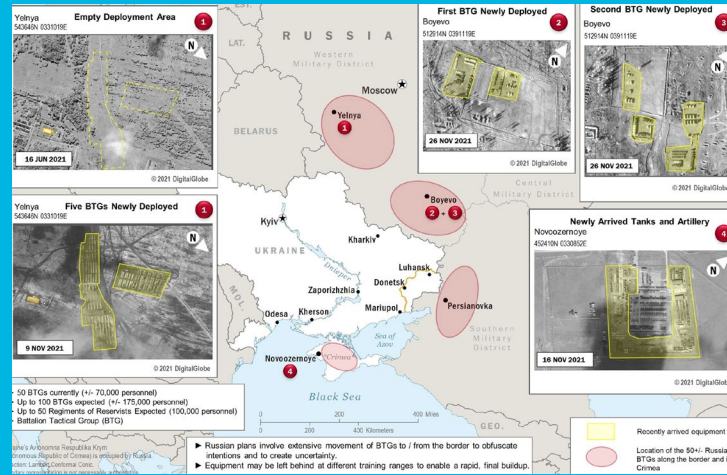
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The war that started in 2014

2021 military build up

Putin's 2021 ultimatum

'Surprise'? invasion



Putin threatens military action if NATO rejects Russian ultimatum

DECEMBER 26, 2021 GRAYSON QUAY

11:29 p.m. ET, February 24, 2022

Ukraine's foreign minister: Kyiv hasn't experienced anything like this since 1941 Nazi attack

In a tweet early Friday morning, Ukraine's Minister of Foreign Affairs Dmytro Kuleba decried the "horrific Russian rocket strikes on Kyiv."

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The war that started in 2014

The world's 2nd largest army vs. the 22th

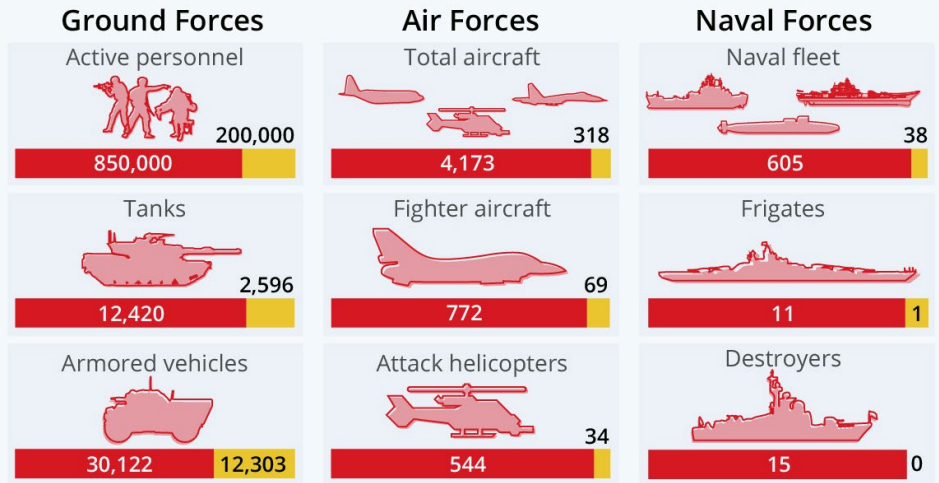
Ukraine's 'surprise?' resistance

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The Russia-Ukraine Military Imbalance

Comparison of selected military statistics for Russia and Ukraine in 2022

■ Russia ■ Ukraine



Source: GlobalFirepower





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What is the war about?

Not about NATO membership

Russia's 'space' – language

Values

2018 Moscow–Constantinople schism

The true 'Europeans/Christians'

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Visegrad 24
@visegrad24

“This is not about Ukraine at all, but the world order. The current crisis is a fateful, epoch-making moment in modern history. It reflects the battle over what the world order will look like” - Sergei Lavrov, Russian Foreign Minister.



Kyle Rapp @KyleSRapp · 22h

That's going to lead to one hell of a Duolingo disclaimer...



TACC @tass_agency

· Mar 28

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В Госдуму внесли законопроект о признании соотечественниками всех владеющих русским языком. Законопроектом также предлагается уточнить перечень народов, исторически проживающих на территории России: go.tass.ru/jpU81

Hungary

This article is more than 4 years old

Orbán claims Hungary is last bastion against 'Islamisation' of Europe

PM steps up populist rhetoric in annual state of the nation speech ahead of April elections



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Humanitarian situation:

Bellingcat’s Grozev to Amanpour:

Russia does not attempt to avoid civilian casualties

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Comparing Ukraine's largest cities to U.S. cities

CITY	POPULATION (ESTIMATED)	SIMILARLY SIZED U.S. CITY	POPULATION IN 2020
Kyiv	2,893,215	Chicago	2,746,388
Kharkiv	1,430,515	San Antonio	1,434,625
Odessa	993,831	San Jose	1,013,240
Dnepropetrovsk	990,381	Austin	961,855
Donetsk	910,252	Columbus, Ohio	905,748
Zaporozhye	741,496	Seattle	737,015
Lviv	720,105	Denver	715,522
Krivoy Rog	628,181	Baltimore	585,708
Nikolaev	481,760	Colorado Springs	478,961
Mariupol	441,098	Long Beach, Calif.	466,742



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NEWS-GLOBAL 21 March 2022

Almost 6.5 Million People Internally Displaced in Ukraine: IOM

Location name	Source	Data date	Population
Poland	Government	28 Mar 2022	2,314,623
Romania	Government	28 Mar 2022	602,461
Republic of Moldova	Government	28 Mar 2022	385,222
Hungary	Government	28 Mar 2022	359,197
Slovakia	Government	28 Mar 2022	278,238
Russian Federation	Government	22 Mar 2022	271,254
Belarus	Government	28 Mar 2022	9,875



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World's reaction to the 2022 invasion

- Global condemnation
- Strong and coordinated (but not enough) sanctions
 - But what about oil and gas?
- EU security dialogue
 - Sweden and Finland 'neutrality'
- Outpouring of public support

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Eddie Fishman
@edwardfishman

Sanctions against Russia have been unprecedented in speed, the scale of targets, and international cooperation.

But they are NOT comprehensive. They remain a 7/10 or 8/10 in intensity, not a 10/10.



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What's next?

- Russian retreat (or not)
 - Focus on Donbas (or not)
- 'Negotiations'



Bellingcat
@bellingcat

Bellingcat can confirm that three members of the delegation attending the peace talks between Ukraine and Russia on the night of 3 to 4 March 2022 experienced symptoms consistent with poisoning with chemical weapons. One of victims was Russian entrepreneur Roman Abramovich.



Sinan Ciddi
@SinanCiddi

From the set of Mission Impossible?

- Ukraine is warning its negotiators not to eat, drink or even touch anything in talks with Russia in Istanbul, following allegations that Russian oligarch Roman Abramovich and others may have been poisoned during previous talks.

8:02 AM · Mar 29, 2022 · Twitter for iPhone



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What's next?

Long game – influence over

- Media in the EU
- Far right parties in the EU and the US
- Mainstream left in the EU



WAR IN UKRAINE

Russia is recruiting spies in Estonia

Larisa Brown, Defence Editor

Saturday March 26 2022, 1:00pm BST,
The Times





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How to talk about the war in Ukraine?


without being ignorant


1. Name the war

 Events in Ukraine,
Crisis in Ukraine,
Conflict in Ukraine


 Russia-Ukraine war


2. Name the aggressor

 End the war!

 Putin, end the war!

3. Be deliberate about what you are trying to say


 I wish for peace


 I wish Russia stopped
invading Ukraine

 Annexation of Crimea
by Russia

 Temporary occupation
of Crimea by Russia

4. Avoid using words that imply shared responsibility

 The crisis/conflict
in Ukraine

 Russia started war/
invaded Ukraine

ukrainian
institute





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How to help (part 1)

NGO that arranges life-saving equipment for Ukrainian soldiers: <https://savelife.in.ua/en/donate>

Ukrainian Women's Veteran Movement: https://www.uwvm.org.ua/?page_id=3437&lang=en

NGO that assists internal refugees: <https://unitedhelpukraine.org/>

NGO that assists internal refugees, especially from Crimea: <https://www.peaceinsight.org/en/organisations/crimeasos/?location=ukraine&theme>

NGO that aids traumatized children: <https://voices.org.ua/en/>

Foundation that assists healthcare and education in eastern Ukraine: <https://razomforukraine.org/projects/zhadan/>



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How to help (part 2)



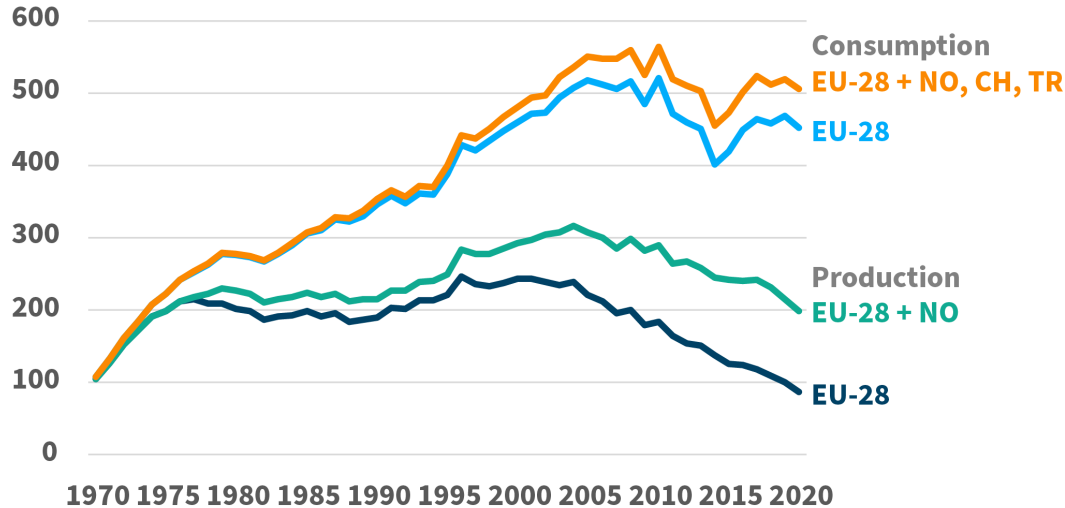
Dr. Elizabeth Sawin
@bethsawin

Decarbonize the global economy and call it defense spending.

7:16 AM · Feb 25, 2022 · Twitter Web App

Europe's Gas Supply and Demand Balance

billion cubic meters (bcm)



Source: BP Statistical Review of World Energy, July 2021.