

V dnešním Vaťáckém Vývaru vyložíme fiasko summitu Trumpa s Putinem na Aljašce, který završil jeho dvouletou zradu Ukrajiny, a jak se z „mírových rozhovorů“ stal ponižující trapas, naprostý opak dobromyslných snah, naopak sloužící Putinově vražedné válce.

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Začněme očividným: Trump je stárnoucí a nezdá se, že by měl vždycky všech pět pohromadě, nebo že by chápal souvislosti, příčiny a závažnost konfliktu. Jeho nepředvídatelnost, kterou se kdysi sám chlubil jako výhodou, nyní naopak nahrává nepřítelům.

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Trump Reveals What Kept Putin From Invading Ukraine During His Presidency

And why Biden has done more damage than "the 5 worst presidents in American history."

March 17, 2022 by [Robert Spencer](#) — [Leave a Comment](#)

Nothing is more controversial about Donald Trump than his personality; even many people who supported his policies and believe he was an effective president ruefully admit that they wish he would tone it down a bit. Although, to be sure, many others were and are delighted that he is utterly sincere, even in his notorious "mean tweets," without the calculation and artifice of the average politician. On Saturday night in South Carolina, Trump went even farther, [asserting](#) that "my personality is what kept us out of war." Whatever you may think of him, he has a point.

Trump's assessment of Old Joe Biden's disastrous presidency was right on the money. "You could take the five worst presidents in American history and they would not have done the damage Joe Biden has done in just 13 months." That would be Barack Obama, Jimmy Carter, Herbert Hoover, James Buchanan and Franklin Pierce; Biden makes all of them look like candidates for Mount Rushmore. Trump was also correct in his characterization of his foundering successor. "We have a president representing our country at the most important time in history, who is physically and mentally challenged."

Biden, Trump noted, "failed to deter Russia's outrageous invasion of Ukraine." He heaped scorn on the establishment media narrative that Russia would have been even more emboldened if he were still president. "The fake news," Trump declared, "said my personality got us into a war. 'I'm telling you, that guy's going to get us into a war.' But actually, my personality is what kept us out of war. I was the only president in nearly four decades who did not get America into any new conflicts."

That's undeniable, and the guardians of acceptable opinion have left it unexplained, or else they simply dismiss it as dumb luck. But it was something more than that. On Feb. 22, Trump [said](#) that while he was president, he gave Putin an ultimatum. "If you move against Ukraine while I'm president, I will hit Moscow." To this, Putin responded, "No way," whereupon Trump responded, "All those beautiful golden turrets will be blown up."

Trump's claim has met with skepticism, but it's worth noting that Trump's entire threat was based on his personality as it had come to be publicly known. Putin couldn't be sure that Trump, so often described as brash, impulsive, erratic, and the like, wouldn't behave in exactly that fashion. Anyway, there is no doubt that Putin really didn't move against Ukraine during Trump's administration.

Donald Trump

Analysis

'He has trouble completing a thought': bizarre public appearances again cast doubt on Trump's mental acuity

Adam Gabbatt

Joe Biden was hounded for his age-related gaffes, but Trump's increasingly strange behavior has largely been ignored



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Donald Trump's frequently bizarre public appearances, which this month have seen the president claim, wrongly, that his uncle knew the Unabomber and rant unprompted about windmills on his recent trip to the UK, have once again raised questions about his mental acuity, experts say.

For more than a year Trump, 79, has exhibited odd behavior at campaign events, in interviews, in his spontaneous remarks and at press conferences. The president repeatedly drifts off topic, including during a cabinet meeting this month when he spent 15 minutes talking about decorating, and appears to misremember simple facts about his government and his life.

Průběh summitu nechal všechny zmatené, i Trumpovi věrné Fox News. Přelet B-dvojek: pocta, hrozba, odhalení válečných tajemství, či Trumpovo machrování? Plány oběda byly zapomenuty v tiskárně hotelu... oběd, který se nakonec nekonal, jelikož byl summit zkrácen bez vysvětlení.



Pages 2 through 5 of the documents listed the names and phone numbers of three U.S. staff members as well as the names of 13 U.S. and Russian state leaders. The list provided phonetic pronouncers for all the Russian men expected at the summit, including "Mr. President POO-tihn."

Pages 6 and 7 in the packet described how lunch at the summit would be served, and for whom. A menu included in the documents indicated that the luncheon was to be held "in honor of his excellency Vladimir Putin."

A seating chart shows that Putin and Trump were supposed to sit across from each other during the luncheon. Trump would be flanked by six officials: Secretary of State Marco Rubio, Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth and White House Chief of Staff Susie Wiles to his right, and Secretary of the Treasury Scott Bessent, Secretary of Commerce Howard Lutnick and Special Envoy for Peace Missions Steve Witkoff to his left. Putin would be seated immediately next to his Minister of Foreign Affairs, Sergey Lavrov, and his Aide to the President for Foreign Policy, Yuri Ushakov.

During the [summit](#) Friday, lunch was apparently cancelled. But it was intended to be a simple, three-course meal, the documents showed. After a green salad, the world leaders would dine on filet mignon and halibut olympia. Crème brûlée would be served for dessert.

Jon Michaels, a professor of law at UCLA who lectures about national security, said that the documents found in the printer of the Alaskan hotel reveal a lapse in professional judgment in preparation for a high-stakes meeting.

"It strikes me as further evidence of the sloppiness and the incompetence of the administration," said Michaels. "You just don't leave things in printers. It's that simple."

The printed papers are the latest example of a series of security breaches by officials of the Trump administration. Earlier this week, members of a law enforcement group chat that included members of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) [added](#) a random person to a conversation about an ongoing search for a convicted attempted murderer. In March, U.S. national security leaders accidentally included a journalist in a [group chat](#) about impending military strikes in Yemen.



Co se odehrálo, a co Trump vůbec sleduje svým postojem vůči Ukrajině? Jedna možnost je, že chce za každou cenu Nobelovu cenu míru, žárlivý, že mu nedali zlatou medaili — ale zlému Obamovi ano. Nemotorně, nekoherentně, nepřesvědčivě si hraje na mírotvorce všude, kde může:

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Trump ups number of wars he claims to have ended from 7 to 10: 'If you think about pre-wars'

Claim comes as Ukraine war rages on despite Trump peacemaking attempts

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Trump shows off his photo from Putin as he claims he's now ended 10 wars

Donald Trump

Trump reportedly called Norwegian minister 'out of the blue' to ask about Nobel prize

US president told Norway's finance minister he wants the Nobel peace prize, according to the Norwegian press



Donald Trump speaks with Jens Stoltenberg, then the secretary general of Nato as they attend a Nato summit in Watford, England, in 2019. Photograph: Dan Kitwood/Getty Images

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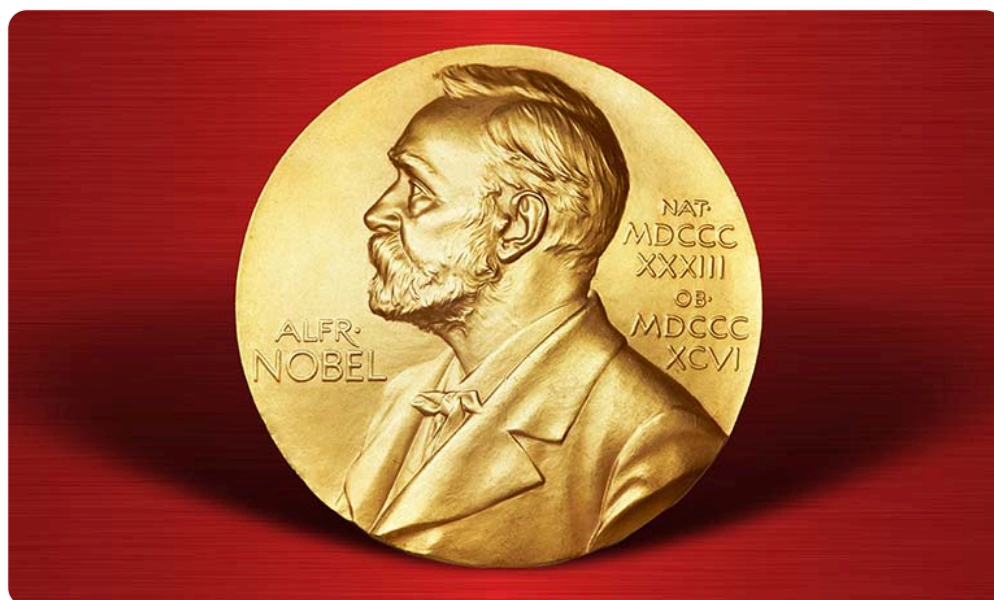
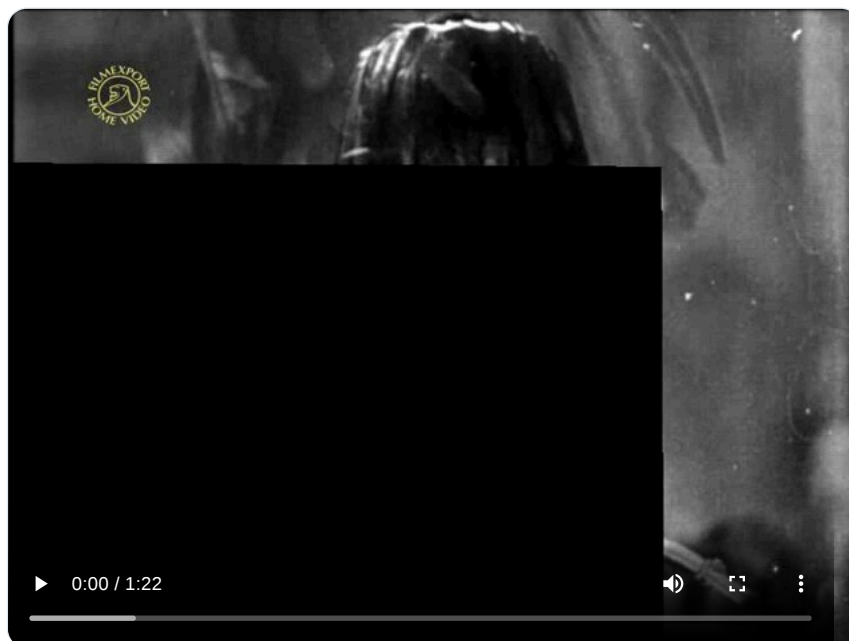
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Donald Trump cold-called Norway's finance minister last month to ask about a nomination for the [Nobel peace prize](#), Norwegian press reported on Thursday.

The Norwegian outlet [Dagens Næringsliv](#), citing unnamed sources, reported: "Out of the blue, while finance minister Jens Stoltenberg was walking down the street in Oslo, [Donald Trump](#) called ... He wanted the Nobel prize - and to discuss tariffs."

The outlet added that it was not the first time that Trump had raised the question of a Nobel peace prize nomination to Stoltenberg.



Izrael–Gaza, Ázerbájdžán–Arménie, Indie–Pákistán, Ukrajina–Rusko, i za cenu zhoršení situace pomoci agresorům, teroristům, okupantům.

Jiná teorie říká, že Putin má kompromitující materiály o Trumpovi. Někteří zmiňují Epsteinovy spisy či důkazy o zásahu Ruska do voleb 2016.

US doubles down on Trump's role in India-Pakistan ceasefire, India rejects claim

Secretary of State Rubio calls Trump 'president of peace' amid rising tensions over disputed narrative

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- New Delhi says ceasefire followed its own military objectives, not US pressure

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The US has reiterated its assertion that US President Donald Trump personally intervened to halt the military conflict between India and Pakistan, a claim India continues to reject.

"We got involved directly, and the president was able to deliver on that peace," Secretary of State Marco Rubio said Thursday on EWTN's The World Over, referring to this year's flare-up between the two nuclear-armed rivals.

Rubio dubbed Trump the "president of peace" and referenced other diplomatic efforts during Trump's leadership, including conflicts in Cambodia, Armenia Azerbaijan, and between the DRC and Rwanda.

India, however, maintains there was no US mediation.

"It is completely incorrect and baseless to say that the military action was stopped because of pressure," Defense Minister Rajnath Singh told parliament last month, insisting the ceasefire resulted from the successful completion of India's military objectives and a direct request from Pakistan's military.

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White House Moves Forward on Plans for a Department of War

Trump's goal of renaming the Defense Department might require congressional action

By *Annie Linskey* [Follow](#)


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President Trump and Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth at a recent cabinet meeting. PHOTO: CHIP SOMODEVILLA/GETTY IMAGES

WASHINGTON—The Trump administration is drawing up plans to rebrand the Department of Defense as the Department of War, according to a White House official, following up on the president's push to revive a name last used in 1947.

Restoring the discarded name of the government's largest department could be done by an act of Congress, but the White House is considering other avenues to make the change, according to the official.



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Bývalý šéf KGB v Kazachstánu Alnur Musajev a jiní dokonce tvrdí, že Trump byl nalákán jako agent již v roce 1987 v Moskvě, pod krycím jménem „Krasnov“. Důkazy chybí, ale jeho proruské chování hned po návratu ze Sovětského svazu je podezřelé a vysvětlovalo by to mnoho.

TRUMP FSB TOP NEWS

'Trump Recruited as Moscow Asset,' Says Ex-KGB Spy Chief

Alnur Mussayev, former head of Kazakhstan's security service, who rose up the ranks of the Soviet KGB, claims Moscow groomed Trump under pseudonym "Krasnov" in 1987.

by Stash Luczkiw | Feb. 22, 2025, 2:54 pm



US President Donald Trump stands behind the Resolute Desk during a ceremonial swearing-in for US Secretary of Commerce Howard Lutnick in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington, DC, on February 21, 2025. Jim WATSON / AFP

US President Donald [Trump](#) was groomed 37 years ago as a potential Soviet asset, according to Alnur Mussayev, the former head of Kazakhstan's security services, who had been a KGB officer in Moscow at the time.



Donald Trump

'The perfect target': Russia cultivated Trump as asset for 40 years - ex-KGB spy

The KGB 'played the game as if they were immensely impressed by his personality', Yuri Shvets, a key source for a new book, tells the Guardian

David Smith in Washington

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Donald Trump was cultivated as a Russian asset over 40 years and proved so willing to parrot anti-western propaganda that there were celebrations in Moscow, a former KGB spy has told the Guardian.

Yuri Shvets, posted to Washington by the Soviet Union in the 1980s, compares the former US president to "the Cambridge five", the British spy ring that passed secrets to Moscow during the second world war and early cold war.

Now 67, Shvets is a key source for *American Kompromat*, a new book by journalist Craig Unger, whose previous works include *House of Trump*, *House of Putin*. The book also explores the former president's relationship with the disgraced financier Jeffrey Epstein.



The Hidden History of Trump's First Trip to Moscow

In 1987, a young real estate developer traveled to the Soviet Union. The KGB almost certainly made the trip happen.

By LUKE HARDING | November 19, 2017

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Luke Harding is a foreign correspondent at the Guardian. Excerpted from the book [Collusion: Secret Meetings, Dirty Money, and How Russia Helped Donald Trump Win](#) published by Vintage Books, an imprint of The Knopf Doubleday Publishing Group, a division of Penguin Random House LLC. Copyright 2017 by Luke Harding.

It was 1984 and General Vladimir Alexandrovich Kryuchkov had a problem. The general occupied one of the KGB's most exalted posts. He was head of the First Chief Directorate, the prestigious KGB arm responsible for gathering foreign intelligence.

There's nothing wrong with America's Foreign Defense Policy that a little backbone can't cure.

An open letter from Donald J. Trump on why America should stop paying to defend countries that can afford to defend themselves.

DONALD JOHN TRUMP

To the American People:

For decades, Japan and other nations have been taking advantage of the United States.

The seas continue unabated as we defend the Persian Gulf, an area of only marginal significance to the United States for its oil supplies, but one upon which Japan and others are almost totally dependent. They are these nations not paying the United States for the human lives and billions of dollars we are losing to protect their interlocking Saudi Arabia, a country whose very existence is in the hands of the United States. Just west of Saudi Arabia, we are advancing their nine weapons (which are, really, far more advanced than our own) to police the Gulf. The world is laughing at America's politicians as we protect ships we don't own, carrying oil we don't need, destined for allies who won't help.

Over the years, the Japanese, unimpeded by the huge costs of defending themselves (as long as the United States will do it for them), have built a strong and vibrant economy with unprecedented surpluses. They have brilliantly managed to maintain a weak yen against a strong dollar. This, coupled with our monumental spending for their, and others, defense, has moved Japan to the forefront of world economies.

Now that the tides are turning and the yen is becoming strong against the dollar, the Japanese are openly complaining and, in typical fashion, our politicians are reacting to these unjustified complaints.

It's time for us to end our vast deficits by making Japan, and others who can afford it, pay. Our world protection is worth hundreds of billions of dollars to these countries, and their share in their protection is far greater than ours.

Make Japan, Saudi Arabia, and others pay for the protection we stand as allies. Let's help our farmers, our rich, our ever-creating nations, and let America's economy grow reduce our taxes, and let America's economy grow unimpeded by the cost of defending those who can easily afford to pay us for the defense of their freedom. Let's not let our great country be laughed at anymore.

Sincerely,

Donald J. Trump

Full-page NYT ad attacking ALL our defense alliances, paid for by Donald Trump after his first trip to Moscow in 1987, as he hinted at a 1988 White House run, encouraged by his PR team of Roger Stone and Paul Manafort.

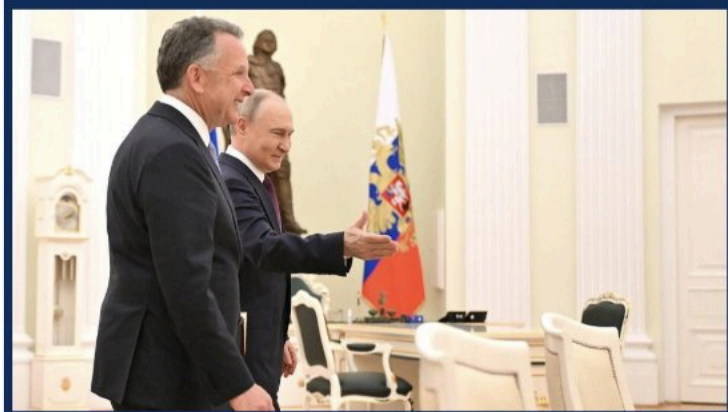
(NATO is included in the closing paragraph "and others" though not singled out by name)

Už příprava summitu byla ostuda: Trumpův realitní přítel Steven Witkoff jel do Moskvy bez jakékoli zkušenosti ani překladatele. Putin ho znovu zmanipuloval a změnil požadavky hned po schůzce.

Trump's envoy 'misunderstood' Putin's territorial demands as concessions, media report

Michał Woźniak/hw

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Steve Witkoff (L) was apparently confused as to which country's forces should withdraw. Photo by Kremlin Press Office / Handout/Anadolu via Getty Images

U.S. President Donald Trump's special envoy, Steve Witkoff, "misunderstood" Russian leader Vladimir Putin, German news outlet BILD reported.

According to the outlet's sources, Witkoff's ceasefire proposal delivered to Putin in recent discussions entailed freezing the conflict along the current lines of control. In return, the Kremlin would see a broad lifting of sanctions and an offer of new economic agreements.

This offer does not satisfy the Russians, however, who still insist on full control of the eastern Luhansk and Donetsk regions and southern Zaporizhzhia and Kherson regions, Bild reported.

Russia currently occupies practically all of the Luhansk region and most of the Donetsk region, where its forces have been making creeping advances since the start of the war. These are also the only regions whose capitals are under Russian control, after Ukraine successfully liberated the city of Kherson back in November 2022.

In spite of that, Russia claims ownership of the entirety of the regions' territories based on "referendums" it carried out in areas under its control in late September 2022.

What is more, Witkoff appears to have misinterpreted some statements made by Putin as concessions. One example cited by BILD was the Russian leader's demand for a "peaceful withdrawal" of Ukrainian forces from Russian-claimed territory. Witkoff reportedly understood this as an offer of a "peaceful withdrawal" of Russian forces.

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Witkoff's Kremlin talks 'constructive' as US sanctions deadline looms

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WASHINGTON, Aug 28 (Reuters) - Shortly after meeting Vladimir Putin in Moscow on August 6, U.S. special envoy Steve Witkoff delivered major news to Donald Trump: The Russian president was prepared to offer significant territorial concessions to end his war in Ukraine.

Following Witkoff's readout to the U.S. president, described by two people briefed on the matter, Trump hailed his emissary's "great progress" and agreed to hold a historic summit with Putin, indicating that a land swap was on the table.

But the diplomatic drive soon descended into confusion.

On an August 7 call with several European leaders, Witkoff indicated that Putin was willing to withdraw from the Ukrainian regions of Zaporizhzhia and Kherson in return for Kyiv ceding Donetsk and Luhansk, according to a source familiar with the exchange.

The proposal startled many of those on the call, since it departed sharply from their own assessments of Putin's position, said four people with knowledge of the discussions, including U.S. and European officials who requested anonymity to discuss sensitive matters.

Witkoff appeared to change his account the next day. In a call convened by U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio with European national security advisers, the envoy said Putin was not in fact offering to withdraw from the two territories in question, according to one of the sources.

Instead, U.S. officials indicated on the call Putin had signaled lesser concessions to Washington, including that he would not demand the West formally recognize Zaporizhzhia and Kherson as Russian, said a separate U.S. official.

Reuters couldn't independently determine what was said in the Moscow meeting.

Witkoff, a real estate magnate with no background in diplomacy, broke with standard protocol by going to the meeting without a State Department notetaker and thus left without a record of Putin's precise proposals, said one source with knowledge of internal administration dynamics.

Interviews with more than a dozen U.S. and European officials flesh out the Trump administration's latest push to end the war in Ukraine, which culminated in the anti-climactic Trump-Putin summit in Alaska on August 15 that saw the leaders exchange warm words but no peace agreement.

The picture that emerges from the interviews is of an American president willing to move quickly on some foreign policy decisions, relying more on confidants and instinct than the traditional diplomatic channels and deliberative process typical of most prior administrations.

Trump's supporters say his approach has yielded breakthroughs unimaginable under his predecessor, variously citing the opening of U.S. relations with the new Syrian government, the bombing of Iran's nuclear facilities and the establishment of a direct line to Putin that could end a war that has killed hundreds of thousands of people.

Yet his seat-of-the-pants style has also created confusion within the administration and among allies, critics argue.

And despite the summit, the Ukrainian war is no closer to a conclusion, said Kurt Volker, a former U.S. ambassador to NATO who served as U.S. special representative for Ukraine in Trump's first term.

"We are just exactly where we were before Trump took office," Volker added. "Russia has not changed its position one iota. The war is raging on... We don't have a clear strategy of how to get Putin to stop the war."

Samotná volba místa hrála Putinovi také do karet: Aljaška, kdysi prodaná předchozím carem Americe, je znovu předmětem ruských snů („Aljaska naša“). Uvítání tam válečného zločince Putina jako dobyvatele bylo pro Kreml nádherným symbolickým vítězstvím.

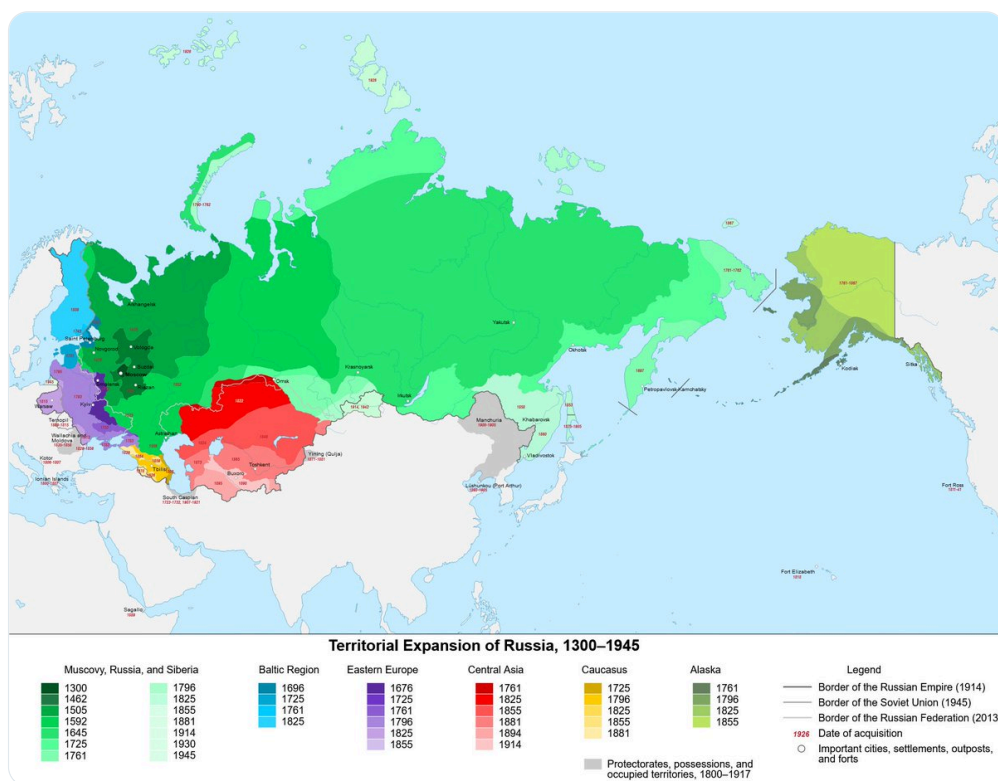


Painting by Russian artist Sergei Mironenko, "Alaska is Ours," 2014, wood, decal, varnish. (Open source)

Russian propaganda has come up with the false narrative that Alaska was not sold but leased for 99 years, although there is no evidence to back this up. According to the myth, the Soviet Union decided not to take the peninsula back in 1966.

Another myth circulated in Russia is that the country never received the gold for Alaska, as it allegedly sank in a sea storm while being transported by ship.





Nicméně někteří byli optimističtí, jelikož Trump sliboval Ukrajině veškerou pomoc a „vážné následky“ pro Rusko, pokud Putin nepřijme příměří. Ukázalo se to předvídatelně jako jen další lež, stejně jako jeho řeči o konci války „do 24 hodin“ či jeho obtdýdenní „ultimáta“...

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WORLD NEWS

Trump warns of 'severe consequences' if Putin does not agree to stop war after summit



1 of 10 | President Donald Trump says there will be "very severe consequences" if Russia doesn't agree to stop the Ukraine war after Friday's summit with President Vladimir Putin. He said a pre-summit call with Ukrainian and European leaders was "very friendly."

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FORMER PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP: I want the war to stop. I want to save lives that are being uselessly -- people being killed by the millions. It's the millions. It's so much worse than the numbers that you're getting, which are fake numbers. Look, we're in for 250 billion or more because they don't ask Europe, which is a much bigger beneficiary to getting this thing done than we are. They're in for \$150 billion less because Biden and you don't have the courage to ask Europe like I did with NATO. They paid billions and billions, hundreds of billions of dollars when I said either you pay up or we're not going to protect you anymore. So that may be one of the reasons they don't like me as much as they like weak people. But you take a look at what's happening. We're in for 250 to 275 billion. They're into 100 to 150. They should be forced to equalize. With that being said, I want to get the war settled. I know Zelenskyy very well and I know Putin very well. I have a good relationship. And they respect your president. Okay? They respect me. They don't respect Biden. How would you respect him? Why? For what reason? He hasn't even made a phone call in two years to Putin. Hasn't spoken to anybody. They don't even try and get it. That is a war that's dying to be settled. I will get it settled before I even become president. If I win, when I'm President-Elect, and what I'll do is I'll speak to one, I'll speak to the other, I'll get them together. That war would have never happened. And in fact when I saw Putin after I left, unfortunately left because our country has gone to hell, but after I left when I saw him building up soldiers, he did it after I left, I said oh, he must be negotiating. It must be a good strong point of negotiation. Well, it wasn't because Biden had no idea how to talk to him. He had no idea how to stop it. And now you have millions of people dead and it's only getting worse and it could lead to World War 3. Don't kid yourself, David. We're playing with World War 3. And we have a president that we don't even know if he's -- where is our president? We don't even know if he's a president.

Fact check: It wasn't 'in jest.' Here are 53 times Trump said he'd end Ukraine war within 24 hours or before taking office

By Daniel Dale, CNN

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Former President Donald Trump speaks to supporters during a political rally while campaigning for the GOP nomination in the 2024 election at Erie Insurance Arena on July 29, 2023 in Erie, Pennsylvania. Jeff Swensen/Getty Images

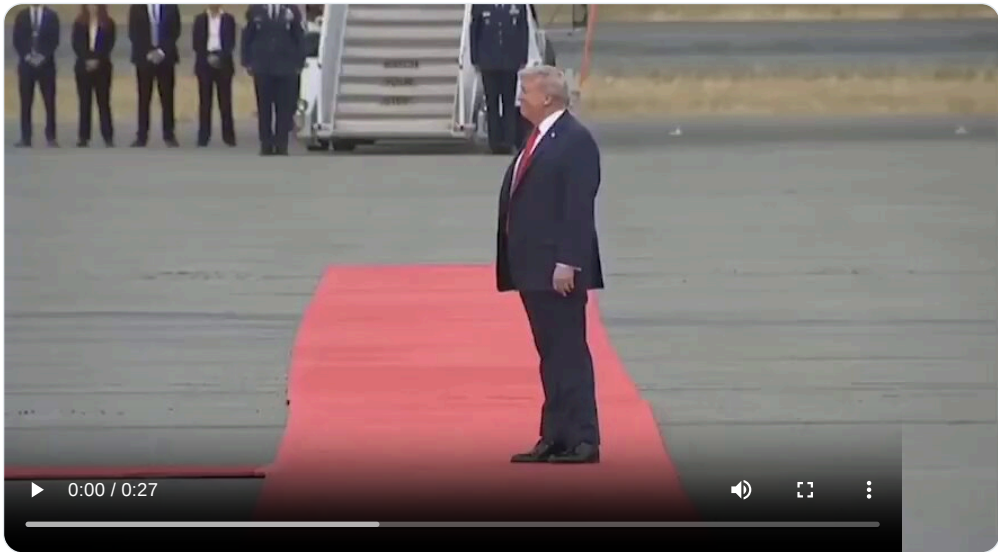
Washington (CNN) — He wasn't joking.

When President Donald Trump was reminded in an [interview with Time magazine this week](#) that he had said he would end the Russian war on Ukraine on "day one," he claimed he hadn't been speaking literally or seriously.

"Well, I said that figuratively, and I said that as an exaggeration, because to make a point, and you know, it gets, of course, by the fake news [unintelligible]. Obviously, people know that when I said that, it was said in jest, but it was also said that it will be ended," Trump said, according to [Time's transcript](#).

This "in jest" claim is a lie.

... která už ani nepočítáme. Nyní už je jasné, že Trump — nebo bychom měli říkat Agent Krasnov? — Rusko nepotrestá. Moskva získala vše: fotky s Trumpem a návrat na světovou scénu; a ještě horší: američtí vojáci klečící před Putinovým státním letadlem, Trump mu tleskající...





... jako pubertální fanoušek, okázale rozvinutý červený koberec a tiskovka, kde Putin zářil a Trump mlčel. Výsledek: obraz slabé Ameriky proti mocnému Rusku — navzdory objektivní realitě mnohonásobně silnější vojenské a ekonomické americké velmoci.



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IN HONOR OF
HIS EXCELLENCY
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PRESIDENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

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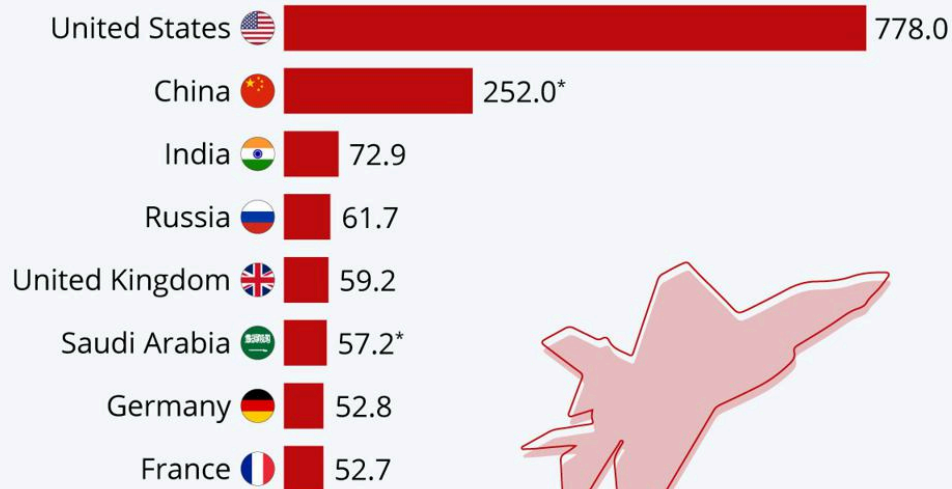
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The Countries With The Highest Military Expenditure

Total military expenditure by country in 2020
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Trump 'honored' to host Putin on American soil

Finer details on President Donald Trump's upcoming sit-down with Russian President Vladimir Putin have still not been released, with White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt telling reporters on Tuesday that scheduling is "still being ironed out."

But on the selection of Alaska as the location, Leavitt said: "The president is very honored and looks forward to hosting, President Putin on American soil."



White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt speaks with reporters in the James Brady Press Briefing Room at the White House, Aug. 12, 2025, in Washington.

Alex Brandon/AP

Nemluvě ani o tom, že po Putinovi pátrá Mezinárodní trestní soud za únosy ukrajinských dětí. Je to genocidální válečný zločinec — a tak by s ním mělo být zacházeno.

I Trumpovi příkloněný Fox News přiznal, že Putin Trumpa na Aljašce naopak úplně „převálcoval“.

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Situation in Ukraine: ICC judges issue arrest warrants against Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin and Maria Alekseyevna Lvova-Belova



Today, 17 March 2023, Pre-Trial Chamber II of the International Criminal Court ("ICC" or "the Court") issued warrants of arrest for two individuals in the context of the situation in Ukraine: Mr Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin and Ms Maria Alekseyevna Lvova-Belova.

Mr Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, born on 7 October 1952, President of the Russian Federation, is allegedly responsible for the war crime of unlawful deportation of population (children) and that of unlawful transfer of population (children) from occupied areas of Ukraine to the Russian Federation (under articles 8(2)(a)(vii) and 8(2)(b)(viii) of the Rome Statute). The crimes were allegedly committed in Ukrainian occupied territory at least from 24 February 2022. There are reasonable grounds to believe that Mr Putin bears individual criminal responsibility for the aforementioned crimes, (i) for having committed the acts directly, jointly with others and/or through others (article 25(3)(a) of the Rome Statute), and (ii) for his failure to exercise control properly over civilian and military subordinates who committed the acts, or allowed for their commission, and who were under his effective authority and control, pursuant to superior responsibility (article 28(b) of the Rome Statute).

DONALD TRUMP

Trump administration ends program to track kidnapped Ukrainian children in Russia, lawmakers say

"We must, immediately, resume the work to help Ukraine bring these children home," a group of Democrat lawmakers said



By **Landon Mion** · Fox News

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The U.S. State Department has ended funding for tracking thousands of Ukrainian children abducted by Russia, and a U.S. database with information on the victims may have been deleted, according to a letter U.S. lawmakers plan to send to Trump administration officials on Wednesday.

A group of Democratic U.S. lawmakers penned the letter to Secretary of State [Marco Rubio](#) and Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent, urging the administration to restore the program that helps track the abducted Ukrainian children.

The administration has ended a government-funded initiative led by Yale University's Humanitarian Research Lab that tracked the mass deportation of children from Ukraine, meaning researchers have lost access to a significant amount of information — including satellite imagery — on roughly 30,000 children kidnapped from Ukraine.

"We have reason to believe that the data from the repository has been permanently deleted. If true, this would have devastating consequences," the letter, led by Ohio Rep. Greg Landsman, said.

[PRESIDENT TRUMP TOUTS 'GREAT' PHONE CALL WITH RUSSIA'S VLADIMIR PUTIN](#)

Musk cuts the team finding Ukrainian children stolen by Russia

Trump's federal cost-cutting – led by Elon Musk's Doge – has now hit the unit helping rescue Ukrainian children taken by Russia



There have been more than 19,500 reports of Ukrainian children taken by Russia. Now Musk's funding pause will hamper efforts to find them

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Fox News Calls Out Trump for No-Question 'Press Conference'

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Senior White House Correspondent Jacqui Heinrich said everyone in the room was "surprised" the president walked away without taking questions.

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TRUMP: MEETING WAS EXTREMELY PRODUCTIVE

FOX NEWS ALERT

Fox News' Jacqui Heinrich, who witnessed Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin ignore reporters' questions after their summit Friday, said everyone in the room was "surprised" by the president's silence.

Heinrich, the network's senior White House correspondent—whom Trump has previously targeted—spoke about the summit's conclusion with anchor Brian Kilmeade, who also said he hadn't expected things to wrap up with the usually talkative Trump walking away without taking questions.

Trump Leaves Alaska With Nothing to Show From Preening Putin

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Farrah Tomazin

Trump poté jako obvykle utekl golfovat a debakl přenechal k řešení Rubiovi, který prohlásil, že sankce proti Rusku nebudou, prý aby „nenarušily“ jednání. Tvrdil, že Putin přijal ústupky, ale odmítl jakýkoliv jmenovat. Aha.

Trump sám další den oznámil dva...

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... ale pro Ukrajinu: žádný vstup do NATO a vzdání se Krymu — kapitulace Kremlu, kterou už dva roky tlačí.

„Umění uzavřít dohodu“ dle Trumpa, či co.

Ale jako obvykle s Trumpem, který mění názor třikrát denně, je třeba soudit podle činů, ne podle slov. A ve skutečnosti už:

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Fox News cut out Trump saying he might let Russia take over areas of Ukraine as part of peace deal

By Tom Porter



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- Fox News edited out remarks by Trump when it replayed an interview with him.
- In the part excluded, he said he could have let Russia have parts of Ukraine.
- Trump has long drawn criticism for his refusal to criticise Russia.

Fox News cut out comments by former President Donald Trump in which he said he would have considered letting Russia have parts of Ukraine as part of a peace deal between the nations.

In an interview on Fox News host Sean Hannity's radio show on Monday, which is not broadcast by Fox, Trump revealed how he would try and broker a peace deal between Russia and Ukraine in the wake of Russia's invasion last year.

Trump has claimed he can quickly bring an end to the war as he seeks election again in 2024.

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Trump tells Zelensky to give up Crimea and joining NATO ahead of White House talks

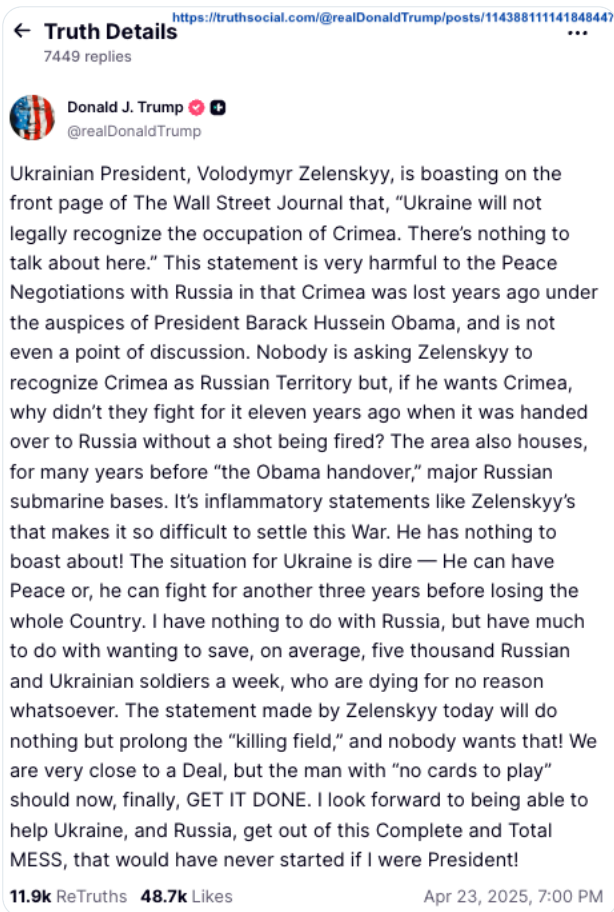
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August 2025



What we're covering

- Zelensky in Washington:** Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky has arrived in Washington, DC, where he will be joined by key European leaders when he meets with Donald Trump this afternoon. Trump says Zelensky must agree to some of Russia's conditions — including that Ukraine cede Crimea and agree never to join NATO — for the war to end.
- Potential security guarantees:** At last week's summit with Trump, President Vladimir Putin agreed to allow security guarantees for Ukraine and made concessions on "land swaps" as part of a potential peace deal, US envoy Steve Witkoff told CNN. Zelensky suggested that such guarantees would need to be stronger than those that "didn't work" in the past. Russia has yet to mention such agreements.
- Change in tactics:** Trump is now focused on securing a peace deal without pursuing a ceasefire due to his progress with Putin, Witkoff said. In seeking this deal, Trump has backed away from his threat of new sanctions on Moscow, despite calls to impose more economic pressure.



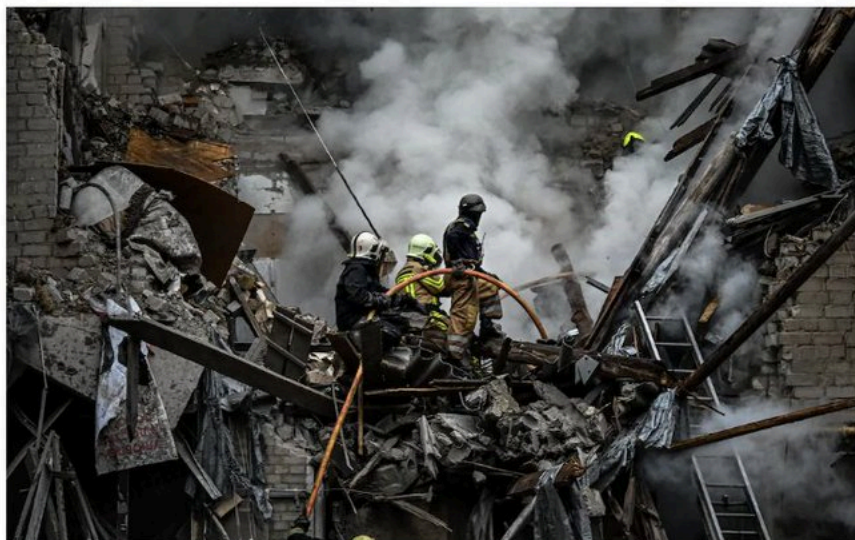
- Rozboursal sankce;
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- Sabotoval cenový strop na ropu v G7;
- Zmrazil sdílení esenciálních zpravodajských informací;

– Nařídil USA a spojencům hlasovat proti odsouzení války v OSN.

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Trump to abandon Russia war crimes prosecution

Washington signals end to pursuit of Putin as third anniversary of Ukraine invasion looms



Firefighters stand in the remains of an apartment block in Kharkiv following Russian missile strike in 2022. Credit: Sergey Bobok/AFP



Joe Barnes

21 February 2025 6:02pm GMT

The US has signalled that it could leave an international effort to prosecute Russia for invading Ukraine, The Telegraph can reveal.

US envoys refused to label Russia as an “aggressor” at a meeting of a “core group” of countries preparing a Nuremberg-style tribunal to try Vladimir Putin for his war crimes, according to Western officials.

Washington is similarly refusing to co-sponsor a United Nations statement that supports Ukraine’s territorial integrity and demands Moscow to withdraw its forces from the war-torn nation.

Mr Trump’s administration has also refused to sign off a planned G7 statement calling Russia the “aggressor” in the war with Ukraine to mark the third anniversary of the conflict on Monday.

The US president has blamed Ukraine for starting the war, branded Volodymyr Zelensky a “dictator” and pushed for Russia to be invited back to the alliance of industrialised nations.

European officials fear Mr Trump’s flattery of Putin could lead to the Russian despot being let off the hook for his invasion as part of any peace settlement.

Trump says Putin launching massive strike on Ukraine is 'what anybody would do'

US president says he finds Russia easier to deal with than Ukraine after cutting off intelligence and weapons to Kyiv

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📷 Donald Trump told reporters he had 'always had a good relationship with Putin'.
Photograph: Chris Kleponis/EPA

Donald Trump has said [Vladimir Putin](#) was “doing what anybody would do” after Russia launched a massive missile and drone strike on Ukraine days after the US cut off vital intelligence and military aid to Kyiv.

WASHINGTON, June 17 (Reuters) - The Trump administration shelved in recent weeks an inter-agency working group it had set up to formulate strategies for pressuring Russia into speeding up peace talks with Ukraine, according to three U.S. officials.

The effort, which was established earlier in the spring, lost steam in May as it became increasingly clear to participants that U.S. President Donald Trump was not interested in adopting a more confrontational stance toward Moscow, said the officials.

Despite pledging during his campaign to end the war in Ukraine on the first day of his presidency, Trump in recent months has grown increasingly frustrated that his push has yielded no breakthroughs. He has begun saying that the United States may abandon its efforts to broker peace altogether.

In light of that threat, the working group's task seemed increasingly irrelevant, added those officials, who requested anonymity to describe sensitive internal discussions.

"It lost steam toward the end because the president wasn't there. Instead of doing more, maybe he wanted to do less," one of the officials said.

The death of the working group, the existence of which has not been previously reported, is likely to deepen European allies' concerns over Trump's at-times conciliatory tone toward Russia and his reluctance to express full-throated support for Ukraine ahead of a pivotal summit of NATO allies later this month.

On the first day of a meeting of Group of Seven leaders in Canada on Monday, the Republican president said removing Russia from the former Group of Eight over a decade ago had been a mistake.

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Ironií je, že většina USA Ukrajinu podporuje, jak veřejnost, tak i 83 ze 100 senátorů, kteří schválili tvrdé sankce proti Rusku. Ale Trump je oddálil pod záminkou summitu — a válka pokračuje.

Bipartisan Russia Sanctions Bill Gains Support, Could Reach Senate Vote Soon

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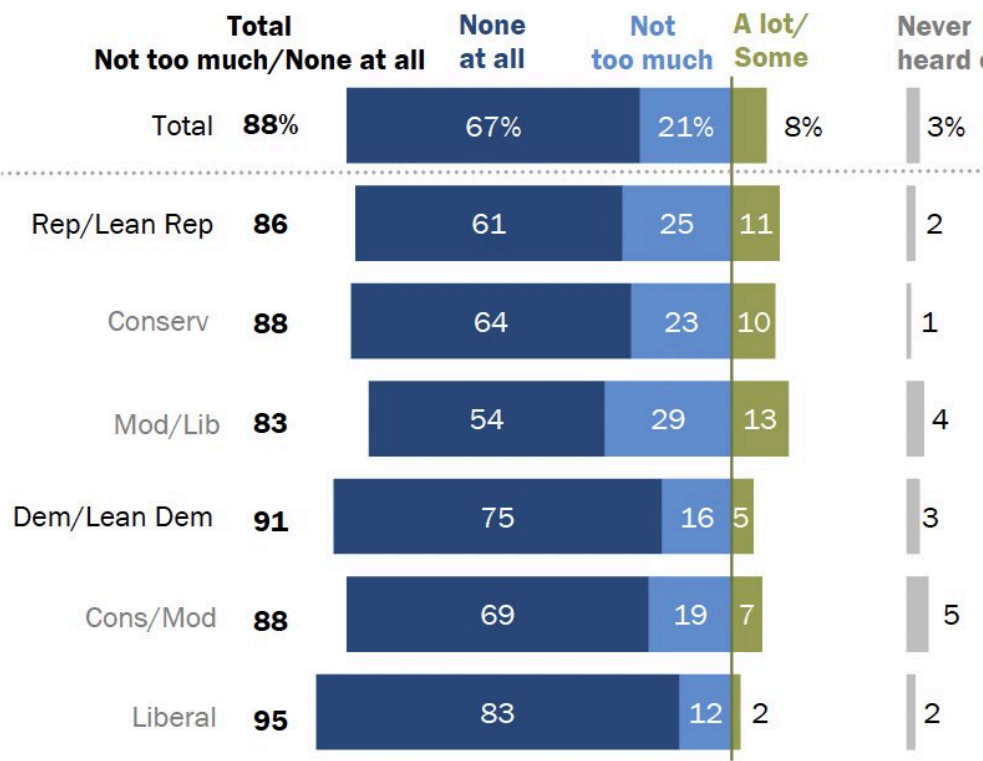
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US Senate Majority Leader Sen. John Thune speaks during a news briefing after the weekly Senate Republican policy luncheon at the US Capitol on July 9, 2025, in Washington, D.C. (Source: Getty Images)

Roughly 9 in 10 Americans say they have no confidence in Putin

% who have ___ confidence in Russian President Vladimir Putin to do the right thing regarding world affairs



Note: Those who did not answer are not shown.
Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted April 1-7, 2024. Q8d.
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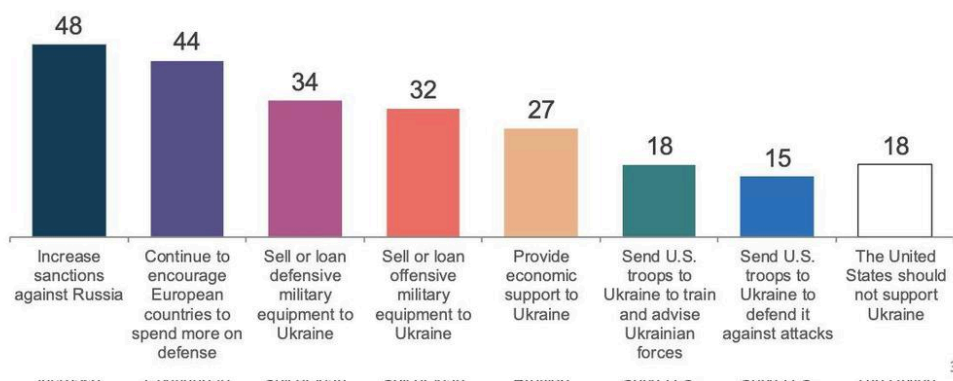
White House Quietly Pressures Senate to Water Down Russia Sanctions

Trump administration officials urge Sen. Lindsey Graham to weaken legislation

Fewer than 1 in 5 Trump Voters Advocate for No Support for Ukraine

How do you think the United States should support Ukraine? Select all that you agree with.

Direct US Military Support 55% | Other Actions 70% | No Action 18%
Traditional Conservative: Direct US Military Support 56% | Other Actions 71% | No Action 18%
MAGA Conservative: Direct US Military Support 51% | Other Actions 74% | No Action 17%
Moderates: Direct US Military Support 59% | Other Actions 70% | No Action 16%



Trumpův tým je totiž plný známých vaťáků a krajních extremistů: JD Vance, Tulsi Gabbard, RFK Jr. atd. — odmítají odsoudit invazi a šíří vaťáckou propagandu. Trump sám nesní o ničem jiném než znovu obchodovat s Ruskem.



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RFK Jr. says Russia 'acting in good faith' in Ukraine invasion, US in part to blame for war

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Vtipálek Witkoff dokonce tvrdil, že Putin připravuje zákon o „neútočení na Evropu“. Smutný žert: takový zákon už v ruském kodexu dávno existuje (stejně jako zákaz genocidy či žoldnéřů, například Putinem financovaní Wagnerovci), ale invazi na Ukrajinu samozřejmě nezastavil.

4:12 p.m. GMT+3, August 17, 2025

Putin agreed to allow "robust" security guarantees as part of peace deal, Trump envoy Witkoff tells CNN

From CNN's Kevin Liptak



Special Envoy Steve Witkoff speaks at the White House in Washington, DC, on May 28. Leah Mills/Reuters

Russian President Vladimir Putin agreed to allow "robust security guarantees" for Ukraine from the United States as part of a potential peace deal during his summit with President Donald Trump on Friday, top envoy Steve Witkoff told CNN today.

"We agreed to robust security guarantees that I would describe as game changing," Witkoff told Jake Tapper on "State of the Union," describing the security guarantee as an "Article 5" type protection against further Russian invasion.

He said Putin also agreed to "legislative enshrinement" by Russia to not go into any other territory, in Ukraine or elsewhere in Europe, as part of a potential peace deal.

Some context: Putin spelled out his demands for "land swaps" with Ukraine during his nearly three-hour summit with US President Donald Trump Friday, including his insistence Ukraine gives up the Donbas region in eastern Ukraine, according to European officials familiar with Trump's accounting of the meeting to his counterparts afterward.

Putin said in exchange, he would be willing to freeze the current front lines in the rest of Ukraine — in the regions of Kherson and Zaporizhzhia — and agree to a promise not to attack Ukraine or other European nations again.

But he didn't back away from a demand to eliminate what Russia calls the "root causes" of the war in Ukraine — code for reducing the size of Kyiv's military, abandoning its aspirations to join NATO and becoming a neutral state.

Chapter 34. Crimes Against the Peace and Security Mankind

Article 353. Planning, Preparing, Unleashing, or Waging on Aggressive War

1. Planning, preparing, or unleashing an aggressive war

Shall be punishable by deprivation of liberty for a term of seven to fifteen years.

2. Waging an aggressive war,

Shall be punishable by **deprivation of liberty** for a term of 10 to 20 years.

Article 354. Public Appeals to Unleash an Aggressive War

1. Public appeals to unleash an aggressive war,

Shall be punishable with a **fine** in an amount of up to 300 thousand roubles, or in the amount of the wage or salary, or any other income of the convicted person for a period of up to two years, or by deprivation of liberty for a term of up to three years.

2. The same deeds, committed with the use of the mass media or by a person who holds a state post of the Russian Federation or a state post of a subject of the Russian Federation,

Shall be punishable with a fine in an amount of 100 thousand to 500 thousand roubles, or in the amount of the wage or salary, or any other income of the convicted person for a period of one to three years, or by **deprivation of liberty** for a term up to five years, with disqualification from holding specific offices or engaging in specified activities for a term of up to three years.

Article 355. The Development, Manufacture, Stockpiling, Acquisition or Sale of Mass-Destruction Weapons

The development, manufacture, stockpiling, acquisition or sale of the chemical, biological, toxic and other types of mass-destruction weapons banned by an international treaty of the Russian Federation,

Shall be punishable by imprisonment for a term from five to ten years.

Article 356. Use of Banned Means and Methods of Warfare

1. Cruel treatment of prisoners of war or civilians, deportation of civilian populations, plunder of national property in occupied territories, and use in a military conflict of means and methods of warfare, banned by an international treaty of the Russian Federation,

Shall be punishable by deprivation of liberty for a term of up to 20 years.

2. Use of weapons of mass destruction, banned by an international treaty of the Russian Federation,

Shall be punishable by **deprivation of liberty** for a term of 10 to 20 years.

Article 357. Genocide

Actions aimed at the complete or partial extermination of a national, ethnic, racial or religious group as such by killing its members, inflicting grave injuries to their health, forcible prevention of childbirth, forcible transfer of children, forcible resettlement, or by any other method of creating living conditions meant for the physical destruction of the members of this group,

Shall be punishable by deprivation of liberty for a term of 12 to 20 years with restriction of liberty for a term of up to two years, or by deprivation of liberty for life, or by capital punishment.

Article 358. Ecocide

Massive destruction of the animal or plant kingdoms, contamination of the atmosphere or water resources, and also commission of other actions capable of causing an ecological catastrophe,

Shall be punishable by **deprivation of liberty** for a term of 12 to 20 years.

Глава 34. Преступления против мира и безопасности человечества (ст. 353-361)

Глава 34. Преступления против мира и безопасности человечества

Статья 353. Планирование, подготовка, развязывание или ведение агрессивной войны

Статья 354. Публичные призывы к развязыванию агрессивной войны

Статья 354.1. Реабилитация нацизма

Статья 355. Разработка, производство, накопление, приобретение или сбыт оружия массового поражения

Статья 356. Применение запрещенных средств и методов ведения войны

Статья 356.1. Мародерство

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Статья 358. Экоцид

Статья 359. Наемничество

Статья 360. Нападение на лиц или учреждения, которые пользуются международной защитой, либо угроза его совершения

Статья 361. Акт международного терроризма

Article 359. Mercenarism

1. Recruitment, training, financing, or any other material provision of a mercenary, and also the use of him in an armed conflict or hostilities,

Shall be punishable by deprivation of liberty for a term of four to eight years with restriction of liberty for a term of up to two years or without such.

2. The same acts, committed by a person through his official position, or with relation to a minor,

shall be punishable by deprivation of liberty for a term of seven to fifteen years, with or without a fine in an amount of up to 500 thousand roubles or in the amount of the wage or salary, or any other income of the convicted person for a period of up to three years and with restriction of liberty for a term of one year to two years or without such.

3. Participation by a mercenary in an armed conflict or hostilities, shall be punishable by **deprivation of liberty** for a term of three to seven years with restriction of liberty for a term of up to one year or without such.

Note: A mercenary shall be deemed to mean a person who acts for the purpose of getting a material reward, and who is not a citizen of the state in whose armed conflict or hostilities he participates, who does not reside on a permanent basis on its territory, and also who is not a person fulfilling official duties.

Article 360. Assaults on Persons or Institutions Enjoying International Protection

1. Assault on a representative of a foreign state, or on a staff member of an international organisation that enjoys international protection, as well as on official premises or living quarters, or transport vehicles of persons enjoying international protection -

Shall be punishable by deprivation of liberty for a term of up to five years.

2. The same deed committed for the purpose of provoking a war or of complicating international relations -

Shall be punishable by deprivation of liberty for a term of three to seven years.

President of the Russian Federation

Boris Yeltsin

Moscow, the Kremlin
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Zatímco Trump a Evropané se pokoušejí pro Ukrajinu zbastlit nějakou „ne-NATO“ záruku bezpečnosti, Rusko znásobuje výrobu munice, dál bombarduje civilisty a stvrzuje dlouhodobou okupaci. S rozpočtem masivně zaměřeným na válku a válečnou propagandu s mírem samozřejmě nepočítá.

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People cross a street with a billboard reading “How to get a passport of a citizen of Russia” in the occupied territory of Luhansk, September 22, 2022. © 2022 AP Photo

A [decree](#) Russian President Vladimir Putin signed on March 20, 2025, requires Ukrainian citizens living in the Russian-occupied parts of Zaporizka, Khersonska, Donetska, and Luhanska regions to either “regulate their legal status” or leave.

This means they must obtain Russian passports by September 10, or be classified as “foreigners” and subject to foreign residency regulations such as a maximum stay of 90 days, mandatory medical examinations, and a range of work restrictions.

Russia's Federal Budget Puts Economy on War Footing

By Dodge Billingsley
OE Watch Commentary

On 27 November 2023, Russian President Putin signed the federal budget for 2024-2026. The budget dedicates a dramatic 30 percent of total expenditures to the Armed Forces and military industrial complex. According to the excerpted article from the Russian and English-language independent online newspaper *The Moscow Times*, the increase in funds dedicated to the military establishment is “2.3 times more than [was appropriated] in 2022.” For comparison, funds dedicated to the military represented only 17 percent of the federal budget in 2022 and 19 percent in 2023. That percentage will increase to 29.5 percent in 2024. The Russian government will also spend “another 3.338 trillion rubles under the heading ‘national security,’ which includes the budgets of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the National Guard, the special services and the FSIN¹ system. Thus, in total, nearly “40 percent of the [federal] budget will be spent on law enforcement agencies.”

To make this happen, Russia will



The new Russian budget, 2024-2026, will throw a lifeline to the Russian defense industry as well as the war in Ukraine. Russian pavilion at a previous International Defence Exhibition & Conference (IDEX) held in Abu Dhabi, UAE.

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have to pull funds from other parts of its economy including healthcare (which will be cut by 10 percent), aid to small businesses (which will lose 20 percent), and the “development of Infrastructure for Scientific Research,” (which will be reduced by 25 percent). Notably, “funding for state propaganda,” a line item of Russia’s federal budget and a critical part of its war in Ukraine, would remain the same as in the last budget. The signing into law of the new budget comes in conjunction with multiple other significant financial changes, including the Russian

reintroduction of capital controls² to stabilize the ruble against the dollar and other global currencies.³ Taken together, the signaling demonstrates Russia’s determination to see the war to a positive outcome—at a time when funding for Ukraine in the U.S. and among other Western powers is under scrutiny.

**“Everything for the front,
everything for victory.”**

- Head of the Ministry of
Finance, Anton Siluanov

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Russia produces as much ammo in 3 months as all of NATO does in a year, says NATO chief

By [Tom Porter](#)



NATO chief Mark Rutte said Russia was 'producing more weapons faster than we thought.' Dan Kitwood/Getty Images

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Volodymyr Zelenskyy and allies to press Donald Trump on security guarantees

European leaders will join Ukraine's president in US as he comes under pressure to concede territory to Russia



Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, left, with European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen in Brussels on Sunday © AP

Andy Bounds in Brussels, **James Politi** in Washington and **David Sheppard** in London

A všichni už moc dobře víme, za co stojí ruské sliby, smlouvy a garance. Budapešťské memorandum (1994), Putinova ratifikace ukrajinského území (2004), prohlášení o nezájmu o Krym (2008), ujištění, že žádné další oblasti nebudou následovat Krym (2014): všechno porušené sliby.

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Confirm the following:

Budapest Memorandum, 1994

1. **The Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America reaffirm their commitment to Ukraine, in accordance with the principles of the CSCE Final Act, to respect the independence and sovereignty and the existing borders of Ukraine.**



President Vladimir Putin signed a law ratifying the Treaty between Russia and Ukraine on the Russian-Ukrainian State Border

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The treaty, signed in Kiev on January 28, 2003, is a framework document determining the state border between the two countries on land, including rivers and lakes, and the fundamental approach to the issues connected with the Black and Azov seas and the Kerch Strait.

The line of the state border has been mapped as a result of the joint work on the demarcation of the border carried out by the Russian and Ukrainian demarcation commissions.

The basis of the border is the administrative boundary between the RSFSR and the Ukrainian SSR at the time of the dissolution of the USSR, which is to be sealed by corresponding state legal documents.

The description of the passage of the state border and the atlas of the maps of the state border between the Russian Federation and Ukraine have been made and agreed upon, and form an inalienable part of the treaty.

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I believe that the Europeans, first and foremost, the Germans, will also understand me. Let me remind you that in the course of political consultations on the unification of East and West Germany, at the expert, though very high level, some nations that were then and are now Germany's allies did not support the idea of unification. Our nation, however, unequivocally supported the sincere, unstoppable desire of the Germans for national unity. I am confident that you have not forgotten this, and I expect that the citizens of Germany will also support the aspiration of the Russians, of historical Russia, to restore unity.

Speech by Putin, March 18, 2014, after the invasion of Crimea

I also want to address the people of Ukraine. I sincerely want you to understand us: we do not want to harm you in any way, or to hurt your national feelings. We have always respected the territorial integrity of the Ukrainian state, incidentally, unlike those who sacrificed Ukraine's unity for their political ambitions. They flaunt slogans about Ukraine's greatness, but they are the ones who did everything to divide the nation. Today's civil standoff is entirely on their conscience. I want you to hear me, my dear friends. Do not believe those who want you to fear Russia, shouting that other regions will follow Crimea. We do not want to divide Ukraine; we do not need that. As for Crimea, it was and remains a Russian, Ukrainian, and Crimean-Tatar land.

I repeat, just as it has been for centuries, it will be a home to all the peoples living there. What it will never be and do is follow in Bandera's footsteps!

A Trump dokonce zpochybňuje zásadní článek 5 Severoatlantické smlouvy. Prohlásil, že Rusko si může „dělat, co chce“ se spojenci, kteří „málo platí“. Přímá výzva k prozkoušení jednoty Aliance.

Ale když platí, tak se mu to taky nelíbí...



Trump says he would encourage Russia to 'do whatever the hell they want' to any NATO country that doesn't pay enough



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President Donald Trump gestures while speaking during an executive order signing event in the Oval Office of the White House on March 31, 2025, in Washington, DC. (Andrew Harnik / Getty Images)

Some Trump administration officials are dissatisfied with European countries' ongoing support for Ukraine, underscoring the growing rift between Washington and Europe, the Economist reported on April 15, citing undisclosed diplomatic sources.

Kyiv's [European partners](#) have sought to present a united front on [Ukraine](#), pledging [additional assistance](#) and preparing a "[reassurance force](#)" of troops to monitor a potential ceasefire.

Despite efforts to keep the U.S. engaged in the process, U.S. President [Donald Trump](#) has rejected providing security guarantees to Kyiv and has not announced any new aid packages, aiming instead to broker a ceasefire with [Russia](#).

Trump refused to support Ukraine even in exchange for \$50 billion from the EU – Bild



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US President Donald Trump has rejected a \$50 billion deal with Ukraine and refused to supply Kyiv with weapons, including air defense systems, even for money from the EU.

This is reported by [Bild](#).

The publication notes that Trump is more interested in negotiating with Russian dictator Putin than in making money from supplying weapons to Ukraine.

To prevent new tragedies caused by Russian shelling, such as the one at a playground in Kryvyi Rih and in the center of Sumy over the past two weeks, Ukraine urgently needs new air defense systems. 35 people were killed and over 100 wounded when Russia attacked Sumy with ballistic missiles on Palm Sunday.

Putin's goal remains the complete surrender of Ukraine – US intelligence

Moscow is not making peace proposals, but issuing ultimatums, according to a member of the US Senate Intelligence Committee



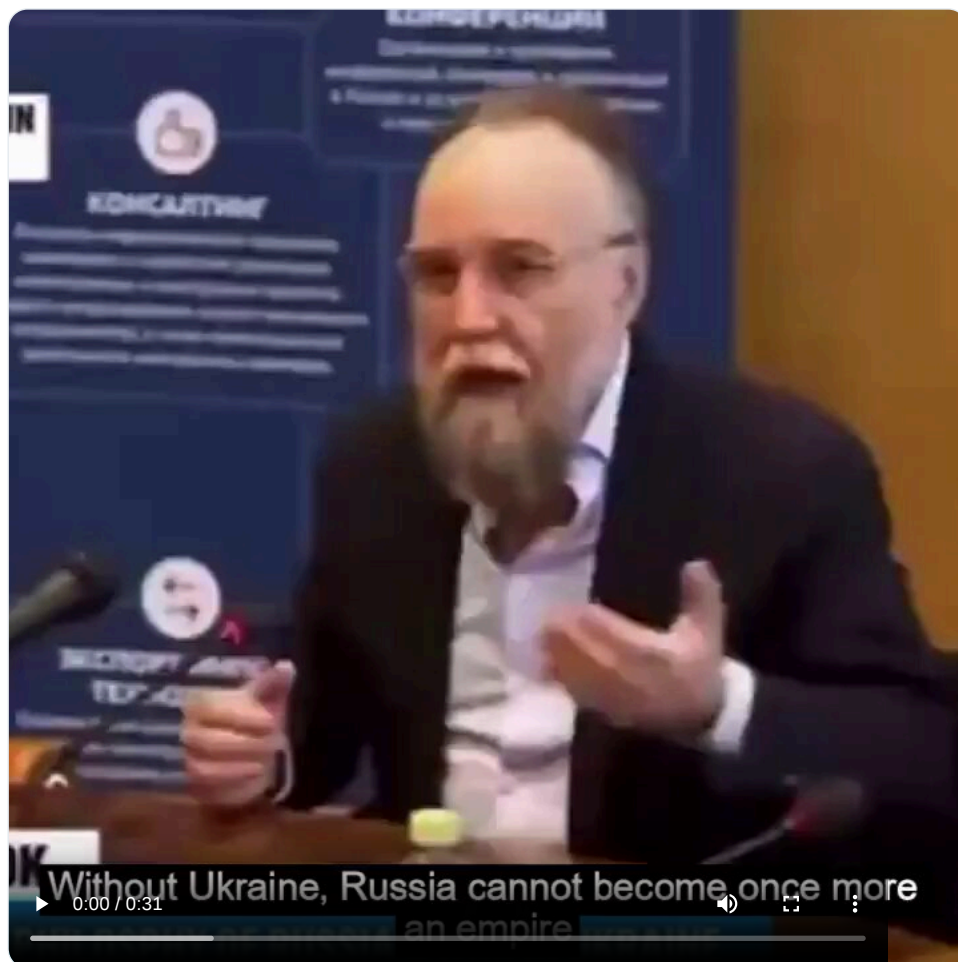
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Cíl Putina se absolutně nezměnil: dobýt či podrobit Ukrajinu v podřízený stát jako Bělorusko. „Rozpad Sovětského svazu byl největší katastrofou dvacátého století“, s oblibou říká agent KGB a dlouholetý člen KSSS soudruh Putin. Ruský ministr zahraničí Sergej Lavrov dokonce...



...přijel do Ameriky bez sebemenšího studu v mikině „SSSR“. Symbol je jasný: Moskva sní o návratu říše, ať carské nebo sovětské. Čeká, že Trump jí poddaně dodá území, které nezískala trpkou válkou—Ukrajinu, a dále? Pobaltí? Aljašku? Celou Evropu, „od Vladivostoku po Lisabon“?





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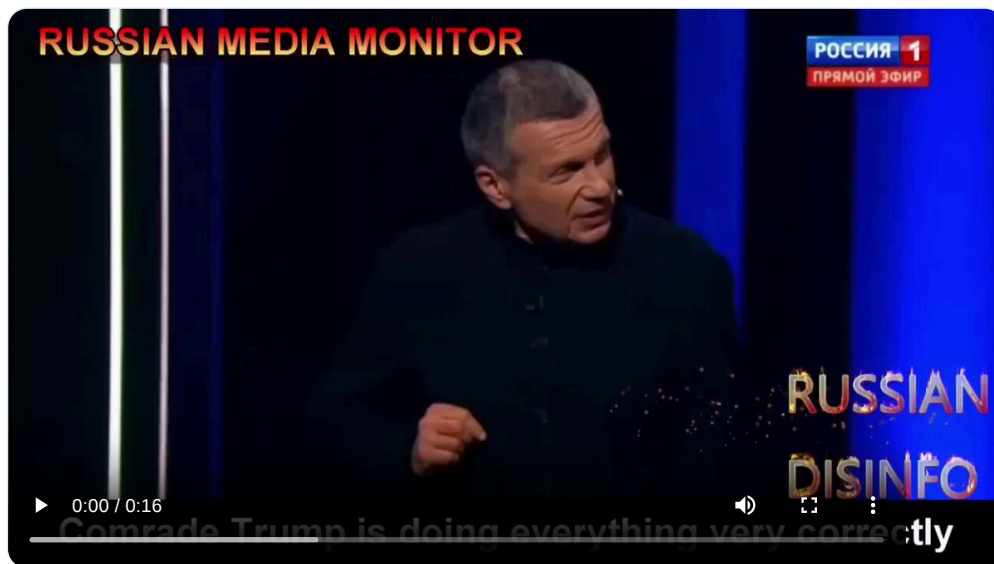


It will also illustrate how the blame NATO claim intersects with much of Putin's historical myth-making, which posits a cooperative Russia as a victim of an ever-expanding existential threat, while providing cover for Putin's evolving redemptive, expansionist worldview. That is, the second, related aim of this paper is to document Putin's desire to restore a glorious Russian empire. Indeed, this paper will first demonstrate how NATO encirclement as the catalyst for Putin's "special operation" in Ukraine overlooks the intricate details of Russia's interactions with NATO in recent history. It shall then document the role of ultranationalist thinkers in accelerating Putin's historical-spiritual mythology. Putin's invasion of Ukraine cannot be properly understood without an examination of his redemptive historical myth-making. Putin channels ultranationalist discourse, such as the Izborsk Club and the neo-fascist Alexander Dugin, in calling for quasi-religious rebirth of Russian dominance, an agenda that seeks to swallow "Little Russia" into a renewed Russian empire that stretches from "Lisbon to Vladivostok," a phrase popularized by Dugin and repeated by Putin.

Rusové totiž už léta trpělivě čekali na Trumpovo vítězství. A soudruh Trump je nezklamal: nabízí uchvatitelům celý Donbas — nejen okupované zóny, ale i volné části se silnými obranami, jejichž ztráta by oslabila Ukrajinu před dalšími útoky. Nepřipomíná vám to něco?

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Appearing on Tuesday's broadcast of *The Evening With Vladimir Solovyov*, Americanist Dmitry Drobnitsky noted: "Despite [Trump's] looks and various criticisms of him, he is the most acceptable politician in today's world—as well as a couple of Republicans."

During Wednesday's live broadcast *The Evening With Vladimir Solovyov*, host Vladimir Solovyov—who recently spent time in meetings with Russian President Vladimir Putin—**detailed the only semi-plausible scenario of Moscow eventually escaping consequences for invading Ukraine.** Solovyov said, "I liked it a lot when the White House said, "We have no opportunity to talk. Throw us a pass so that we'll want to talk to you." And we say, "We don't want to. Maybe you want to talk, but we don't. We don't want to take any steps towards you. **We'll wait for Trump.**"

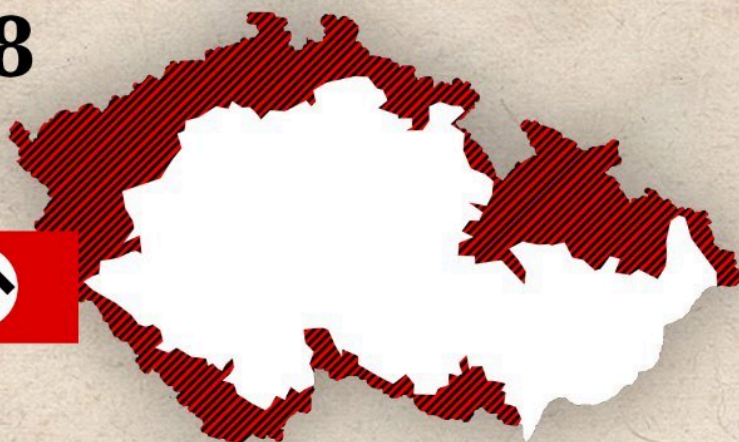


Mnichov a Sudety, ústupky předchozímu Putlerovi, které nejenže nezajistily mír, ale naopak usnadnily další útoky a umožnily ještě smrtelnější válku?

A co dále? „Mírové plány“ Trumpa jsou ve skutečnosti přáníčka Kremlu, pro Ukrajinu absolutně nepřijatelné.

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Trump said in Alaska he and Putin had agreed on most points. It is particularly shocking that he did not appear to push back on the most important, Putin's territorial demand, which Zelenskyy, with European support, has said is an absolute red line. Abandoning territory Ukrainians have spilled much blood over 11 years to defend is politically indefensible and militarily suicidal. It would mean relinquishing the belt of towns and fortifications as well as rivers and ridge lines that have enabled Ukraine to resist Russia's advances and help protect the rest of the country. Giving up this land would plunge Ukraine into political turmoil and leave it badly exposed to further Russian aggression.

Zelenskyy je odmítne, Trump ho zase obviní ze zodpovědnosti za válku (která začala ruskou invazí, když ještě byl mladým ruskojazyčným hercem...), Moskva bude dále bombardovat a mučit civilisty a Trump začne postupně rušit sankce a omezovat ukrajinskou obranu.



Pentagon Has Quietly Blocked Ukraine's Long-Range Missile Strikes on Russia

The Defense Department has withheld approval for attacks as the White House has sought to entice Moscow to open peace talks

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WSJ's Annie Linskey analyzes the high-stakes meeting between President Trump, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky and leaders of European powers to discuss a potential path to ending Ukraine's war with Russia. Photo: Presidential Press Service

WASHINGTON—The Pentagon has for months been blocking Ukraine's use of long-range missiles to strike inside Russia, U.S. officials said, limiting Kyiv from employing a powerful weapon in its fight against Moscow's invasion.

A high-level Defense Department approval procedure, which hasn't been announced, has prevented Ukraine from firing any U.S.-made long-range Army Tactical Missile Systems, or Atacms, against targets in Russia since late spring, the officials said. On at least one occasion, Ukraine sought to use Atacms against a target on Russian territory but was rejected, two officials said.

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The debate pits Steve Witkoff against State Department and U.S. energy export proponents.



Special Envoy Steve Witkoff (left) listens to Secretary of State Marco Rubio during a diplomatic meeting at the Elysée presidential palace in Paris on April 17, 2025. | Pool photo by Ludovic Marin

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