

America's 2022 Allocations to Ukraine: Total \$112 Billion

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During this year, the U.S. Government has <u>allocated \$112 billion to Ukraine</u>, in order to defeat Russia in the battlefields of Ukraine.

Russia allocates normally \$60 billion per year for its entire military, but <u>this year has</u> <u>increased that 40% to \$84 billion</u>, because of its invasion of Ukraine.

Russia invaded Ukraine because, on 17 December 2021, Russia had <u>demanded</u> that the U.S. Government and its NATO anti-Russian military alliance stop trying to place its missiles on and near Russia's borders (especially in Ukraine, which is the nearest of all bordering nations to Moscow);

And, on 7 January 2022 America and NATO said no.

Russia then invaded Ukraine on 24 February 2022, in order to prevent Ukraine from becoming a launch-pad for U.S. missiles. That's what the war in Ukraine is — and always has been — about, from the Russian viewpoint: **not being faced with U.S. missiles that are only a** <u>five-minute missile-flight-time</u> **away from Russia's central command in Moscow.**

The war in Ukraine started in February 2014, by <u>America's coup there</u> that <u>overthrew</u> <u>Ukraine's democratically elected neutralist government and replaced it by a rabidly anti-Russian and pro-American one on Russia's border</u>, in order ultimately to become able to place just 317 miles away from the Kremlin U.S. missiles which would be only a five-minute flight-time away from nuking Russia's central command — far too little time in order for Russia's central command to be able to verify that launch and then to launch its own retaliatory missiles. It would be nuclear checkmate of Russia, by the U.S. (with the assistance of its NATO allies, which then would include Ukraine).

Whereas Russia's objective is to not become nuclearly checkmated by America placing its missiles that close to Moscow, America's objective is to nuclearly checkmate Russia in order to capture <u>the world's largest and most resource-rich country</u> — to force Russia to capitulate and become another U.S. 'ally' (that is, vassal-nation).

President Biden had requested Congress to add \$38 billion more this year for Ukraine than the \$67 billion that was funded earlier in the year, but Congress decided to increase his requested amount by \$7 billion (almost a 20% increase in his suggested increase), so that there will be a total of \$45 billion added to the \$67 billion previously allocated, for a total U.S. allocation to Ukraine this year of \$112 billion.

That amount is \$28 billion more than Russia will have spent this year for *all of its military* — the vast majority of which Russian military expenditure isn't being allocated to the war in Ukraine, but instead to other aspects of Russia's defense against the threat to its national security from America and its allies. America alone has been spending annually on its military around 20 times what Russia has been spending on its; and, in order to make America's expenditure appear not to be so gargantuan as it actually is, large portions of it are being paid out from other federal Departments than the Defense (or Aggression) Department, but the total annual U.S. military expenditures have, for over a decade, been over a trillion dollars per year.

On November 16th, I headlined <u>"U.S. Will Have Spent \$100B on Ukraine This Year"</u>, and now it's clear that my prediction was on the conservative side, by \$12 billion.

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