

# Is Russia Really Losing in Ukraine?

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After Russia launched its counteroffensive against NATO aggression, the state and corporate-run mainstream media of the political West started spreading multiple false narratives about it. One of the most common themes was that the Russian military supposedly "failed" because the Kiev regime didn't collapse in a matter of days.

In the following months, especially after the Russian forces withdrew from northern areas of Ukraine, this was used to further reinforce the narrative that the Russian military was somehow "defeated". However, the truth lies in the Russian military and geopolitical nomenclature regarding the events in Ukraine. While the political West is unanimous in calling it "an unprovoked, brutal invasion", the Russian side calls it a special military operation.

Although the wording may seem irrelevant, it does have serious implications. The whole operation has been limited from the start. As Russian **President Vladimir Putin** himself stated, Moscow didn't really show more than a fraction of its capabilities. And indeed, given the number of Russian troops initially engaged in the special military operation, which was approximately 100-150 thousand, versus more than 200,000 troops of the Kiev regime, it's clear that Moscow never expected to take control of the entire territory of Ukraine. In addition, the Kiev regime forces exponentially grew in size after the forced mobilization of hundreds of thousands of Ukrainian men. And although Western media are trying to downplay it, multiple estimates put the number of conscripted personnel [anywhere between several hundred thousand and nearly a million soldiers](#).

For its part, Russia decided not to increase the number of troops engaged in the special military operation. What's more, with troop rotation, the true number of Russian soldiers

actively engaged in combat operations was much lower, most likely standing between 50 and 100 thousand, stretching for well over a thousand kilometers from the northern areas of the Kharkov, through Donbass, Zaporozhye and Kherson regions all the way to the Black Sea coast. These forces have consistently been outnumbered by the Kiev regime troops for over 7 months now and have stood their ground.

And although this could be attributed to the Russian military's vast technological and numerical superiority, [especially in terms of artillery and air dominance](#), it can only be considered a remarkable achievement from a purely military standpoint. This also explains the Kiev regime's reaction to Moscow's recent low-level mobilization announcement, which will increase the number of Russian troops engaged in the special military operation by 300,000, pushing the total to well over 400,000 soldiers.

As per usual, the mainstream media in the United States and other countries of the political West have been trying to portray this as a sign of Russia's supposed "weakness". However, the Pentagon's and NATO's reaction speaks volumes of how the political West really feels about the mobilization. With Western Military Industrial Complexes already working at maximum capacity to supply the Kiev regime forces with additional weapons, having a twofold or threefold increase in the number of Russian troops is the last thing they needed (at least in the short term). If the Russian military was able to conduct successful offensive operations for months, while being outnumbered, what could one expect when Moscow decides to exponentially increase the size of its forces engaged in the special military operation?

In the meantime, the Western press and other media are constructing the narrative that millions of Russian men are supposedly trying to flee the country in order to avoid mobilization. Naturally, they are ignoring the fact that the Russian Ministry of Defense registered nearly 900,000 requests for joining the armed forces, with many regions and federal subjects in the country providing several times more troops than they're required to. The most prominent example of this is Chechnya, which overshot its mobilization quota by over 250%. And yet, the Western media keep insisting that there's supposed "widespread opposition to Putin's war". In reality, the fact that the Russian police arrested several hundred protesters in a country of approximately 150 million shows just how truly "widespread" the opposition to mobilization is.

Expectedly, the propaganda war isn't only limited to the supposed "failures" of the Russian military, but also its leadership. Recent speculation that Vladimir Putin is ill, on the verge of death or losing power, while ignoring the rapidly deteriorating mental and physical health of Joe Biden serves as a testament to that. To make matters worse, the attempts by the so-called "fact-checkers" to whitewash Biden's string of dementia-induced gaffes [can only be described as comical](#). And while the political West's propaganda machine works round the clock to create an alternate reality that doesn't exist past a TV or smartphone screen, [the economic and social unraveling resulting from the failed economic siege of Russia](#) has been affecting hundreds of millions around the world and is only bound to get worse.

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