

Ukraine is a Mess: Celeb Visits, Banned Books, Ethnic Cleansing, A Broken War Effort, Sponsored by the “Free World”

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Ukraine is a total mess. A mess of epic proportions.

And sponsored by the “Free World,” which, in 2022, hardly resembles anything having to do with freedom or any semblance of western tradition.

Let’s absorb the headlines of the past week alone.

Ukraine has banned the main opposition party in the country and seized its assets, while claiming that it is a Russian-influenced entity.

As a buffer state between the West and Russia, Ukraine unsurprisingly has a significant percentage of the population (around 50% on average, give or take) that insists upon cordial relations with Russia. In banning their chief opposition, the Zelensky government has just disenfranchised around half the country.

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The Ukrainian government is currently involved in what amounts to an ethnic cleansing operation against anything Russian. This week, they decided that Russian books and music are now outlawed in the country. This comes despite Russian being the native language of around a third of Ukraine's population.



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[Ukraine to restrict Russian books, music in latest cultural break from Moscow reut.rs/3xDTV2f](https://reut.rs/3xDTV2f)



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[The Verkhovna Rada adopted a law banning #Russian music and printed materials in #Ukraine on TV, radio, and in public places.](#)



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[Ukraine's parliament has voted to ban Russian music & books. The music ban applies to musicians who are or were Russian citizens after 1991. Russian musicians who want to apply for an exemption have to agree to a list of beliefs about Ukrainian sovereignty.](#)



[Ukraine to ban music by some Russians in media and public spaces](#) Ukraine's parliament

[also voted to ban the import of books from Russia and Belarus.bbc.co.uk](https://www.bbc.co.uk)

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Far from condemning this behavior, or insisting that Kiev hits the brakes on the fascist behavior, the West continues to embrace the Ukrainian regime as the Current Thing.

Weapons and money continue to flow into the country, and high-ranking western officials, including famous celebrities, continue to align themselves with the troubled government there.

U.K. Prime Minister Boris Johnson, Hollywood celebrity Ben Stiller and U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland have visited Ukraine, which we are told is in a day to day fight for its very survival. None were wearing protective gear in an apparent war zone.



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[Another video of Boris Johnson's June 17 visit to Ukraine.](#)

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[Attorney General Merrick Garland made an unannounced visit to Ukraine today to discuss efforts to prosecute war crimes resulting from Russia's invasion. politico.com/news/2022/06/2...](https://politico.com/news/2022/06/21/merrick-garland-ukraine-war-crimes)

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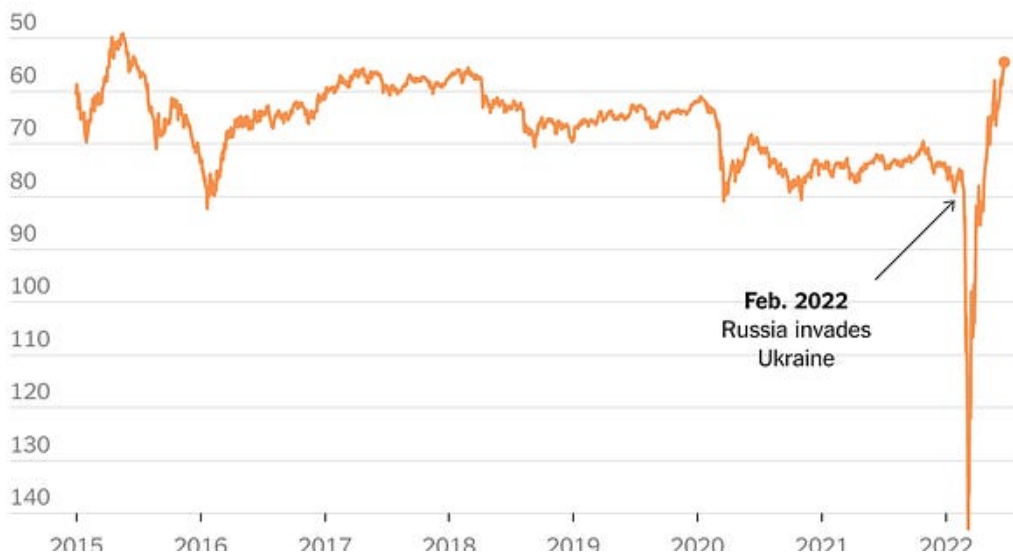
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On Tuesday, the Ruble reached a 7 year high compared to the dollar, and it's now the best performing currency of 2022.



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[Russia's ruble hit a seven-year high, cementing its status as the world's best-performing currency. It has gained about 35% so far this year, and has more than doubled from a low after the invasion of Ukraine.](#)



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Russia, by all accounts, is accomplishing its primary military objectives in Ukraine. And this is being achieved despite over \$100 billion dollars in western money allocated to the war effort, and a relentless campaign to supply Kiev with heavy weapons.



The Kyiv Independent @KyivIndependent

[\>Governor: Ukraine loses control over Metolkino village near Sievierodonetsk. Russia has increased shelling and air strikes on Sievierodonetsk, Luhansk Oblast Governor Serhiy Haidai reported on June 20, saying the “Luhansk region is being destroyed with all possible weapons.”](#)

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A desperate Europe, facing the prospect of a dark winter, has been forced to abandon its solar and wind ESG scams, while restarting reliable energy production. Russian energy companies, meanwhile, continue to see record numbers.



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[Germany will restart coal-fired power plants in order to conserve natural gas, the country's economy minister announced. The move comes amid concerns about a looming supply shortage after Russia cut gas deliveries to Europe.](#)



[Germany will fire up coal plants again in an effort to save natural gas.It was one of a series of measures announced by Germany's economy minister, as Europe takes steps to deal with reduced energy supplies from Russia.nyti.ms](#)

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Who knows, maybe it's finally time to think about ending this humanitarian catastrophe, and bringing the parties together for a lasting peace.

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