

# US Military Aid to Ukraine May be Postponed Until After 2024 Elections

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*Members of the US Congress fear that if a military and financial aid package for Ukraine cannot be agreed before Christmas, it could be delayed until after the 2024 presidential elections, which take place in the distant November. The Economist notes that due to this funding uncertainty, "now America has become one of Ukraine's greatest worries" since Washington has been "Ukraine's greatest saviour as it marshalled arms, money and more to help" to fight Russian forces.*

According to the London-based outlet, "the longer the delay, the more the Republican and Democratic parties will "become consumed by election fever."

"If there is no deal before Christmas, some in Congress worry, a fresh allocation of aid may be delayed until after the elections in November 2024," the Economist reported, citing a source in the US Senate, who added that if Donald Trump was to be elected president, funding could stop completely.

Ukrainian officials fear that without American support, Kiev's allies in Europe could lose heart, with the magazine highlighting that Ukraine is trying to boost its defence industry, which was famous during the Soviet era but has been badly neglected since.

"No matter how much we grow local production, we would be hugely dependent on Western partnerships," admitted a senior official in Kiev.

Another Ukrainian source cited by [the Economist](#) said,

"In the spring the flow of military supplies was a broad river. In the summer it was a stream. Now it is a few drops of tears."

Without US and Western funding, Ukraine's collapse would be imminent since this was the decisive factor in why the eastern European country's military has survived for as long as it has. The situation is so dire that the Ukrainian Ministry of Economy and the National Bank believe that Ukraine's GDP is expected to reach pre-crisis 2021 levels only in 2030.

Ukraine's GDP dropped 29.1% last year, falling from 5.5 trillion hryvnia to 3.8 trillion hryvnia at constant prices, considering 2021 as the base year. With an average annual growth rate of 4.8%, the Ukrainian economy will reach pre-crisis levels only in 2030, when GDP will reach 5.6 trillion hryvnia at 2021 prices.

In comparison, the International Monetary Fund expects an average growth of 4.3% per year for the Ukrainian economy from 2025 to 2028.

Meanwhile, the Russian economy, which contracted 2.1% last year to 132.5 trillion rubles in 2021 prices, is forecast to grow 2.45% this year, reaching a GDP of 135.7 trillion rubles. Despite the sanctions, this value represents approximately 445 billion rubles more than recorded before the crisis.

Evidently, the sanctions against Russia have failed whilst Ukraine continues to struggle. Yet, despite this reality, the Biden administration is adamant about maintaining sanctions and financing Ukraine and is only blocked from doing so because of the strong opposition in Congress.

Biden's unrelenting yet failed Ukraine policy will likely be his undoing since his popularity continues to plummet in the polls.

The latest Morning Consult poll, updated on November 27, had Biden's approval rating at 38% and his disapproval rating at 55%. According to FiveThirtyEight's average of all polls, Biden's approval rating sat at 39%, with 54.7% disapproving.

The [New York Times/Siena College polls](#) at the beginning of November showed Trump ahead of Biden in four of the six swing states. Still, more indicators of the president's electoral peril soon followed. Biden's popularity in head-to-head matchups with Trump is dwindling, as seen in the fact that among the latest surveys this month from 13 separate pollsters, Biden's position is worse than their previous polls in all but two.

As [Politico](#) highlighted,

"And while polls suggest most of the movement comes from voters abandoning Biden — who might become undecided but not swing to supporting Trump — the Republican has also started to gain steam. Trump's vote share in the national polling average is higher now than at any point in the past year."

A massive reason for the swing in popularity between Biden and Trump is their respective positions on the Ukraine war.

Trump has claimed he can end the conflict in 24 hours, and even though this is doubtful, it points to the fact that he wants to wrap up this war quickly.

Biden, on the other hand, not only instigated the start of the war but is attempting to continue it for as long as possible, even at the expense of the American taxpayers who are already struggling with the cost of living.

If funding of Ukraine is discontinued until at least November 2024, Moscow will likely have ended the war by then after achieving their goals and will be ready to start engaging in slow normalisation efforts with Washington – if Trump were to be elected.

And even if Congress eventually approves a new aid package for Ukraine, it will only merely delay for a short duration Russia's final victory.

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