

The West Is Abandoning Ukraine?

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On July 7th, Bloomberg News headlined [“EU Bureaucracy Seen Blocking 1.5 Billion-Euro Loan to Ukraine”](#), and reported that, “The executive arm of the European Union is blocking a 1.5 billion-euro (\$1.5 billion) loan for Ukraine as caution prevails over the country’s urgent needs, according to officials.”

America alone has donated and loaned, during this year, \$54 billion to Ukraine, mostly for U.S.-made weapons, which have been rushed there from existing U.S. stockpiles, which stockpiles will need to be restocked with new weapons-orders from firms such as Lockheed Martin, whose corporate stock value is up 12% thus far this year. However, this is a mid-term election-year in America, and inflation is already running against political incumbents, especially Democratic Party ones. On June 10th, the AP bannered [“US inflation at new 40-year high”](#), and reported that “Consumer prices surged 8.6% last month from a year earlier.” Already, on May 20th, the AP had bannered [“War fuels surging prices in Europe”](#) and reported that “The war has [accelerated inflation across Europe and the world](#), with [prices for energy](#), materials and [food](#) surging at rates not seen for decades. It’s causing sticker shock at the grocery store, gas pumps, [electricity bills](#) and construction sites.”

A new loan of \$1.5B to Ukraine being turned down means that any larger loan by the EU to Ukraine will now be impossible. For the U.S. Government to jump in and fill the mounting voids in Ukraine would be virtually impossible, under present political conditions. However, unless those voids become somehow filled, what are the prospects for The West to win its war in Ukraine, against Russia?

The West (U.S. and its allies) is becoming terrified at how deep a financial hole Ukraine has cost it, and so is now [stopping to lend it more money](#). That’s sudden.

I wrote today to a friend who ardently supports Ukraine in this war:

Should The West now invade Russia in order to prevent the collapse of Ukraine? What do you, who condemn Russia and support Ukraine in this war, propose that Western

'democracies' now do?

You support NATO/U.S.'s January 7th decision to ignore Putin's long-repeated (and as-of 17 December 2021, formal) demands for NATO to roll itself back to its 1991 borders like [it had many times promised to Gorbachev that it would permanently remain \(move "not one inch eastward"\)](#), and you also support [Obama's February 2014 coup to grab Ukraine](#) (the part of Russia's border that's the nearest to Moscow) to add Ukraine to EU and then to NATO for U.S. missiles ultimately to become placed there, a five-minute flight-time away from blitz-attacking Moscow; but should Biden and company now invade Russia because Russia will no longer tolerate this — Putin's saying that these "provocations" have gone too far and he'll no longer tolerate it? Is that what you would do, if you were Biden & co.? What do you think the 'democrat' Biden should do, now? I would like to know your view regarding this very-much-real-world, here-and-now, practical problem.

He responded: "I no longer want to talk about Ukraine. ... So let's just put this behind us."

I think it's instead a question that everybody should be thinking about, now, because it's very much in front of us — all of us — no matter how much a person wants to retain existing prejudices. Ignoring Russia's essential national-security needs has already cost the world (except for weapons-makers) a lot (and might now cost Ukrainians everything), and will cost everyone vastly more if it doesn't stop soon. [What U.S./NATO did on January 7th](#) is turning out to have been disastrous for virtually everyone.

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