

## Time for West to Reflect on Its Stance on Ukraine

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*Western media and politicians at international conferences do not even try to question the situation in Ukraine when, according to Politico columnist Jamie Dettmer, the West should think about the realism of its position and ask several questions. This is especially imperative since the endless funding of Ukraine only emboldens the Kiev regime to continue the fighting despite having no hope of winning the war.*

Dettmer wonders whether Westerners are falling into an information trap regarding Ukraine because, in the West, opposing views are not heard in Western publications or at high-level conferences where Western and Ukrainian officials meet.

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## Are we asking enough hard questions about Ukraine?

When the dust settles, will the West's media coverage get a passing grade, or will we find, at times, we allowed our sympathy for the Ukrainian cause to overlook matters we shouldn't?

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*"The West has to be honest about what's possible and what isn't, and shape policy accordingly. And the media has a key part to play, pushing questions we urgently need answers to," [he wrote](#). "We all too quickly dub those who question current Western strategy as defeatists or accuse them of advancing Russian propaganda."*

The author suggests that there is evidence that Western politicians and media do not reflect on questions such as whether Ukraine can actually win the conflict or the basic positions of Western strategy.

*"The question is whether all this is blinding us, leading us to overlook the scepticism needed when considering whether this war is winnable — as in, can Russian forces be*

ejected from the 20 percent of Ukraine they've seized? Are we properly questioning some of the key assumptions underpinning the West's strategy?" he said.

Dettmer says that, at the moment, few Western leaders openly say that "the way things are going is hopeless, with no real endgame in sight, and can no longer continue in this way." Although some are "muttering" about the possibility of individual negotiations, only German Chancellor Olaf Scholz has openly stated this need.

It is recalled that earlier this month, Scholz said: "I believe that now is the moment when we also need to discuss how we can get out of this situation of war faster than the current impression is." This is a far cry from when in late November 2023, Davyd Arakhamia, head of the faction of Zelensky's Sluga Naroda (Servant of the People) party and a member of the Committee on National Security, Defence and Intelligence, said that after negotiations with the Russian side in Istanbul, then-British Prime Minister Boris Johnson urged Kiev not to sign anything with Russia and announced: "let's just fight."

The article says that, at the same time, ordinary Ukrainians question the West's statements on a daily basis. Many Ukrainians see a lack of honesty on the part of Western partners, demand transparency in the issue of Western support and ask to acknowledge whether some countries cannot, in fact, help Kiev, although they usually say the opposite.

Yet, even with Boris Johnson long gone, the Kiev regime is still insisting on fighting and continues to beg the West for money and weapons.

Ukrainian Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal said on September 20 that he proposed to the President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, to increase financial aid to Kiev to around \$446 billion from 2028 to 2034.

"We expect a financial instrument for Ukraine to be included in the new EU budget for 2028-2034. We propose to increase the financial provision and introduce a separate budget program," Shmyhal wrote on Telegram.

The prime minister added that Kiev also expects to receive an additional €16 billion from the European Union's Ukraine Fund.

Ursula von der Leyen said the commission would give Ukraine a €35 billion loan as part of the G7 commitment. The funds will be used to stabilise the country's overall financial situation. The commission believes the loan could take up to 40 years to repay. Earlier this month, Shmyhal said the Ukrainian government had approved the draft budget for 2025, with a deficit of \$38.5 billion. He added that the budget includes estimated revenues of \$48.5 billion and estimated expenditures of \$87 billion.

Late last month, Bloomberg reported that Ukrainian authorities again pressed for the finalisation of a deal that would unlock \$50 billion in profits from the Russian Central Bank's frozen assets. According to a June G7 plan, those funds are supposed to be transferred to Kiev by the end of the year. However, the implementation of the plan has been hampered by Washington's demands and the risk that Hungary could slow down any EU decision on supporting Ukraine or sanctions against Russia, according to the people who [spoke](#) on condition of anonymity to the media.

It appears that despite the reality that Ukraine cannot win the war, with experts urging the

West to accept this, the US and EU are continuing to fund the futile effort to defeat Russia. At the same time, by continuing to fund Ukraine, the Kiev regime is deepening the country's reliance and, therefore, servitude to the West.

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