

Zelensky Reveals How Much US Taxpayers Give Ukraine Monthly

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Ukraine's **President Vladimir Zelensky** boasted in a CBS "Face the Nation" interview which aired Sunday that Washington is providing him with a whopping **\$1.5 billion per month** for state coffers as the country piles up a large war-time deficit.

"The United States gives us \$1.5 billion every month to support our budget to fight" against Russia the Ukrainian leader <u>explained</u>, but pointed out there remains "a deficit of \$5 billion in our budget." He immediately pivoted to repeating Kyiv's longtime complaint that it's not enough – because *it's never enough* – though by and large the common American taxpayer seems oblivious amid the onslaught of constant war headlines.

Zelensky said, after revealing the astonishing \$1.5 billion in aid *on a monthly basis* figure, "**But believe me, it's not even nearly enough to cover the civilian infrastructure, schools, hospitals, universities, homes of Ukrainians**. Why do we need this? We need the security in order to attract our Ukrainians to come back home."

"If it's safe, they will come, settle, work here and will pay taxes and then we won't have a deficit of \$5 billion in our budget. So it will be a positive for everybody," the Ukrainian leader continued. "Because as of today the United States gives us \$1.5 billion every month to support our budget to fight- fight this war. However, if our people will come back- and they do want to come back very much, they have a lot of motivation- they will work here."

"And then the United States will not have to continue, give us this support," he concluded, though the way things are going it could be *years* before the US might "not have to continue" the nonstop aid. Zelensky appeared to be trying to present a strange "win-win" for American, though again if average US taxpayers <u>grasped the full enormity of it</u>, they certainly might question that narrative. Ironically, or tiresomely, just a day after Zelensky complained "But believe me, it's not even nearly enough"... Congress is poised to push through **another \$12 billion**, according Reuters.

Fox's Tucker Carlson says, **This is insane!**...

"Negotiators to a stop-gap spending bill in the U.S. Congress have **agreed to include about \$12 billion in new aid to Ukraine in response to a request from the Biden administration**, a source familiar with the talks said on Monday," <u>Reuters</u> detailed. "Earlier this month, U.S. President Joe Biden asked Congress to provide \$11.7 billion in new emergency military and economic aid for Ukraine."

It should be recalled that it was only in July that the *Associated Press* and NPR called attention to a hugely inconvenient fact and problem which <u>never went away</u>:

As it presses ahead with providing tens of billions of dollars in military, economic and direct financial support aid to Ukraine and encourages its allies to do the same, **the Biden administration is now once again grappling with longstanding worries about Ukraine's suitability as a recipient of massive infusions of American aid.**

Those issues, which date back decades and were not an insignificant part of former President Donald Trump's first impeachment, had been largely pushed to the back burner in the immediate run-up to Russia's invasion and during the first months of the conflict as the U.S. and its partners rallied to Ukraine's defense.

But Zelenskyy's weekend firings of his top prosecutor, intelligence chief and other senior officials have resurfaced those concerns **and may have inadvertently given fresh attention to allegations of high-level corruption in Kyiv made by one outspoken U.S. lawmaker.**

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